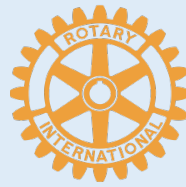


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ACT Emergency Services Community Awards 2021



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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:

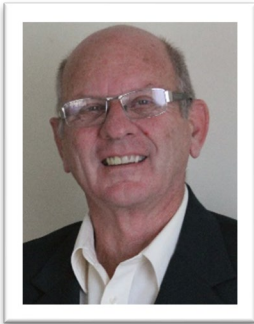
- Australian Capital Territory Ambulance
- Australian Capital Territory Enabling Services
- Australian Capital Territory Fire and Rescue
- Australian Capital Territory Rural Fire
- Australian Capital Territory State Emergency Service



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 4th Rotary Clubs of ACT Emergency Services Community Awards – ACT RESCA.

I am honoured, to acknowledge our Patron – Honourable Richard Refshauge SC (Ret'd); 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".

It is with pleasure that I announce that next year will see the members of ACT Policing joining the Rotary Clubs of ACT awards program and I look forward to seeing some of their members being nominated making the awards program in ACT truly for all emergency services workers.

Program

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Anton Pemmer

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Leo Farrelly, District Governor
Rotary International District 9705

PATRON ADDRESS

Hon Richard Refshauge SC
Acting Judge, ACT Supreme Court

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON BEHALF OF ALL EMERGENCY SERVICES

Commissioner Georgina Whelan

MINISTER OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FINALISTS

PRESENTATIONS OF OVERALL WINNERS

CLOSING REMARKS

Geraldine Rurenga, District Governor elect
Rotary International District 9705

PATRON'S COMMENDATION



It is a great personal delight for me to commend the Rotary International ACT Emergency Service Community Awards again as recognising the tangible example of the Rotary motto of “Service above Self” which is embodied in the daily work of the Territory’s emergency service workers, who provide such support and protection to the community for its welfare and safety.

No matter the equipment, systems and support of its services, it is, of course, the people who actually deliver the services at all times of the day, every day of the year whenever there is need from danger, disaster or damage and hurt and, yet at the same time, they all also presently face the ongoing challenge of a COVID-19 environment which brings additional challenges, who aid, support and guard the people of this Territory. It is what they do themselves and how they do it which is the strength, protection and support.

To acknowledge and celebrate all those who do this work, but especially those who put service above self and deliver over and above the task for which they are employed, is the least we can do for them. It also inspires others and generates a strength of feeling within the community that is a foundation for its cohesion and its social health.

I am delighted, as Patron of these Awards, that they are strongly establishing their own importance in the ACT calendar and continue to be supported by the emergency services and the generous sponsors. I look forward to being again part of the important recognition of all emergency services workers, but especially those whose distinguished work is recognised as nominees, finalists and awardees.

Acting Justice Richard Refshauge
Acting Judge, ACT Supreme Court

Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards would not be possible without these generous sponsors: -



Mick Gentleman MLA
Member for Brindabella
Minister for Police and Emergency Services

As Minister for Police and Emergency Services I am proud to partner with Rotary ACT to honour our emergency services personnel through the Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards.

Rotary has been an integral part of the Australian community since 1921, working to support community members in research, youth, disability, and disaster recovery. This support extends to recognising the excellent work our emergency services personnel undertake on a daily basis.

The Rotary Emergency Service Community Awards is the only ceremony that recognises both paid and volunteer personnel in a combined awards program, providing the opportunity to focus on the contribution the women and men of the ACT Emergency Services are making to the community.

The ACT Emergency Services are amongst the highest regarded in the country – every day they help members of the community who are living out their worst day. The efforts of those working in our emergency services on the frontline and behind the scenes deserve our recognition. Our emergency services provide an incredibly high standard of response to care and protect the Canberra community.

ACT Rotary have done a great job setting up these awards to celebrate the service of our members whose actions align with the Rotary motto “Service above self”. This service contributes to making the ACT one of the safest communities in the world.

These awards really showcase the calibre of our emergency personnel, particularly considering they have been nominated by members of the Canberra community. I would also like to acknowledge the families and partners of our wonderful emergency personnel for their sacrifice in letting their loved ones help others in times of need.

