



Troy Grant
Minister for Emergency Services

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2018 ROTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMUNITY AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Minister for Emergency Services Troy Grant today announced 24 NSW and 8 ACT finalists for the 2018 Rotary Clubs and Districts of NSW and ACT Emergency Services Community Awards.

Mr Grant said the expanded awards, which include the ACT for the first time, are a fantastic opportunity to shine a light upon the enormous contribution of emergency services workers such as nominee Alan Johnson from Batlow who has been a volunteer for over 52 years.

“These awards celebrate the outstanding commitment, sacrifice and spirit of service. As a community it is important that we take the time to acknowledge and thank volunteers and personnel who give so much of themselves and ask so little in return,” Mr Grant said.

“As a state we are hugely indebted to all our emergency services men and women. We should never take for granted their commitment to protecting us and it is important that we acknowledge the unsung heroes who repeatedly go above and beyond.

“This year’s finalists have more than 600 years of combined service and I thank them all for their exemplary community service.”

Finalists come from the following emergency services agencies:

- Fire & Rescue NSW
- NSW Ambulance
- NSW Rural Fire Service
- NSW State Emergency Service
- Marine Rescue NSW
- NSW Volunteer Rescue Association
- ACT Fire & Rescue
- ACT Ambulance
- ACT Rural Fire Service
- ACT State Emergency Service

Mr Grant announced the creation of a \$1,000 Dorothy Hennessy Emergency Services Youth scholarship for a volunteer aged up to 21 for training and educational materials or equipment.

“This scholarship celebrates our young volunteers and honours the outstanding contribution of an individual in providing support to their community,” Mr Grant said.

Commissioners from the NSW SES, NSW RFS, Marine Rescue NSW and the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association will each nominate an outstanding individual for consideration of the scholarship. A Rotary NSW panel will determine the most deserving candidate.

Winners for each service, plus two special winners for NSW and for ACT, and the young volunteer

will be announced at an Awards Presentation Dinner, at the Bankstown Sports Club.

Family, friends, supporters and the general public are invited to attend the presentation dinner. Tickets can be purchased at: www.RotaryESCawards.org.au.

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The 2018 Rotary NSW and ACT Emergency Services Community Awards finalists:

Service / Agency	First Name	Last Name	Community / Suburb
Fire & Rescue NSW	John	McGarvey	Gosford
Fire & Rescue NSW	Justin	Sullivan	Bankstown
Fire & Rescue NSW	Russell	Turner	Ingleburn
Fire & Rescue NSW	Andrew	Verus	Kogarah
Marine Rescue NSW	Paul	Bellard	Birkenhead Point
Marine Rescue NSW	Paul	Robinson	Birkenhead Point
Marine Rescue NSW	Jacquelyn	Taffs	Wooli
Marine Rescue NSW	Richard	Wrightson	Lake Macquarie
NSW Ambulance	Susan	Baker	Ashford
NSW Ambulance	Jarrold	Browning	Hawkesbury
NSW Ambulance	Allan	Simpkins	Kempsey
NSW Ambulance	Paul	Vowels	Beresfield
NSW Rural Fire Service	Donald	Anderson	McMasters Beach
NSW Rural Fire Service	Glenn	Byrnes	East Maitland
NSW Rural Fire Service	Les	Goldie	Kearsley
NSW Rural Fire Service	Deborah	Sharp	Engadine
NSW State Emergency Service	Bill - Roy	Atchison	Grenfell
NSW State Emergency Service	Keith	Dawe	Condobolin
NSW State Emergency Service	William	Dodd	Forster Tuncurry
NSW State Emergency Service	Naomi	Leviton	Manly
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association	Geoffrey	Hawes	Mudgee
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association	Alan	Johnson	Taree
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association	Debra	Scanes ESM	Binalong
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association	John	Wraight	Byron Shire
ACT Ambulance	Michael	Bohun	Fairbairn
ACT Ambulance	Andy	Francey	Belconnen
ACT Fire and Rescue	Mark	Blake	Canberra
ACT Fire and Rescue	Robert	Thompson	Fyshwick
ACT Rural Fire Service	Anthony	Kidney	Holt
ACT Rural Fire Service	Mark	Sedgman	Stromlo
ACT State Emergency Service	Sue	Elsbury	Campbell
ACT State Emergency Service	Norm	Nelson	Pialligo