VRA Rescue NSW



Nominee's name: Barry Tomlinson

Current Role: Rescue Operator, Gulgong

Barry Tomlinson has served with the Gulgong Rescue Squad of VRA Rescue NSW for an extraordinary 32 years. A committed volunteer since 1993, Barry has held numerous leadership roles including Captain for over a decade, Training Officer, Equipment Officer. He remains actively involved in daily operations, supporting equipment maintenance, training, administration, and callouts.

Barry's contribution extends well beyond his formal duties. He has consistently demonstrated "Service Above Self" by participating in working bees, supporting community events such as the Gulgong Dog Show, Field Days, and ANZAC commemorations, and mentoring new squad members. His efforts were pivotal in navigating the squad through organisational transitions and community outreach.

Known for his reliability, humility, and enduring service, Barry continues to be a cornerstone of his squad's success and a respected figure in the local community. His quiet leadership and tireless volunteerism reflect the true spirit of the RESCA Awards.