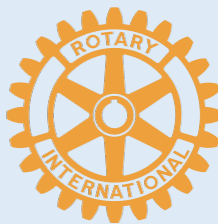


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THE ROTARY EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY AWARDS

These Awards are a Vocational Service initiative of the Rotary Clubs of the Australian Capital Territory.

In keeping with Rotary's motto of "**Service Above Self**", the Awards acknowledge and celebrate selfless Community Service of ACT Emergency Services Personnel while supporting an important Rotary initiative: **Australian Rotary Health PhD Research Scholarship into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Emergency Service Personnel.**

While individual services have specific internal awards, the 2019 Rotary ACT Emergency Services Community Awards, is the only platform in which emergency services personnel is recognised by their community.

The Awards are open to all Australian Capital Territory based personnel, both paid and volunteer, from the ACT Emergency Service Organisations:

- Australian Capital Territory Ambulance
- Australian Capital Territory Enabling Services
- Australian Capital Territory Fire and Rescue
- Australian Capital Territory Rural Fire
- Australian Capital Territory State Emergency Service



Beneficiary of the Awards is an Australian Rotary Health PhD Research Scholarship investigating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Emergency Service Workers, who are regularly exposed to traumatic events, which they can repeatedly re-experience through nightmares or flashbacks.

For more information visit www.rescawards.org.au.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



On behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Canberra, welcome to our 2nd ACT Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards – RESCA.

I am honoured, to acknowledge our Patron – Honourable Richard Refshauge SC (Ret'd); The Hon Mick Gentleman MP, Minister for Emergency Services; Commissioner of the ACT Emergency Services, the four Chiefs of Staff ACT, Sponsors, Partners, Guests and Fellow Rotarians.

Congratulations to each of our 8 finalists, as you serve in either a paid and volunteering capacity, dedicating your SERVICE ABOVE SELF to our communities, in harmony with Rotary's ethos. Thank you to the nominators for their initiative to share your achievements.

To our partners/sponsors, who so generously contribute financially or, in kind, to make this event possible thank you.

My sincere appreciation to the Committee; Rotarians from Rotary in Canberra, who shape this project. Our RESCA Rotary network has the challenging role of judging all nominations and determining the finalists, a role they truly value.

Our Emergency Services personnel are owed a huge thank you from the community as each day some of them put their lives at risk to assist those in trouble, whether that is from an accident or an act of nature. These awards go a small way in thanking those members who not only work within their emergency service but also contribute more to their local community by giving "Service above Self".



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Hon Richard Refshauge SC (Ret' d)

ACT MINISTER'S ADDRESS

The Hon Mick Gentleman MP, Minister for Emergency Services

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FINALISTS

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CLOSING REMARKS

Menu

ENTRÉE

Greek spiced BBQ lamb fillet, watermelon, feta, mint salad (GF)

or

Teriyaki grilled chicken fillet, snow peas, enoki mushrooms + sesame soba
noodles

MAIN

Eye fillet steak, miso mustard mash, broccolini, shitake mushroom sauce (GF)

Or

Atlantic salmon, parsley pangrattato crust, capsicum + tomato piperade, wild +
brown rice

DESSERT

Salted caramel + chocolate tart, coffee creme diplomat, sweet salty hazelnuts

Or

Passion fruit cheesecake, chocolate sable, fresh mango + mint compote salad

Tea & Coffee Selections

Beverage Options

NV Sparkling Chardonnay, Growers Gate, SA

2017 Sauvignon Blanc, Growers Gate, SA

2017 Shiraz, Growers Gate, SA

James Squire 150 Lashes Pale Ale

James Boags Light

5 Seeds Apple Cider

Soft Drinks

Juice

MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON



One of the defining characteristics of a healthy community is the way in which it cares for those its members in need. While this is done in our community in many ways, the work of our Emergency Services staff and volunteers is an outstanding and fundamental part.

There in the time of great need, often putting themselves and risk and in a spirit of service and conscientious commitment, our Emergency Services workers make an invaluable and enormous contribution to our community.

It is extraordinarily appropriate that we should celebrate what they do and recognise their service and sacrifice. The Rotary International ACT Emergency Services Community Awards do that very well and I am delighted and honoured as Patron to be part of that important acknowledgement of the outstanding work of these fundamentally valuable contributors to our healthy community.

