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Good Evening,

We are proud to officially announce the opening of the **2020 NSW Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards nominations**.

Rotary Districts 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. The Awards are open to all, Emergency Service Agency (ESA) Personnel stationed in NSW, serving in either a paid capacity or Volunteer in:

- 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 keeping with the Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self", RESCA acknowledges and celebrates the selfless Community Service of Emergency Services Personnel whilst also supporting and funding 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

A **video message** from our Vice Regal Patron, Her Excellency The Hon Margaret Beazley AO QC, Governor of NSW and the Minister for Police & Emergency Services, The Honourable David Elliot MP can be found on the home page of our website here - <https://nsw.rescawards.org.au/>. Attached is a copy of the Media Press Release from the Minister for Police & Emergency Services, The Honourable David Elliot MP.

Emergency Service Personnel can be nominated by colleague, family and any members of the community. Panels of independent judges will then assess nominees on three (3) key criteria:

- Community service over and above the call of normal duties which best exemplifies Rotary's motto of Service Above Self (i.e. community involvement when they are not working in their normal roles).
- Personal attributes
- Contribution to their organisation

Given the past six months of devastation across the state we anticipate that there will be many worthy applicants for this year's Rotary Districts of NSW Emergency Services Community Awards.

Applications will be open until 1 May 2020 and can be applied for on the RESCA website here - <https://nsw.rescawards.org.au/nominations/>

We have announced the Launch on our RESCA Facebook page as well and would greatly appreciate your assistance in sharing -<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryESCawards/videos/504084540538067/>

Should you have any questions please reach out to myself or the team at Admire Events on resca@admireevents.com.au.

Regards,

Dorothy L Hennessy OAM

Chair

Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards