



David Elliott
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2021 ROTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott tonight announced the winners of the 2021 Rotary NSW Emergency Service Community Awards at a ceremony streamed online across the State.

Mr Elliott said the community-nominated awards celebrated the outstanding contribution of emergency services workers and volunteers, such as Surf Life Saving NSW volunteer, Stewart Bailey, who has provided air support over the waters during floods, drownings and missing persons searches for over 35 years. He has not only saved swimmers from drowning, but was also awarded a bravery medal from the Royal Humane Society for a rescue at Clovelly.

“All the winners and finalists are deserving of accolades as it takes a very committed person who values their community to put themselves on the frontline when disaster strikes,” Mr Elliott said.

“There is more than 600 years of combined service from this year’s finalists from locations as far north as Ballina to down south in Albury, and west to Wagga Wagga, and I thank them all for their exceptional service to the community.”

“It was a pleasure to announce the \$1000 Dorothy Hennessy OAM Emergency Services Youth Scholarship VRA Rescue NSW trainee, Taliya Smith, who is a courageous and dedicated young volunteer from Narooma.”

The winners come from the following emergency services:

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

Rotary District 9675, District Governor, Jeremy Wright AM congratulated this year’s winners who have had distinguished careers responding to fires, drownings, floods and other emergencies.

“Rotary NSW continues to support our emergency services and has also established an

additional emergency services scholarship for a PhD candidate to investigate Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in emergency services workers and volunteers,” Mr Wright said.

The winners announced tonight will now represent NSW at the National Awards to be held later this year.

You can find out more information about the Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards [here](#).

The 2021 Rotary NSW Emergency Services Community Awards winners:

Service / Agency	Name	Position	Community or suburb
Fire & Rescue NSW	John Dun AFSM	Captain/Station Commander	Nowra
Marine Rescue NSW	Alex Fenwick	Base and Boats Officer	Port Jackson
Surf Life Saving NSW	Stewart Bailey	Aircrew/Rescue Crewman	North Bondi
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association	Allan Sheldon	Captain and President, Regional Coordinator Zone 1	Albury
NSW Ambulance	Andrew Ryan	Southern Zone Operations Manager	Woonoona
NSW RFS	Wayne Keel	Group Officer	Halls Creek
NSW SES	Anthony McPhail	Unit Commander	The Rock
NSW Volunteer Rescue Association	Taliya Smith	Squad Trainee	Narooma

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