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Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards

Volunteering SA&NT in collaboration with the NT Government, is pleased to announce nominations are now open for the 2016 Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards.

"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."

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)

Volunteering SA&NT CEO, Evelyn O'Loughlin whole heartedly agrees with the Chief Minister that volunteers' contributions are "so valuable and valued in the NT community and this is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge that."

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.

Nominations close in 17 April 2016 and the Awards Ceremony will be held in July 2016.

To nominate please visit http://www.volunteering.sa.org.au/VSA_EVENTS_NT and download the information, or contact Volunteering SA&NT at ntvolawards@volunteering.sa-nt.org.au

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