



Message from

**Ron Browne**  
**Chair NSW RESCA Organising Committee**

## 2022 NSW ROTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY AWARDS

It is my great privilege to welcome everyone to the 2022 NSW Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (NSW RESCA). Now that the worst of COVID is behind us, we are planning to roll the program out in the 'normal' way – with face to face functions.

Once again, at the start of 2022, all of our emergency services have been at full tilt, dealing with the devastating floods in northern NSW and in the Hawkesbury-Nepean river system. Whilst the worst of the damage has passed (as I write) the clean up is still ahead and there is also the ever present threat of more rain creating more havoc in the near future.

The Rotary Districts of NSW, and all their member clubs, are proud to be able to deliver this platform to recognise 'Service above Self', the very core of what Rotary strives to do in supporting our communities.

Nominations will open on Tuesday 22 March, with our launch function hosted at NSW Parliament House. Nominations close on 31 May with judging commencing at that time. The finalists will then be announced on Wednesday 21 June again in NSW Parliament House, with our Emergency Service Agency representatives present (COVID permitting).

The Awards Dinner is confirmed for a full face to face event at our long-term venue Bankstown Sports Club on Saturday 13 August 2022, pending any COVID restrictions. We are so looking forward to being able to gather again as a broad group of friends to celebrate the finalists and eventual winners of our RESCA recognition program.

Please encourage your friends, families, work and Rotary colleagues to nominate a worthy candidate for recognition of their service, not just in their volunteer or paid emergency services role, but also for their involvement above and beyond that, within their local community.

I look forward to seeing you all at this year's event to recognise our fantastic emergency services workers and I thank all of them in advance for everything they do to keep our community safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Browne".

**Ron Browne PHF GAICD**  
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