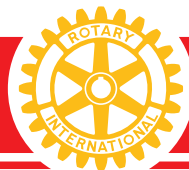


Message from Vice Regal Patron



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Message from

**His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)
Governor of New South Wales**

Every day in New South Wales, people put their own lives on the line to save others.

As the Patron of Rotary NSW Emergency Services Community Awards, I am delighted to have this opportunity to thank Emergency Services personnel who perform outstanding community service above and beyond the call of normal duty, and who best exemplify the Rotary motto of *'Service above Self'*.

I congratulate all of our 2017 Finalists, and those nominated from the six New South Wales Emergency Service Organisations:

- Fire and Rescue New South Wales
- Marine Rescue New South Wales
- New South Wales Ambulance
- New South Wales Rural Fire Service
- New South Wales State Emergency Service
- New South Wales Volunteer Rescue Association.

This year's Rotary NSW Emergency Services Community Awards will support two important initiatives:

- A new Australian Rotary Health - PhD Research Scholarship investigating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Emergency Services Personnel; and
- An upcoming Rotary / NSW Emergency Services Training Team deployment to Vanuatu to undertake Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Training.

On behalf of the people of New South Wales, I thank you for your invaluable, professional and generous service to the community of New South Wales in times of need and crisis, and for planning for the training and well-being of our Emergency Services men and women.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D Hurley".

**General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)
Governor of New South Wales**