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ROTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY AWARDS HONOUR EMERGENCY SERVICES WORKERS

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Rotary Clubs and Districts of NSW Emergency Services Community Awards.

The awards, now in their sixth year, recognise the dedication and service of emergency service personnel and volunteers from Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Ambulance, NSW State Emergency Services, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW Volunteer Rescue Association, Marine Rescue NSW and Surf Life Saving NSW.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott said the awards shine a light on the enormous contribution of emergency services workers.

“Emergency services workers and volunteers give so much of themselves to the community and ask so little in return. We are indebted to all our unsung heroes and will never take for granted their commitment to protecting the community,” Mr Elliott said.

“The NSW community has been hit pretty hard of late, first by the ‘Black Summer’ bushfire season, then torrential rain and floods, and now we are facing a pandemic.

“Our first responders have been on the frontline protecting the community from catastrophe every step of the way, putting the lives of others above their own.

“These are brave everyday Australians who do not seek recognition for the work they do and are often reluctant to stand in the spotlight and be recognised for their irreplaceable role in the community.

Rotarian and Chair of the Awards Dorothy Hennessy said she expected to be overwhelmed with nominations this year, after the heroic and tireless efforts of emergency services personnel fighting fire and flood after a horror bushfire season.

Nominations will close at midnight in Friday, 1 May 2020. A panel of judges from Rotary Districts across NSW will assess nominees on their community service, personal attributes, and contribution to their emergency services organisations.

Members of the public and emergency service workers are encouraged to submit nominations online via the awards website at <https://nsw.rescawards.org.au/>.

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