



## National Emergency Medal

On 11 June 2024, The Hon Patrick Gorman MP, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Assistant Minister for the Public Service, announced that frontline emergency responders, volunteers and community support workers involved in the February/March 2022 flood events in Northern New South Wales and South East Queensland may now be eligible for the NEM with Clasp 'FLOODS FEB 2022'

### Administration

The Department of Defence does not administer the National Emergency Medal. The medal is administered by the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat at Government House.



### Eligibility Criteria

Service during this nationally significant emergency will be recognised through the clasp, 'FLOODS FEB 2022'. The National Emergency Medal Committee determined the following criteria:

- Service must be in the protection of lives and property; or in the service of interests, that are not their own; in direct response to the emergency (including support that enables or facilitates the emergency response).
- The geographical area in Australia where the declared emergency happened, are the Local Government Areas (LGA) listed in the FLOODS FEB 2022 Declaration. Individuals physically located outside a declared geographical area may still be eligible for the National Emergency Medal, provided the service rendered was in direct response to the emergency in a declared area.
- The 'sustained service' criteria of five days service in response to the emergency between 23 February and 4 March 2022.

### **ADF Personnel are not required to submit applications for the NEM with Clasp 'FLOODS FEB 2022'.**

Defence Honours and Awards, in conjunction with HQJOC and the Services will draw a nominal roll from operations logs sourced from PMKeyS.

The minimum duration of service that a person is required to have completed to qualify for sustained service is 5 days (whether consecutive or not) each involving service in direct response to the declared emergency relating to a local government area in an eligible emergency period for the area. Up to two travel days may be counted towards the minimum duration of service; one on either side of the deployment. A 'day' for the purposes of the National Emergency Medal refers to a calendar day. A minimum of four hours of service per day is required.

There will be instances where not all Defence members meet the specified eligibility criteria.

