

Public Service Medal (PSM)

Queensland

Mr David Leslie Kafoa, Casuarina QLD 2487

For outstanding public service in civil, road and structures maintenance in Queensland.

For over 40 years, Mr David Kafoa has provided exemplary service to the public through his work in civil, road and structures maintenance, and electrical projects with Queensland's Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Starting with the department as a cadet construction technician, Mr Kafoa fulfilled supervisor, roads inspector, project manager and senior project manager roles, until becoming an operations manager, a role he has occupied for the past 18 years. Mr Kafoa's involvement in a number of key projects, including the development of the Truck Mounted Attenuator Guidelines, which set the standard and has been used as a model for technical documents for these vehicles Australia-wide, demonstrates his outstanding dedication and performance in public service.

He has excelled as a tireless, reliable and resourceful leader under the extremely challenging circumstances posed by large-scale public events like the 2018 Commonwealth Games, and across numerous challenging emergency events such as extreme flooding, tropical cyclone aftermath, rockslides, fire, and serious vehicle crashes.

Mr Kafoa has orchestrated rapid and innovative yet well-planned and effective response, recovery and maintenance solutions to restore infrastructure access and ensure safety for the community. His exceptional leadership and problem-solving abilities, especially under high-pressure conditions, applied with utmost humility, inspire his colleagues and benefit his community.