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### It's not too late to nominate for the NT Volunteer of the Year Awards

Volunteering SA&NT in collaboration with the NT Government, is pleased to announce the close of awards nominations for the 2016 Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards has now been extended until Thursday, 21 April.

"Many sporting, recreational, cultural and emergency response organisations in the Territory could not exist without the work of volunteers. Their contribution cannot be underestimated," Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

"The recent flooding in Nauiyu (Daly River) community highlighted how important volunteers are in our community and it's a fitting time to reflect on the contributions of volunteers and their role in delivering important services to other Territorians.

"It is fantastic that so many people are willing to give up their valuable time for others and their hard work should be commended."

Volunteering SA&NT CEO, Evelyn O'Loughlin, says that due to a number of requests from organisations, the closing date has been extended to give them more time to honour their volunteers.

"The contribution of volunteers is absolutely vital in the NT community and the awards are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge just that," Ms O'Loughlin said.

There are five categories:

- The Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Achievement
- The Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Service
- The Chief Minister's Medal for Emergency Service
- Volunteering SA&NT Award for Organisational Excellence (Small Organisation)
- Volunteering SA&NT Award for Organisational Excellence (Large Organisation)

Each organisation is also able to select one volunteer within their organisation to receive a Certificate of Appreciation as an acknowledgement and to let them know their time, efforts and what they contribute is appreciated.

The Awards Ceremony will be held in July 2016.

To nominate please visit [http://www.volunteering.sa.gov.au/VSA\\_EVENTS\\_NT](http://www.volunteering.sa.gov.au/VSA_EVENTS_NT) and download the information, or contact Volunteering SA&NT at [ntvolawards@volunteering.sa.gov.au](mailto:ntvolawards@volunteering.sa.gov.au)

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