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Message from

**Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
Governor of New South Wales**

As Patron of the Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards, I am delighted to welcome you to this special occasion in which we celebrate the irresistible energies of New South Wales women and their outstanding contributions in a year of change and challenge. I congratulate the 24 finalists who, for their extraordinary passion and service, each deserve the recognition of these awards.

Across the six award categories, we recognise women whose actions inspire others; women from rural and metropolitan areas who are diverse in age, cultural background, education and, for the first time, women working in health. The common thread is the positive difference they are making to the lives of others – whether that be locally or globally. In doing so, they embody Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self".

The finalists' journeys show us how much richer our society is for the diversity and inclusion it embraces. A remarkable contribution is being made by those who have chosen to call Australia home. Thank you for the kindness and courage that characterises your work in the community.

Congratulations to our Young Inspirational Women, who have chosen to exemplify service to the community as an intrinsic part of their professional and personal development. As a supporter of youth leadership, particularly amongst women, I was delighted to read about your work, your passions and interests, including in the health space. Thank you for being our leaders of the future.

I commend Rotary for its resolve and commitment to shine a very radiant light on the good being done by others in a year that has tested each of us.

On behalf of the community of New South Wales, and personally, thank you for showing your solidarity and support of Rotary's Inspirational Women of 2020.

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