



National Medal (Approved Voluntary Organisations) Determination 2026

I, the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting on the recommendation of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, make the following determination.

Dated *29 April* 2026

Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

Patrick Gorman
Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister
Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister

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Part 1—Preliminary

1 Name

This instrument is the *National Medal (Approved Voluntary Organisations) Determination 2026*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day this instrument is published in the Gazette.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subregulation 9(1) of the *National Medal Regulations 2011*:

- (a) set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 20 April 2011 given under the Great Seal of Australia; and
- (b) as amended by the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 29 January 2020.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

5 Definitions

- (1) In this instrument:

Patrol Member means an Active Member of Surf Life Saving Australia Limited (including a Life Member, Reserve Active Member, Long Service Member or Past Active Member) who:

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- (a) has met the requirements for the annual proficiency test for the Surf Life Saving Australia Limited Bronze Medallion for each year of eligible service; and
- (b) has completed at least 30 patrol hours in each year of eligible service.

Regulations means the *National Medal Regulations 2011*:

- (a) set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 20 April 2011 given under the Great Seal of Australia; and
 - (b) as amended by the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 29 January 2020.
- (2) Expressions used in this instrument have the same meaning as in the Regulations.

Part 2—Approved voluntary organisations

6 Approved voluntary organisations, approval dates and eligible service

- (1) For the purposes of subregulation 9(1) of the Regulations, a voluntary organisation specified in column 1 of an item of the following table is an approved voluntary organisation.

Approved voluntary organisations, approval dates and eligible service			
Item	Column 1 Approved voluntary organisation	Column 2 Approval date	Column 3 First day for eligible service
1	The part of the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association Incorporated whose functions are performed by the Regular Operational Members and the Provisional Operational Members	28 April 2000	7 August 1970
2	The part of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol whose functions are performed by Competent Crew	3 July 2000	13 June 1963
3	The part of the South Australian Sea Rescue Squadron Incorporated whose functions are performed by Members with Operational Status	14 August 2000	18 May 1962
4	The part of Surf Life Saving Australia Limited whose functions are performed by employees or members as rescue helicopter pilots, rescue helicopter aircrew, jet/offshore rescue boat skippers, jet/offshore rescue boat drivers, jet/offshore rescue boat crew, operational members of emergency response groups or Patrol Members	16 October 2000	18 September 1986
5	The part of affiliated units of the New South Wales Volunteer Rescue Association Incorporated whose search or rescue operations within New South Wales or Norfolk Island are performed by search/rescue pilots, search/rescue aircrew, inshore/offshore search/rescue boat skippers/drivers, inshore/offshore search/rescue crew, inland search/rescue boat skippers and boat crew, land rescue operators, land-based operational search members or operational members of accredited specialist units performing search/rescue functions	19 February 2001	4 July 1988
6	The part of VMR Mornington Volunteer Marine Rescue Incorporated (including when previously known as Mornington Bay Rescue Service Incorporated) whose functions are performed by Operational Members	18 April 2001	5 February 1990
7	The part of the Central Queensland Helicopter Rescue Service Limited whose functions are performed by employees or members as helicopter pilots or rescue helicopter aircrew	19 May 2004	11 September 1996

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8	The part of the Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland Incorporated (including when previously known as Air Sea Rescue Associations of Queensland Incorporated) whose functions are performed by Operational Members	23 March 2005	29 January 1990
9	The part of Queensland Mines Rescue Service Limited whose functions are performed by members (including operations managers, trainers and team members) of the Underground and Surface team or the Mine Inertisation Unit	5 August 2022	10 November 1997
10	The part of Queensland Remote Area Tracking Incorporated whose functions are performed by members who have each met the organisation's requirements for the proficiency level of Activation Ready or Qualified Tracker	5 August 2022	22 March 2017
11	The part of the Volunteer Marine Rescue Service of Western Australia whose functions are performed by operational personnel	12 February 2019	The day those functions were first performed by operational personnel
12	The part of the Shepparton Search and Rescue Squad Incorporated whose functions are performed by Active Members	11 April 2007	28 November 1984
13	The part of Marine Rescue NSW whose functions are performed by operational personnel	23 September 2011	1 July 2009
14	The part of Tasmanian Mounted Search and Rescue Incorporated whose functions are performed by members	23 September 2011	The day those functions were first performed by members
15	The part of the Australian Ski Patrol Association Incorporated whose functions are performed by operational members	12 February 2019	22 March 1990
16	The part of the Royal Life Saving Society Queensland Inc whose search or rescue operations are performed by volunteer members	20 March 2025	The day those operations were first performed by volunteer members
17	The part of Bushwalking Victoria Inc (also known as Bush Search and Rescue Victoria) whose search or rescue operations are performed by volunteer members who operate in the field	the day this instrument commences	The day those operations were first performed by volunteer members

Note: Service by certain members of Surf Life Saving Australia Limited and the New South Wales Volunteer Rescue Association Incorporated is not counted as eligible service: see subsection (4).

- (2) The approval date for the organisation is the date specified in column 2 of the item of the table in subsection (1).
- (3) For the purposes of subregulation 18(4) of the Regulations, the first day of service in the organisation that can be counted as eligible service is the day specified in column 3 of the item of the table in subsection (1).
- (4) However:
 - (a) the references in item 4 of the table in subsection (1) to persons who perform functions do not include a reference to a person performing functions in any of the following capacities:
 - (i) General Member;
 - (ii) Associate Member;
 - (iii) Probationary Member;
 - (iv) Award Member;
 - (v) Cadet Member;
 - (vi) Junior Activity Member;
 - (vii) Honorary Member; and
 - (b) the references in item 5 of the table in subsection (1) to persons who perform functions do not include a reference to a person performing functions in any of the following capacities:
 - (i) organisational or auxiliary member;
 - (ii) radio operator;
 - (iii) first aid officer for community events.

Schedule 1—Repeals

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1 The whole of the instrument

Repeal the instrument.