Mick Gentleman MLA
Minister for Police and Emergency Services

A photograph of four people in a workshop setting. On the left, a man in a grey polo shirt looks on. Next to him, a younger man in a grey long-sleeved shirt is focused on a task. Behind him, a woman in a dark jacket smiles. On the right, a woman with glasses and a light blue shirt is actively working with a hand saw on a piece of wood. The background is filled with stacks of lumber and a wooden wall.

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Awards Criteria

The Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA) has been established to recognise Emergency Services Personnel who best exemplify Rotary's motto of Service Above Self (i.e. the community service the individual performs above and beyond their normal role within the Emergency Service Agency).

Nomination Criteria

The nominee must be member of one of the Emergency Service Agencies in a paid (employee) or unpaid (volunteer) capacity and will be judged on:

- Community service over and above the call of normal duties that 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

Anyone can nominate a person for the awards (self-nominations excepted) – as long as you are able to put together a submission, you are welcome to submit a nomination.



What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

What we do

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies

Our mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Vision statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years, and we've made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of it forever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've helped to reduced polio cases by more than 99.9 percent.

It's crucial to eradicate polio from the last two countries where it remains endemic and to keep other countries polio-free.

If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

Vaccines have prevented about 10 million deaths from disease since 1963, researchers estimate. Rotary members know the power of vaccination well: The oral polio vaccine has helped bring cases of wild polio down 99.9 percent since 1988, with the virus remaining endemic in only two countries today. And now, as COVID-19 vaccines are being distributed around the world, the experience and knowledge that Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have gained are helping protect communities from the pandemic. Rotary members are getting involved in supporting the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in some of the same ways they've been working to end polio — by raising awareness for vaccination in their communities, supporting health workers, combating misinformation and vaccine hesitancy, and advocating for fair and equal vaccine distribution in vulnerable communities.



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Belconnen Rotary is a diverse Club of young professionals, community volunteers, self employed and retired residents who have been serving the Belconnen community since 1971.

We are proud to have been supporters of the Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards

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The Emergency Services Agency comprises the ACT Ambulance Service, ACT Fire & Rescue, the ACT Rural Fire Service, the ACT State Emergency Service and the ESA Enabling Services.

Together they are one team of many players with a single vision of being "the trusted agency for emergency management in the ACT".

The workforce profile includes over 2,200 fulltime and volunteer personnel.

Information gained from the ACT ESA Website





2021 FINALISTS

ACT AMBULANCE SERVICE

John Berry



John is a highly regarded Operations Manager at the ACT Ambulance Services (ACTAS) where he provides leadership to the operational workforce that ensures effective delivery of ambulance services to the community. Besides working for ACTAS, he is a passionate mental health advocate and incorporates this in improving staff wellbeing, welfare and fitness. For instance, he helped the ESA raise over \$17,000

through Movember campaign. In his free time, he enjoys coaching cricket and rugby league



ACT FIRE & RESCUE

David Bremers



Dave is a substantive Station Officer at ACT Fire and Rescue (ACTF&R), and in his current role as a Capital Works Project Coordinator ensures the wellbeing of the community and sustainability of the service through ensuring delivery of new emergency services stations. Previously, he was involved as the Project Officer for the Communications Centre Project, the scale and scope of which meant working in multiple work areas with many stakeholders to ensure the best outcome for

the community. He has worked tirelessly and with humility to maintain and improve the effectiveness of the Service and Agency.



2021 FINALISTS

ACT RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Christopher Puschak



Chris has been involved with the emergency services over the past 24 years and is currently working as Treasurer of the Hall Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade while also being an active volunteer Firefighter. He played a vital role in the 2019 fire season where he defended regions of Nerriga, Adaminaby, Tumut, and Orroral Valley. Here, he volunteered to do additional shifts and also stayed back to support the wellbeing of his crew some of whom had limited operational experience. Besides firefighting, he is a Venturer Scout Leader and

passionately shares his knowledge about abseiling, 4wding, canoeing and bushwalking

Rohan Scott



Before assuming the position of Chief Officer at the ACT Rural Fire Services (ACTRFS), Rohan spent 20+ years as a volunteer Firefighter and held several leadership appointments including Captain. He led a team of 400 people through the 2020 Black Summer Fire Season and played a crucial role in maintaining their health, wellbeing, and moral throughout the strenuous period. For instance, he spearheaded a program called 'Reset'

that involved a lessons learnt exercise with the entire staff, after hours and over the weekend. This not only increased morale, but in some cases rebuilt shattered confidence of team members. Post fire season, he devoted a significant amount of time in developing training sessions to deal with major fires, which has all culminated to a stronger and more resilient RFS.