I commend these awards as a wonderful opportunity for all to show Canberra's appreciation for our Emergency Services workers and encourage all to participate in whatever way they can to make the Awards a truly magnificent recognition and affirmation of this work.

The Hon Richard Refshauge SC
Retired Supreme Court Justice.

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2019 FINALISTS

ACT AMBULANCE SERVICE



Mark Westhorp



Mark is a member of ACT Ambulance Service and has been selected as a finalist for his outstanding efforts working with vulnerable people. The nomination for Mark identified the way he brings a smile to the face of patients and those around him. He has volunteered to support with people with disabilities. Whether transporting people to hospital, or even to palliative care, Mark's manner with people who are unwell and the way he engages a great example of someone who goes out of his way to make others' lives that much better.

Robert Wiggins



Robert is an intensive care paramedic with the ACT Ambulance Service. In his day job he responds to triple zero calls, administers medication, manages treatment while people are transported to hospital. However, Robert uses his skills much more broadly having over many years volunteered with organisations like Rural Fire Services, State Emergency Services and Scouting. He was an Army Reservist for over a decade and has played an important role in many local, national and international emergencies including searching for missing people in the Snowy Mountains and providing support after the Christchurch earthquake.



2019 FINALISTS

ACT FIRE AND RESCUE

Sebastian Boehm



Sebastian is a Senior Firefighter at Ainslie Fire Station as well as being a qualified fire investigator with ACT Fire & Rescue. He has a number of other specialist qualifications including being qualified to deliver training in Basic Life Support (Advanced First Aid), as well as in the wearing and operating of breathing apparatus, where he trains firefighters and members of other services. Sebastian has a long association with Camp Quality providing support for kids with cancer and volunteers as a camp leader with responsibility for over a hundred participants. He has also organised an auction of “a firefighter for a day” in 2018 and 2019 to raise funds for Camp Quality.

Matthew Buchtman



Matthew is a Senior Firefighter with ACT Fire and Rescue and is a trained fire investigator. He is currently the Community Fire Unit (CFU) Support Officer responsible, as part of a small team, for training over eight hundred CFU volunteers as a support to ACT Fire & Rescue at emergencies. As a volunteer he has raised money to fight Motor Neurone Disease through the challenging firefighters “Furies Climb for Motor Neurone Disease” charity as well as through a range of BBQs, trivia nights and auctions across Canberra. He was also part of a team of firefighters who in 2015 volunteered to provide firefighting training and equipment for a remote village in Nepal.



2019 FINALISTS

ACT RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Martin Harris



Martin has been a volunteer for over 22 years with the RFS and 12 years with the SES. Martin is currently the President of the Rivers Volunteer Bushfire Brigade providing a high-level conduit between the 2 services who are co-located at Rivers. Martin's commitment includes building training props, providing assistance to volunteers to attain their truck licences, facilitating training, supporting the social side of the

unit at BBQs and events and, most importantly, he is there as a support, a mentor and a leader. He spends further time at the facility with constant and ongoing maintenance of the shed and grounds across the unit's entire property including beautifying through major landscaping, irrigation, mowing and tending the garden. Martin has been a volunteer for fire and rescue in motor sport for the past 15 years, as well as previously being a sports trainer for ACT Rugby for 26 years, until 2013



ESA ENABLING SERVICES

Heike Apps



Heike is a volunteer MAPS supervisor with ACT Emergency Services. She has been selected as a finalist in recognition of outstanding service across a wide range of volunteer roles. These include taking responsibility for executive roles when needed, conducting training, accepting interstate deployments (for example, volunteering for both the Tasmanian and

Victorian fires in early 2019). Heike has played a key role in prevention, preparation and community engagement. She is also an active member of two NSW RFS brigades, a cartographic editor for Journal of Maps and held a previous volunteer role as a director with Cave Divers Association of Australia.



2019 FINALISTS

ACT STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

Colin Pedersen



Colin has been a volunteer with the ACT Emergency Service for more than a decade. As a former commander and senior member of the Rivers Unit he provides mentoring and guidance to new members as well as both general and specialised training. Colin was responsible for setting up the Storm Water and Damage training facility for safe working at heights operations that is also used for rescue challenge scenarios. He has volunteered for local and interstate deployment including in the Lockyer Valley floods in 2011. The relationships that he has fostered have strengthened his Unit and Emergency Service.

