



ROTARY NOTE NO. 2021/12

TOPIC: NSW ROTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Rotary Districts and Clubs of NSW host these awards, developed by a few dedicated and passionate Rotarians who recognised the value of not only our paid, but also our volunteer Emergency Service Personnel. In keeping with the Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self", RESCA acknowledges and celebrates the selfless Community Service of NSW Emergency Services Personnel.

All seven emergency services are recognised –

Fire and Rescue NSW	Marine Rescue NSW	Surf Life Saving NSW
NSW Ambulance	NSW Rural Fire Service	NSW State Emergency Service
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association		

NSW RESCA also supports two important Rotary initiatives:

- **Australian Rotary Health** - PhD Research Scholarship investigating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Emergency Services Personnel.
- **Emergency and Disaster Preparedness training** by a competitively selected Vocational Training Team (VTT) connected with a developing country in the Asia/Pacific Region (currently proposed for Tonga)

The 2021 NSW RESCA will be the 7th Annual Awards and to date, RESCA has recognised 148 paid and volunteer emergency services personnel. The Awards have also raised over \$70,000 to fund each of the above initiatives.

Nominations open on Tuesday 30 March 2021

Emergency Service Personnel can be nominated by a colleague, family and any member of the community. Panels of independent judges, Rotarians across NSW, will then assess all nominees using three (3) key criteria:

1. Community service over and above the call of normal duties which best exemplifies Rotary's motto of **Service Above Self** (i.e. community involvement when the nominee is outside working in his/her normal role).
2. Personal attributes
3. Contribution to his/her organisation

Nominations are submitted through an online system via the Awards website at:
www.RotaryESCawards.org.au

If you know of any suitable emergency services personnel, please nominate them to be recognised at the NSW RESCA function on Saturday 14 August 2021 at Bankstown Sports Club. The two major winners – Volunteer and Paid – go on to contest the National awards – AUS RESCA – in Canberra later in the year.

KEY POINT(S)

- Nominations opened on Tuesday 30 March 2021 at the launch function at NSW Government House hosted by Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of NSW
- Finalists will be announced on Tuesday 16 March 2021 at NSW Parliament House at an event hosted by The Hon. David Elliott, Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- The awards function will be held on Saturday 14 August 2021 at Bankstown Sports Club
- Funds raised go towards funding a PhD scholar to research Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and sending a Vocational Training Team (VTT) to a developing country to train them in emergency response preparedness

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