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ACT RURAL FIRE SERVICE

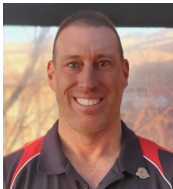
Tina Siver



Tina has been an active member of the ACT Rural Fire Services (ACTRFS) since 2004, and has worked her way up to earn her Advanced Firefighter qualifications. Besides firefighting, she has also volunteered in the aviation space as an Air Base Operator and Incident Management Support. She made use of her diverse skillsets during the 2019 fires in NSW and ACT

territory. Her peers describe her as a quiet achiever where her contribution to the service has been immense. She was a member of three separate ACT Taskforces as an active fire fighter during the 2009 Black Saturday fires in Victoria. In an occupation that is male dominated, she has been an ambassador in closing the gender gap. She has done this through community engagement, and education, and the increasing participation from women in the service is testament to her dedication to the service.

Brett Vey



A 16-year veteran with the ACT Rural Fire Services (ACTRFS), Brett is currently his unit's Brigades Equipment Officer. His positivity and willingness to help is greatly appreciated within the unit, and this is exemplified by his firefighting stints throughout the country. Most recently, he worked on 12 different shifts under very trying conditions during the 2019

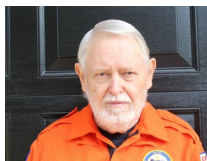
fires. Besides firefighting, Brett is passionate about personal fitness and volunteers extra time to run boot camps for members of his unit. Even in the age of social distancing, he took these sessions digital through his home equipment, ensuring the team were motivated and ready should a challenge appear. He also participates in fitness fundraising events like the Bloody Long Walk that supports mitochondrial disease research.



2021 FINALISTS

ACT STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

William Black



Bill joined the ACT State Emergency Services (ACTSES) in 2019 and is currently his Unit's Equipment Officer. He is recognized for his selfless and diligent nature which is exemplified by the role he played in the 2019 fire season, hailstorm, and COVID-19 response. Throughout these challenges he ensured supply of necessary equipment to operational teams. Bill achieved

this through his knack of bringing the team together using his experience and professionalism.

Philip Nolen



Phil is currently the Unit Commander for the ACT State Emergency Services (ACTSES) Tuggeranong Unit where he is responsible for leadership and operational readiness. He has demonstrated service above self by always making himself available to be deployed across diverse roles including training, community support and ambulance volunteer. He is also a vocal supporter for inclusion, diversity and equity, spearheaded programs such as 'Male Champions of Change',

and Indigenous Youth Engagement Program. Phil and his wife have been part of the service for a combined 20+ years, and have been doing so while taking care of their ageing parents and their grandchildren.



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The ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) is the ACT Government organisation charged with providing emergency management services to the Canberra community.

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



Our workforce profile includes over 2200 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.



