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ROTARY EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMUNITY AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott today announced the finalists for the Rotary Districts of NSW Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA) at a ceremony at Parliament House.

The community-nominated RESCA are the only time all Emergency Services personnel, both paid and volunteer, are recognised in a combined awards program.

Finalists are drawn from the NSW Rural Fire Service, Fire and Rescue NSW, the NSW State Emergency Service, Marine Rescue NSW, Surf Life Saving NSW, NSW Ambulance, and the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association.

Mr Elliott said the awards are a fantastic opportunity to shine a light upon the enormous contribution of emergency services workers and volunteers who put themselves in harm's way to protect the community.

"This is an appropriate time to pause, reflect and congratulate our emergency services workers and volunteers for their incredible contributions to our state – whether it be a disaster, fire or accident, our community owes them a great deal of gratitude," Mr Elliott said.

"This year we received a record number of nominations. The finalists have more than 600 years of combined service and I thank them all for their exemplary community service."

The RESCA awards also supports and funds two important Rotary initiatives:

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

Winners for each service, plus two special overall winners, and the young volunteer will be announced on Saturday 14 August 2021. The overall winners for NSW will then represent the state at the National Awards to be held later this year.

You can find out more about RESCA awards [here](#).

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