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VOLUNTEERS – KEEPING UP THEIR GREAT WORK

This year, more than ever we are asking for your help in recognising and acknowledging the all-important volunteering sector in the Northern Territory.

Nominations for the NT Volunteer of the Year Awards open today, with the categories recognising volunteers, organisations, teams, managers, as well as long serving volunteers.

We all know someone that volunteers – so why not stand up and give a big shout out to those people who tirelessly give back to their community.

Volunteer managers aren't forgotten either, or the volunteer involving organisations – there are a wide range of people who make up the vast sector.

There are six categories for both the Top End and Central Australia and include the overall Chief Minister's Volunteer of the Year Award.

In their eleventh year, the Awards recognise the outstanding contribution of Northern Territory volunteers, volunteer involving organisations, volunteer managers and corporate volunteering programs.

CEO Evelyn O'Loughlin said that over the past few months, the volunteering sector has experienced major change due to Coronavirus COVID-19.

"It hasn't been an easy time with the vulnerable group of volunteers temporarily stepping down.

"At the same time, organisations experienced an increase in demand for their services, such as food relief and homelessness support services.

"Organisations had to adapt and be innovative in a fast changing world, and by nominating in the Awards, they will be acknowledged for their valuable volunteering work," Ms O'Loughlin said.

[Find out how to easily nominate](#) and get your nomination in by 9 August 2020.

The gala presentations will be held in Alice Springs on 4 November and Darwin on 5 November.
Note: If NT Government guidelines restrict the physical attendance, they will become virtual.

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AWARD CATEGORIES

Central Australia Awards

- Chief Minister's Volunteer of the Award
- Chief Minister's Youth Volunteer of the Year Award
- Emergency Service Volunteer Award
- Jacana Energy Community Volunteer Organisation/Team of the Year
- INPEX Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award
- Excellence in Volunteer Management Award
- NT Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation

Top End Awards

- Chief Minister's Volunteer of the Award
- Chief Minister's Youth Volunteer of the Year Award
- Emergency Service Volunteer Award
- Jacana Energy Community Volunteer Organisation/Team of the Year
- INPEX Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award
- Excellence in Volunteer Management Award
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