*Previous Finalists of Rotary Clubs of ACT Emergency Services
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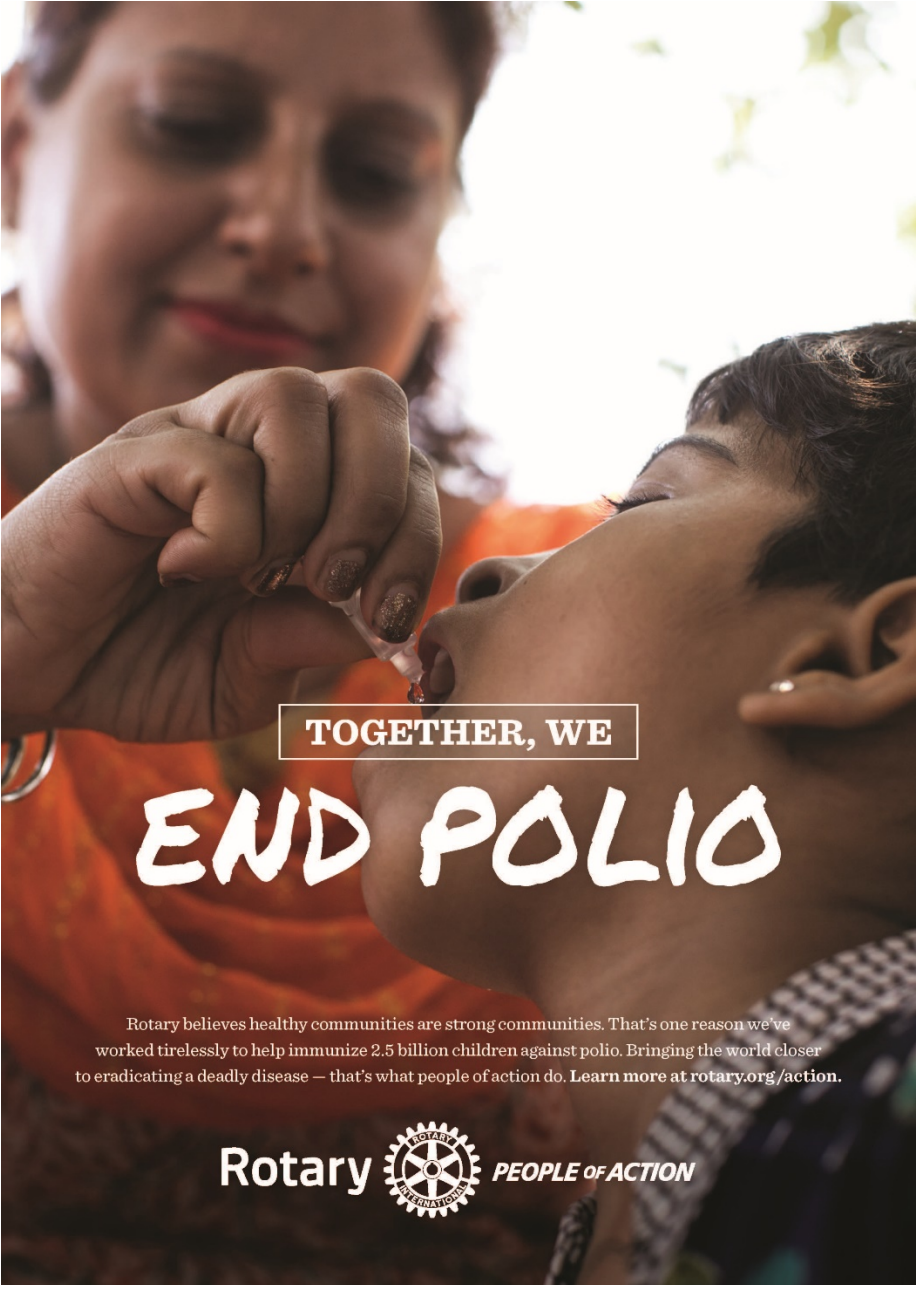
Mark Blake	ACT Fire and Rescue
Sue Elsbury	ACT SES
Andy Francey	ACT Ambulance
Anthony Kidney	ACT Rural Fire Service
Norm Nelson	ACT SES
Mark Sedgman	ACT Rural Fire Service
Robert Thompson	ACT Rural Fire Service

2019

Heike Apps	ACT Enabling Services
Sebastian Boehm	ACT Fire and Rescue
Matthew Buchtman	ACT Fire and Rescue
Martin Harris	ACT Rural Fire Service
Colin Pedersen	ACT SES
Julia Rozycka	ACT SES
Mark Westhorp	ACT Ambulance
Robert Wiggins	ACT Ambulance

2020

Susith Adikari	ACT Ambulance
Roger Edwards	ACT SES
Simon Gallagher	ACT Ambulance
Ian Morey	ACT Rural Fire Service
Kaylee Rutland	ACT Enabling Services
Tania Thompson	ACT Ambulance
Jaimie Vincent	ACT Enabling Services
Shelly Walsh	ACT SES

A close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing an orange sari, administering a polio vaccine to a young boy. The woman is holding a small glass vial and using a dropper to place a drop of vaccine into the boy's mouth. The boy is looking up at the woman. The background is softly blurred, showing some green foliage.

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Rotary believes healthy communities are strong communities. That's one reason we've worked tirelessly to help immunize 2.5 billion children against polio. Bringing the world closer to eradicating a deadly disease — that's what people of action do. Learn more at rotary.org/action.

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The Rotary Clubs of ACT Emergency Services Community Awards for 2022

Lock these key dates into your diary now!

Nominations Open: March 2022*

Nominations Close: May 2022*

Finalists Announced June 2022*

Awards Night: August 2022*

*actual dates to be confirmed

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