

Message from Vice Regal Patron



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Message from

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

In the 6th year of the 2020 Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards, Dennis and I are honoured to recognise emergency service personnel who have reflected the Rotary motto of "Service above Self".

2020 has been a challenging and relentless year for emergency services. Through drought, bushfires, floods and the ongoing pandemic, the people of New South Wales have had to rely upon our service organisations for lives and livelihoods as never before. It comes as no surprise, therefore, that this year has seen the highest number of nominations recorded in the five-year history of the New South Wales awards.

Congratulations, to all nominees among our paid and volunteer personnel who represent the below organisations:

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

In a year that has also seen tremendous cross-agency collaboration, I welcome Surf Life Saving NSW to this year's awards.

Once again, funds raised through the Awards program of recognition go towards two initiatives: - An Australian Vocational Training Team, competitively selected, consisting of a Rotarian Leader and Emergency Services Personnel to provide accredited training in Disaster Preparedness for Emergency Services Personnel in a developing Asia Pacific country and an Australian Rotary Health PhD Research Scholarship into Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Emergency Service Workers.

As Patrons, Dennis and I convey our heartfelt thanks to Rotary and all Nominees, Finalists and Winners who have put the community at the forefront of this year's Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Beazley".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Wilson".

Mr Dennis Wilson