

Media release

Story Bridge illuminated in green as Queensland Ranger Association marks **World Ranger Day 2024** 31/07/2024

Every year on July 31st, World Ranger Day creates an opportunity for communities to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by rangers. We also celebrate the incredible work that rangers and conservation officers do every day to protect and conserve the planet's natural and cultural resources.

It is also on this day we honour those who have fallen in the line of duty, to recognise and celebrate all rangers who have dedicated their lives to this profession. Thankfully, this year, Queensland has not lost any rangers in the line of duty, however we have not always been so lucky. In the last year, June 2023-May 2024, 140 rangers from 37 countries lost their lives while on duty.

The Queensland Ranger Association (QRA) acknowledges the challenges and complexities of conservation and protected area management throughout Queensland. From travelling long distances, working in remote locations, dealing with natural disasters, adapting to ever-changing landscapes and visitation, wild animals, and, often times, dangerous front-line work. Rangers can often be overlooked and undervalued in the role they play as essential workers.

The QRA supports its members across the state with the motto "Rangers helping Rangers", to develop connections, skills and resilience to thrive in their chosen careers and on this day, celebrate, acknowledge and appreciate all rangers.

The QRA is painting Queensland green by lighting up key features throughout the state. We would like to thank Cairns Regional Council, Townsville Regional Council and Rockhampton Regional Council who join with Brisbane City Council in supporting Queensland/World Rangers. The QRA asks all Queenslanders to check out how their city is recognising Rangers with green lights.

The Thin Green Line Foundation is a global non-for-profit organization, providing support for rangers' families who have lost their lives protecting our planet. [For Rangers - Thin Green Line website](#)

This year we have lost some dedicated rangers to time and this World Ranger Day we will be remembering and celebrating the lives of those rangers who are no longer with us.

The QRA works with many stakeholders but would like to make a special note of thanks to the following organisations for their continued support of Rangers: National Parks Association of Queensland, First Nations Land Trusts and Corporations, the Australian Workers Union, the Together Union and the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation.

We encourage you and the community to use **#WorldRangerDay #WorldRangerDay2024 #WRD24 or #IStandWithRangers** to show your support by standing for rangers and conservation workers today.

Rockhampton – Heritage Façade Lights

Townsville – Townsville sign, Victoria Bridge, George Roberts Bridge, Old Magistrates Court House, Flinders Square, Little Fletcher Bridge, Central Park Boardwalk

Cairns – Court House Gallery

Brisbane – Story Bridge, Victoria Bridge, Wickham Terrace Car Park, Breakfast Creek Bridge

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