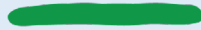
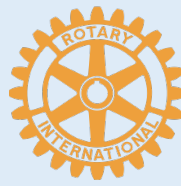


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ACT Emergency Services Community Awards 2022



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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 Mental Health in Emergency Services Personnel**.

While individual services have specific internal awards, the Rotary Clubs of 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:

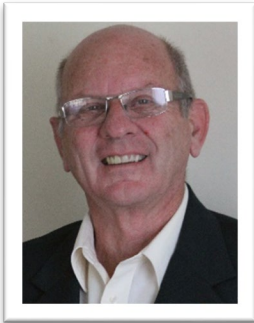
- Australian Capital Territory Ambulance
- Australian Capital Territory Enabling Services
- Australian Capital Territory Fire and Rescue
- Australian Capital Territory Rural Fire
- Australian Capital Territory State Emergency Service
- ACT Policing

Beneficiary of the Awards is an Australian Rotary Health PhD Research Scholarship investigating mental health 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 5th 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, ACT Policing Chief Police Officer, Sponsors, Partners, Guests and Fellow Rotarians.

Congratulations to each of our 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.

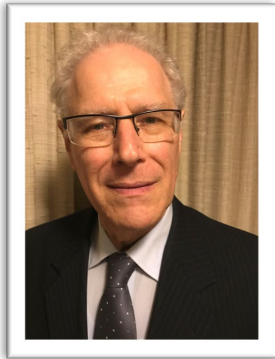
To our partners/sponsors, who so generously contribute financially or, in kind, to make this event possible thank you.

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 Police and 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 fantastic that the members of ACT Policing join the Rotary Clubs of ACT awards program making the awards program in ACT truly for all emergency services workers.

PATRON'S COMMENDATION



There is no doubt that the last few years have highlighted the dependence we in the Canberra community have on our dedicated and extraordinary emergency services personnel, both employees and volunteers.

The bushfires are embedded in our memories, though we are so fortunate not to have had a repeat. This will, given the progress of climate change, probably be just putting off the evil day. We can look with huge gratitude that we have not suffered the devastating floods of the South-Eastern Queensland and Northern New

South Wales, though the more recent flooding in Sydney shows a worrying southward trend.

Yet, COVID-19 and its more problematic variants is still with us and numbers of infections, as well as hospitalisation and deaths, continue to increase. We also have a disturbing number of major car collisions which regrettably often show the lethal potential of the motor car, especially if misused, despite the importance it has in Canberra in particular.

Recently, pressure on ambulances and the COVID-19 effect has meant that other emergency services personnel have stepped up so as to assist to ensure that the response that we have come to expect and appreciate could be delivered.

Fundamental to all of this are the experienced, committed and effective people who actually provide these services that address the pain, trauma, loss, distress and suffering caused by such emergencies. It is to their credit that we have been so well served, and continue to be well-served, so that we have come to assume that such support will be available when needed, rather like we expect the lights to come on when we turn on a switch.

The highly appropriate and now admired Rotary International ACT Emergency Services Community Awards provide a genuine appreciation for the work of these essential people and I am sure that the Awards are respected for the recognition they provide to all emergency services people and particularly to those distinguished members of the services who are nominated, chosen as the finalists and awardees.

I am proud and delighted as Patron of the Awards to be associated with this contribution to the admiration that we, as the community of Canberra, must and do give to all emergency services workers and volunteers.

Acting Justice Richard Refshauge
Acting Judge, ACT Supreme Court



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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 the ACT Minister for Police and Emergency Services, I am proud to be partnering with Rotary ACT to honour our police and emergency services personnel through the Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards in 2022.

The Rotary Emergency Service Community Awards is the only wholly community organised and run 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 both ACT Policing and the ACT Emergency Services Agency are making to the community.

The past few years have been hard on our ACT emergency responders who have worked tirelessly through bushfires, storms, and a health pandemic. These awards showcase the high calibre of our emergency personnel and are an important way that our community can recognise the ongoing dedication and commitment of our frontline responders.

I would 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.

I congratulate all nominees, finalists, and winners for the 2022 Rotary Emergency Service Community Awards.

Mick Gentleman MLA

Minister for Police and Emergency Services



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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 over 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
- Support the Environment

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 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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Australian First Responder Foundation

a not for profit charity dedicated to supporting the
mental fitness of Australia's first responders

The Australian First Responder Foundation is pleased to be a RESCA Community Partner and join in recognising the valuable contribution of all emergency first responders serving our communities. Congratulations to all nominees and award winners.

The AFRF is a volunteer based not for profit charity with a mission to improve the mental health and overall wellbeing of Australia's emergency first responders, through the weekend long delivery of evidence based programmes and the fostering of peer support

To date our programmes have supported more than 45 first responders, with many reporting improved coping and overall wellbeing skills at follow up. Our programmes are designed and presented by knowledgeable mental health clinicians, with lived experience, who facilitate the opportunity to come together, connect, learn, and develop skills and proven techniques to take into everyday life.

we need your help to continue our work

The AFRF programmes are funded by grants and donations so in order to continue our work, we ask that you consider donating to us too.

Please scan the links below to access our donation page and to access further information about the work we do.



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2022 FINALISTS

ACT AMBULANCE SERVICE

Megan Davis



Megan is the Operations Manager for the ACT Ambulance Service and supervises more than 50 on road ambulance members. She is recognised by her colleagues to be compassionate and highly professional due to her selfless dedication to ensure there is no disruption in ambulance services. Outside of work, Megan is actively involved in supporting breast cancer survivors with their rehabilitation



ACT FIRE & RESCUE

Chris Hart



Chris is a Station Officer with ACTF&R and has demonstrated selfless devotion to support his community whether in uniform or off-duty, for the past 20 years. In July 2019, along with Fire and Rescue crews, he saved children from a house fire in south Canberra, an incident that grabbed nationwide attention. While off duty, Chris assisted a group of local paddlers in attempting to rescue a fellow kayaker in a drowning incident that occurred on the Murrumbidgee River.

