

ROTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY AWARDS 2022

OVERVIEW:

The Rotary Districts of New South are pleased announce the 2022 NSW Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA). These awards were developed by a few dedicated and passionate Rotarians who recognised the value of not only our paid, but also our volunteer Emergency Service Personnel.

Whilst the individual Emergency Services Agencies – ESA's have their own internal awards, the Rotary District and Clubs of NSW Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA) is the only time all Emergency Services personnel, both paid and volunteer, are recognised in a combined awards program.

In keeping with the Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self", RESCA acknowledges and celebrates the selfless Community Service of NSW Emergency Services Personnel whilst also supporting two important Rotary initiatives:

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

The 2022 RESCA will be the 8th Annual Awards and to date RESCA has recognised 196 paid and volunteer emergency service personnel. The Awards have also raised over \$80,000 to fund each of the above beneficiaries.

In 2018 the Rotary NSW Emergency Services Community Awards saw the creation of the NSW Dorothy Hennessy OAM Emergency Services Youth Scholarship. This scholarship was an initiative of The Hon Troy Grant MP, former Minister of Emergency Services and is open to volunteers up to the age of 21. The \$1000 scholarship celebrates and supports the contribution of our young heroes.

The Awards are open to all Emergency Service Personnel stationed in NSW, serving in either a paid capacity or as a volunteer:

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

KEY DATES:

Tuesday 22nd March 2022: Launch of Awards

Location: NSW Parliament House

Hosted by The Hon. Stephanie Cooke MP, Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, this event is the official launch of the Awards opening. Nominations are open from this date until Tuesday 31st May 2022.

Wednesday 22nd June 2022: Announcement of the Finalists

Location: NSW Parliament House

This event celebrates the nominees by introducing and announcing our finalists. We are hoping there are no emergencies at this time so our Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience can announce our 28 finalists.

Saturday 14 August 2021 - Awards Presentation Dinner

Location: Bankstown Sports Club

The Awards Presentation Dinner is the Main Event. The evening starts with drinks and canapes as guests arrive, then moves into the more formal dinner component. An evening to celebrate not only our finalists, but all of our Emergency Service personnel. Each of the 28 category finalists, and our 4 Youth Scholarship finalists, with their friends and family will be invited to attend the Awards evening, joined by the Commissioners of each of the ESAs, plus many State dignitaries. Previous dignitaries have included His Excellency General the Hon. David Hurley and the then Ministers The Hon. Troy Grant and The Hon. David Elliott.