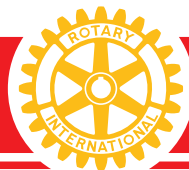


# Message from the Chairperson



On behalf of the Rotary Districts and Clubs of NSW I am delighted to welcome to the 3rd Rotary NSW Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA), each of the twenty-four finalists, their partners, family, colleagues and friends from across New South Wales.

I acknowledge our Vice-Regal Patron – His Excellency General The Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) Governor of New South Wales; The Hon Troy Grant MP, Minister for Emergency Services; Mrs Leslie Gladys Williams MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health, Commissioners of the NSW Emergency Service Agencies, Rotary District 9675 Governor, Stephen Britten, Sponsors, Partners, Guests and fellow Rotarians.

Tonight's Awards recognise Emergency Service members in a paid and volunteer capacity, for their SERVICE ABOVE SELF in their communities, which is in harmony with Rotary's ethos. Nominations have been received from colleagues, family, the community and Rotarians from across NSW.

Congratulations and thank you to each of our finalists, we truly value your support on a day-to-day basis. To families, friends, colleagues and nominators, thank you for your participation.

Our table program provides details of all finalists. As well, information about our partners and supporters who have so generously contributed to help make this event possible. We would especially like to recognise our Principal Partner NRMA Insurance and Gold Sponsors Remondis Australia and First State Super.

A sincere appreciation to the Steering Committee representatives of the six Emergency Service Commissioners; Rotarians from Rotary Districts across the State; and the host Rotary District 9675 Clubs.

Tonight's event will continue to fund the Australian Rotary Health PhD Research Scholarship investigating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Emergency Services workers and Vanuatu Vocational Training Teams.

Tonight, we farewell the outbound Rotary Emergency Services Vanuatu Vocational Training Team (VTT) under the leadership of Rotarian Ian Johnston. The team was selected over twelve months ago and have been working with Vanuatu Agencies to facilitate training in best practices and the latest thinking in emergency and disaster preparedness.

I am truly grateful to all who have trusted and supported me in this amazing journey, most importantly my husband Bob, family, friends, Fellow Rotarians and mentors - thank you one and all.

**Dorothy (Dot) L Hennessy, OAM PP PHF Sapphire**

D9675 Chair, Rotary NSW Emergency Services Community Awards

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