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## APPLAUDING NORTHERN TERRITORY VOLUNTEERS

What better way to show gratitude to all of our great volunteers in the Northern Territory, than to nominate them in the Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Our dedicated and passionate people, from all walks of life, have earned the accolades and deserve to be applauded for their invaluable work and commitment to helping others.

These prestigious awards promote the important contribution of volunteering to the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of the Northern Territory, paying tribute to those who inspire and promote the spirit of volunteerism through exemplary endeavours.

And it is not only volunteers that are recognised, volunteer managers and coordinators, individuals, organisations and teams are also included.

Nominations open today, and we are excited to announce two new categories. The first highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander volunteers, and the second, International students.

The Award categories are divided between Central Australia and Top End, with winners announced at gala presentation ceremonies in November (Central Australia 9 November and Top End 11 November 2021).

Sector Services Manager for Volunteering NT, Kym Cairns said she was looking forward to hearing the heartfelt stories that help shine the limelight on our incredible volunteering sector.

“Volunteers are humble, they are not looking to take centre stage, but they definitely deserve to be there,” said Ms Cairns.

Take Kindness Shake Inc, last year’s winner of the *Community Bendigo Bank Alice Springs* Community Volunteer of the Organisation of the Year who support international students, migrants, refugees and temporary visa holders who are experiencing financial difficulties.

“The community spirit is alive and well with organisations like this, and they join many other like-minded organisations to ensure that people feel truly connected and supported in the community”, Ms Cairns said.

[Find out how easy it is to nominate](#) and complete your nominations by 3 September 2021.

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## **2021 AWARD CATEGORIES**

### **Central Australia**

1. Chief Minister's Volunteer of the Year Award
2. Chief Minister's Youth Volunteer of the Year Award
3. Chief Minister's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander of the Year Award
4. Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year Award
5. Community Volunteer Organisation/Team of the Year Award
6. INPEX Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award
7. Alice Springs Town Council Excellence in Volunteer Management Award
8. NT Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation

### **Top End**

1. Chief Minister's Volunteer of the Award
2. Chief Minister's Youth Volunteer of the Year Award
3. Chief Minister's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander of the Year Award
4. Study NT International Student Volunteer of the Year Award
5. Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year Award
6. Community Volunteer Organisation/Team of the Year Award
7. INPEX Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award
8. Excellence in Volunteer Management Award
9. NT Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation

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