

Australasian Women in Emergencies Day (AWE Day) Tuesday 13 October 2026

Media and Communications Kit

Australasian Women in Emergencies Day was first convened by the Australasian Women in Emergencies Network (AWE) in 2021 and is designed to recognise and celebrate women in emergencies and disaster resilience. It is held on the second Tuesday of October each year (**Tuesday 13 October 2026**).

Women bring unique skills and strengths to all areas of disaster resilience and emergency management, and their insights and expertise help build resilience across Australasia.

Australian Women in Emergencies Day is for all women who work, volunteer or study in emergency services, community or not-for-profit organisations, governments or agencies, universities or schools, and private businesses and organisations.

On Australasian Women in Emergencies Day, we recognise and celebrate all women in emergencies and disaster resilience.

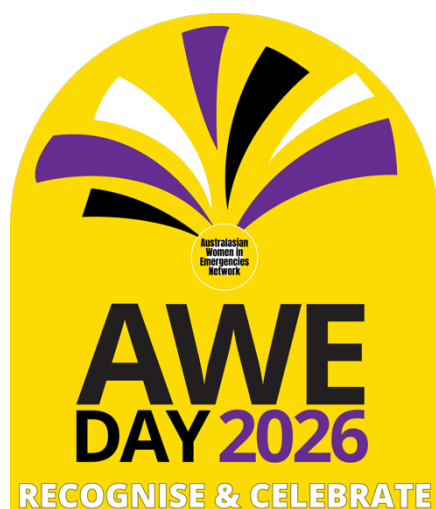
The 2026 theme for AWE Day is **Stronger together: Women leading resilience**

Celebrating women. Connecting strengths. Building resilient communities.

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2026 Logo



Download the AWE Day 2026 logo from our website:

<https://www.awenetwork.org.au/awe-day/>

Short version

Stronger together: Women leading resilience. This Australasian Women in Emergencies Day, we celebrate the women whose skills, leadership and expertise strengthen emergency management and disaster resilience across Australasia—with the [2026 AWE Recognition Awards](#) showcasing the breadth and depth of their contributions.

Medium version

This Australasian Women in Emergencies Day, we come together under the theme **Stronger together: Women leading resilience.** We recognise and celebrate the women who work, volunteer and study across emergency services, community organisations, government, education and business. Their leadership, knowledge and diverse strengths help communities prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters. The [2026 AWE Recognition Awards](#) bring this impact to life, showcasing the breadth and depth of women's contributions across roles, organisations, disciplines and career stages. By celebrating women, connecting strengths and amplifying expertise, we build more resilient communities across Australasia.

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Long version

Australasian Women in Emergencies Day is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate women working, volunteering and studying across emergency management and disaster resilience. This year's theme, **Stronger together: Women leading resilience**, highlights the power of connection, collaboration and inclusive leadership in helping communities prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters.

Women contribute skills, knowledge and experience across every part of the sector—from emergency services, community and not-for-profit organisations to government, education, research and private enterprise. Their perspectives and expertise strengthen decision-making, foster innovation and help build safer, more resilient communities throughout Australasia. The [2026 AWE Recognition Awards](#) make the breadth and depth of this contribution visible by celebrating women who lead, innovate, collaborate and strengthen communities across roles, organisations, disciplines and career stages.

On Australasian Women in Emergencies Day, we celebrate these contributions and create space for women's voices, stories and achievements to be seen and shared. By recognising leadership in all its forms and connecting strengths across sectors and communities, we reinforce a simple message: resilience is stronger when we build it together.

Celebrating women. Connecting strengths. Building resilient communities.

Quote from the AWE President

"Women bring invaluable knowledge, leadership and lived experience to every part of emergency management and disaster resilience. This AWE Day, we celebrate their contributions and recognise that our communities are stronger, safer and more resilient when women are connected, visible and empowered to lead."

— Bridget Tehan, President, Australasian Women in Emergencies

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Social media posts

LinkedIn or Facebook

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#AWEday #WomenInEmergencies #LeadingResilience #StrongerTogether

Instagram

Stronger together. Women leading resilience.

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Share a story, recognise a contribution and help amplify women's voices.

#AWEday #WomenInEmergencies #LeadingResilience #DisasterResilience
#StrongerTogether

Recognition spotlight

Today we recognise **[name]** for **[her contribution, role or achievement]**. Her work helps strengthen **[organisation, community or area of resilience]** and demonstrates the many ways women lead across emergency management and disaster resilience.

Thank you for helping build a safer, more resilient community.

#AWEday #WomenInEmergencies #LeadingResilience

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Call to action

Who inspires you in emergencies and disaster resilience?

This Australasian Women in Emergencies Day, celebrate a woman in your network by sharing her story, recognising her achievements or thanking her for the difference she makes.

Together, we can make women's contributions more visible and build stronger connections across our sector and communities.

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