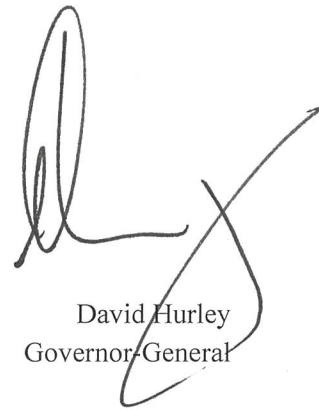




National Emergency Medal (Bushfires 2019-20) Declaration 2020

I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting on the recommendation of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, make the following declaration.

Dated *2 December* 2020



David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



Ben Morton
Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister

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1 Name

This instrument is the *National Emergency Medal (Bushfires 2019-20) Declaration 2020*.

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 made.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 3(2) of the *National Emergency Medal Regulations 2011* set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 23 October 2011 that instituted the National Emergency Medal.

4 Definitions

Note: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in the Regulations, including the following:

- (a) Medal for sustained service;
- (b) nationally-significant emergency;
- (c) service.

- (1) In this instrument:

declared emergency means the emergency declared in section 5.

eligible emergency period for a Schedule 1 local government area means a period:

- (a) beginning on the day mentioned in column 3 of the item of the table in clause 1 of Schedule 1 describing the area or in a paragraph of column 3 of the item; and
- (b) ending at the end of the day mentioned in column 4 of the item or in the corresponding paragraph of column 4 of the item.

eligible service means service of a type mentioned in section 9.

Regulations means the *National Emergency Medal Regulations 2011* set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 23 October 2011 that instituted the National Emergency Medal.

Schedule 1 local government area means a local government area described in columns 1 and 2 of an item of the table in clause 1 of Schedule 1, as the area existed at 6 September 2019.

- (2) Unless the contrary intention appears, expressions used in this instrument have the same meaning as in the Regulations.

5 Declared emergency

For the purposes of subregulation 3(2) of the Regulations, bushfires that happened in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia or the Australian Capital Territory between September 2019 and February 2020 are declared to be a nationally-significant emergency.

6 Name of declared emergency

For the purposes of paragraph 3(4)(a) of the Regulations, the name by which the declared emergency is to be known is “Bushfires 2019-20”.

7 Geographical area of declared emergency

For the purposes of paragraph 3(4)(b) of the Regulations, the geographical area in Australia where the declared emergency happened is the area that consists of each Schedule 1 local government area.

8 Duration of declared emergency

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 3(4)(c) of the Regulations, the declared emergency began in relation to a Schedule 1 local government area on the day mentioned in column 3 of the item of the table in clause 1 of Schedule 1 describing the area or in a paragraph of column 3 of the item.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 3(4)(d) of the Regulations, the duration of the declared emergency relating to a Schedule 1 local government area is the eligible emergency period (or each eligible emergency period) for the area.

9 Eligible service during declared emergency

For the purposes of paragraph 3(4)(e) of the Regulations, the type of service in relation to the declared emergency that is required to qualify for the award of the Medal for sustained service is service by a person:

- (a) in the protection of lives and property; or
(b) in the service of interests that are not their own;

in direct response to the declared emergency (including support that enables or facilitates the emergency response).

10 Minimum duration of eligible service during declared emergency

For the purposes of paragraph 3(4)(e) of the Regulations, the minimum duration of eligible service required to qualify for the award of the Medal for sustained service is 5 days (whether consecutive or not) each involving service in direct response to the declared emergency relating to a Schedule 1 local government area in an eligible emergency period for the area.

Schedule 1 Local government areas and eligible emergency periods

Clause 1

Schedule 1—Local government areas and eligible emergency periods

Note: See the definitions of *eligible emergency period* and *Schedule 1 local government area* in subsection 4(1), and subsection 8(1).

1 Schedule 1 local government areas and eligible emergency periods

The following table describes Schedule 1 local government areas and eligible emergency periods.

