

# Tasmanian Volunteer Fire-fighters Awards Framework

## Report for period 2002-2003

**To:** State Secretary TRVFA – State Secretary TVFBA  
**From:** State Co-ordinator TVFFAF

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003

The request for nominations for this period opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2002 and closed as per the rules of the TVFFAF, on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003.

During that period the State Co-ordinator received some 48 nominations.

The make up of the nominations were as follows:

### **TFS Volunteer Medals 2002-2003**

<b>Region:</b>	<b>Volunteer Brigade</b>	<b>Retained Volunteer Brigade</b>
Northern	9	3
North West	5	14
Southern	8	4
Total:	22	21

### **TFS Volunteer Awards 2002-2003**

<b>Region:</b>	<b>Volunteer Brigades</b>	<b>Retained Volunteer Brigades</b>
Northern	0	0
North West	0	3
Southern	0	2
Total:	0	5

TFS Volunteer Medals: 43

TFS Volunteer Awards: 5

The total nominations for 2002-2003 was as previously indicated 48 – of the 48; 4 were not recommended.

1 was withdrawn by the brigade as nominee.

3 were carried over to 2003-2004 (as recommended nominations)

In total 44 nominations were recommended by the Awards Review Committee.

### **Nominations not recommended:**

During the time the TVFFAF has been in operation, there have been a number of nominations that have been rejected. In most cases the nominations are rejected due to insufficient information being provided to substantiate the “statement of support”

### **Nominations since commencement:**

To date the following number of nominations (both Volunteer Medal & Volunteer Award) has been received from TFS Volunteer & TFS Retained Volunteer Brigades

<b>Year of nomination</b>	<b>TFS Volunteer Medal</b>	<b>TFS Volunteer Award</b>	<b>Total Nominations</b>
1999 - 2000	148	10	158
2000 - 2001	37	3	40
2001- 2002	34	1	35
2002 - 2003	43	5	48
Totals:	262	19	281

### **Nominations in general:**

The standard of nominations being submitted for consideration are certainly providing better information since the first year of operation.

It must be understood, that the Awards are not for simply 10 years of service. They are not Service Awards. The “statement of support” which provides information substantiating the nominee is involved in more than the generic volunteer. For example the nominee may assist with working bees, keeping the station and vehicles clean, participating in the Brigade Social Club, assisting at a variety of Community Events conducted by the Brigade.

### **TVFFAF Web Site**

The Framework commenced a web site during 1999-2000 but unfortunately we failed to keep the information up to date.

Since then we have on an annual basis listed the awardees (Medal & Award) in the Fireground. Some brigades have requested that the nominations be maintained as “secret” on the basis of surprising the nominee at the time of presentation. On this basis it may take some time to have the successful nominations listed on our new web page on the request of some brigades – the alternative is to simply put the successful nominations up that are deemed appropriate and leave out those requested by the brigade in question. – this matter will be discussed at the annual meeting of the Framework scheduled for September this year.

### **Rules of TVFFAF**

At the last annual meeting of the Framework, it was decided to review the “rules” of the Framework and consider that there perhaps should be some changes in the “committees” that are established to administer and manage the Framework.

Whilst this was scheduled to occur during the last twelve months unfortunately it has not been achieved.

There have been very few problems within the Framework; there have been no appeals, although we have approx 6 nominations withdrawn when the nominee has been asked for more information. – This does not stop a further nomination for that person occurring in the future

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