Chris continues to provide mentoring and training in Technical Rescue disciplines to improve the skills of ACTF&R personnel to support the Canberra Community



2022 FINALISTS

ACT POLICING

Loryn Reynolds



Loryn has been with ACT Policing for nearly 15 years. She has worked in a number of areas, most recently as a peer support officer in the ACT Police Welfare Team. Recently she was recognised with the Commissioner's Medal for Conspicuous Conduct for going above and beyond her regular duties. Loryn is the first to volunteer to assist in a crisis, be it local or further afield, and is a long-time member and Chair of her children's school board. In her spare time, Loryn coaches a local

basketball team and supports regional agricultural shows as a judge and steward.

Sandra Malnar



Sandra has volunteered more than 10,500 hours with ACT Policing. She has gone above and beyond her work expectations to support not only her immediate colleagues but other agencies too. For instance, she provided overnight catering support to a search and rescue team of ACT State Emergency Services. Similarly, she supported Police Officers at the Old and New Parliament House during the 2022 protests. Sandra has always made herself available to assist the service and is the go-to person in case of backfilling of positions

2022 FINALISTS

ACT RURAL FIRE SERVICE



Christopher Condon



Christopher is a Senior Rural Liaison Officer with ACT Rural Fire Services and has dedicated substantial time towards bushfire mitigation and community resilience strategies. Concurrently, he also supports volunteers and staff as a Peer Support Officer. His selfless service is best demonstrated during the recent 2019-20 fire season, where he left his residence which was in the vicinity of the Orroral fire to provide firsthand information to the rural and urban community.

Joel Doble



From a very young age Joel has demonstrated service above self. He has been serving as a volunteer surf lifesaver with Batemans Bay Surf Lifesaving Club. At the age of six, he joined lifesaving nippers and started officially “patrolling” at the age of 13. In his current capacity as a volunteer Senior Firefighter with ACT Rural Fire Services he was deployed to the Orroral valley fire strike team and ACT’s COVID response team. Away from his core duty, Joel enjoys engaging with children, sharing his passion for emergency services.



2022 FINALISTS

ACT STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

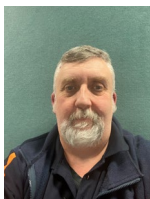
Len Morris



. Len joined the ACT State Emergency Services in 2018. He is passionate about preparing communities for natural disasters. As a volunteer, he has actively engaged diverse communities, especially culturally and linguistically diverse community in the ACT. During the 2019-20 bushfires, he raised awareness of the dangers by going door to door. He additionally met with Canberrans and tailored unique bushfire survival plans for their needs. Len's outreach activities go well beyond his core duties. He has run disaster

preparedness workshops with high-school students and facilitates information sessions across Canberra often in his native Japanese for members of the Japanese community.

Graham Ible



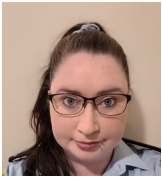
Graham has been working with ACT State Emergency Services for 30+ years and is recognised for his outstanding leadership qualities. He is known to have mentored several new recruits, setting them up for success whilst ensuring their safe return from duty. He has also played an integral role in modernising alert systems for storms and floods to keep Canberrans safe and connected even during the most trying of times.

2022 FINALISTS

ACT Emergency Services SUPPORT SERVICES



Meredith Leach



Meredith has been assisting ACT ESA Support Services as a Business Support Officer, and was involved with the territory's COVID-19 response. She assisted in successfully scaling up and delivering 400,000 COVID-19 RAT tests at a time to ACT schools. This involved long hours of work for ten continuous weeks with the outcome being that students could return to in-person teaching



ACT EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY

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.





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ACT Policing is the community policing arm of the Australian Federal Police (AFP). They are responsible for providing quality and effective policing services to the ACT in partnership with the community and the ACT Government.

Their mission is to keep the peace and preserve public safety within the ACT. They strive to deliver a professional, innovative and effective policing service in an ever changing environment for the ACT community.



Finalists of Rotary Clubs of ACT Emergency Services Community Awards over the years

2018	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
2019	Robert Thompson	ACT Rural Fire Service
	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
2020	Robert Wiggins	ACT Ambulance
	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
2021	Shelly Walsh	ACT SES
	John Berry	ACT Ambulance
	William Black	ACT SES
	David Bremers	ACT Fire & Rescue
	Philip Nolen	ACT SES
	Christopher Puschak	ACT Rural Fire Service
	Rohan Scott	ACT Rural Fire Service
	Tina Siver	ACT Rural Fire Service
	Brett Vey	ACT Rural Fire Service

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PhD SCHOLARSHIP investigating
MENTAL HEALTH IN EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL**

Australian Rotary Health will provide a stipend and incidental support for a postgraduate student who is undertaking full time research in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder relating to the Emergency Services sector

The inaugural scholar was appointed in 2018 and now funds raised will enable a second scholarship to be secured.

**The annual value of the "Australian Rotary Health/Rotary Clubs of NSW & ACT PTSD Funding Partner Scholarship" is \$30,000.
Enquiries email to: admin@arh.org.au
www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au**





SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

The Rotary Clubs of ACT Emergency Services Community Awards for 2023

Lock these key dates into your diary now!

Nominations Open: 1st March 2023*

Nominations Close: May 2023*

Finalists Announced June 2023*

Awards Night: 11th August 2023*

*actual dates to be confirmed

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