Schedule 1 local government areas and eligible emergency periods				
Item	Column 1 Local government area	Column 2 State or Territory in which area is located	Column 3 First day of eligible emergency period relating to area	Column 4 Last day of eligible emergency period relating to area
1	Armidale	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
2	Ballina	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
3	Bega Valley	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
4	Bellingen	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
5	Blue Mountains	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
6	Byron	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
7	Central Coast	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
8	Cessnock	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
9	Clarence Valley	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
10	Coffs Harbour	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
11	Cootamundra-Gundagai	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
12	Dungog	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
13	Eurobodalla	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
14	Glen Innes Severn	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
15	Goulburn Mulwaree	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
16	Greater Hume	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
17	Gwydir	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
18	Hawkesbury	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
19	Inverell	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
20	Kempsey	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
21	Ku-ring-gai	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
22	Kyogle	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
23	Lake Macquarie	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
24	Lismore	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
25	Lithgow	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
26	Mid-Coast	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020

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27	Mid-Western	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
28	Muswellbrook	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
29	Nambucca Valley	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
30	Narrabri	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
31	Oberon	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
32	Penrith	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
33	Port Macquarie-Hastings	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
34	Queanbeyan-Palerang	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
35	Richmond Valley	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
36	Shoalhaven	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
37	Singleton	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
38	Snowy Monaro	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
39	Snowy Valleys	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
40	Sutherland	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
41	Tamworth	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
42	Tenterfield	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
43	Tweed	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
44	Upper Hunter	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
45	Upper Lachlan	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
46	Uralla	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
47	Wagga Wagga	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
48	Walcha	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
49	Wingecarribee	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
50	Wollondilly	New South Wales	6 September 2019	10 February 2020
51	Alpine	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
52	Ararat	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
53	Ballarat	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
54	Campaspe	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
55	East Gippsland	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
56	Falls Creek Alpine Resort	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
57	Glenelg	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
58	Golden Plains	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
59	Greater Bendigo	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
60	Indigo	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
61	Mansfield	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020

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62	Mount Buller Alpine Resort	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
63	Mount Hotham Alpine Resort	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
64	Mount Stirling Alpine Resort	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
65	Moyne	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
66	Northern Grampians	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
67	Pyrenees	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
68	Southern Grampians	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
69	Strathbogie	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
70	Towong	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
71	Wangaratta	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
72	Wellington	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
73	Wodonga	Victoria	21 November 2019	20 February 2020
74	Brisbane	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
75	Bundaberg	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
76	Cook	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
77	Fraser Coast	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
78	Gladstone	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
79	Gold Coast	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
80	Gympie	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
81	Ipswich	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
82	Livingstone	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
83	Lockyer Valley	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
84	Mareeba	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
85	Noosa	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019

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86	North Burnett	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
87	Redland	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
88	Rockhampton	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
89	Scenic Rim	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
90	Somerset	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
91	South Burnett	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
92	Southern Downs	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
93	Sunshine Coast	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
94	Toowoomba	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
95	Townsville	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
96	Whitsunday	Queensland	(a) 6 September 2019 (b) 9 November 2019	(a) 17 September 2019 (b) 23 November 2019
97	Adelaide Hills	South Australia	20 November 2019	6 January 2020
98	Coorong	South Australia	20 November 2019	6 January 2020
99	Kangaroo Island	South Australia	20 November 2019	6 January 2020
100	Kingston	South Australia	20 November 2019	6 January 2020
101	Lower Eyre Peninsula	South Australia	20 November 2019	6 January 2020
102	Mid Murray	South Australia	20 November 2019	6 January 2020
103	Mount Barker	South Australia	20 November 2019	6 January 2020
104	Murray Bridge	South Australia	20 November 2019	6 January 2020
105	Playford	South Australia	20 November 2019	6 January 2020
106	Southern Mallee	South Australia	20 November 2019	6 January 2020
107	Yorke Peninsula	South Australia	20 November 2019	6 January 2020
108	Australian Capital Territory	Australian Capital Territory	6 January 2020	5 February 2020