Julia Rozycka



As a volunteer Julia is Commander with the Pialligo ACT State Emergency Services Unit and has been a volunteer since 2009. Her work in the volunteer Incident Management Team supports SES, RFS and is ASV volunteer through SES with ACT Ambulance. She contributes both through the operational side of the unit as well as participating in SES related roles in community events. She is involved through her work in supporting mental health services, drug and alcohol in the Adult Community Mental Health Services. Julia volunteers with the Polish White Eagle Club in supporting the Polish Community of Canberra as well as being an office holder for the Polish White Eagle club.



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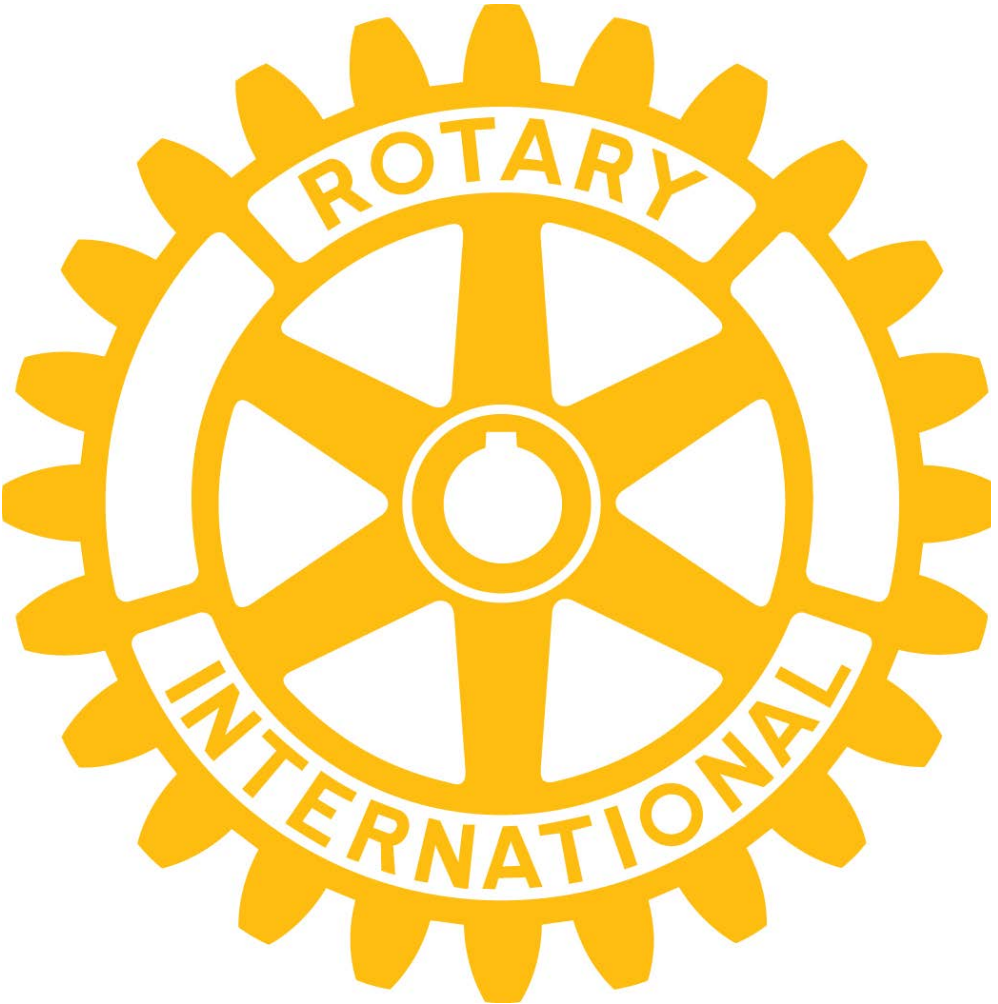
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Our Mission is “We work together to care and protect through cohesive operations, collaborative management and a unified executive”.

Our workforce profile includes over 2500 full time and volunteer personnel. The ESA comprises the ACT Ambulance Service, ACT Fire & Rescue, the ACT Rural Fire Service, the ACT State Emergency Service and a range of support services.





The Rotary Clubs of Canberra Emergency Services Community Awards for 2020

Lock these key dates into your diary now!

Nominations Open: 4th February 2020

Nominations Close: 19th April 2020

Finalists Announced 17th June 2020*

Awards Night: 8th August 2020*

*date to be confirmed

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