



MEDIA RELEASE

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DUAL WIN FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER

Dual winner Catherine Driver, a NTES volunteer has taken out two Emergency Service Awards in the prestigious NT Volunteer of the Year Awards 2022.

Winning both the Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year, and the new NTSESVA Emergency Services Youth Volunteer of the Year Award, Catherine has been recognised for her commitment in the community.

Catherine has been with the NTSES Alice Springs Volunteer Unit since 2015 and is an active member of the Vertical Rescue Team, actively participating in community and education awareness campaigns. She is qualified in Air Search Operations, as well as Storm Damage, Chainsaw and Land Search.

As a NTES representative at the National Disaster Rescue Challenge, Catherine furthers her leadership skills at the biennial events, as well as giving her time to mentor and support new volunteer members.

Another notable winner of the Chief Minister's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Volunteer of the Year Award is Kevron Foster. Kevron started volunteering with Foodbank Alice Springs soon after they started in September 2021. He is a well-liked and valuable member of the team, lifting the mood, with both the workforce and customers, with his cheerful personality and can-do attitude.

Other winning volunteers represent a diverse cross-section of organisations including Bushfires NT, Rotary Alice Springs Henley on Todd Incorporated, NTES and Purple House.

Hamilton Calder, CEO Volunteering SA&NT said that the winners were humbled to be recognised for doing something that comes from the heart.

"These amazing people from all walks of life, have chosen to give back to the community, and their volunteering is done without expectations.

"They are an inspiration and deserve to be celebrated," said Hamilton.

In their 14th year, the NT Volunteer of the Year Awards continue to recognise the exceptional contribution of volunteers and organisations all working for the benefit of the community.

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2022 WINNERS

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Chief Minister's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Volunteer of the Year Award

Winner: Kevron Foster, Foodbank Alice Springs

Chief Minister's Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

Winner: Tyler Bevan, Alice Springs Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, Bushfires NT

Chief Minister's Volunteer of the Year Award

Winner – Peter Mostran, Rotary Alice Springs Henley on Todd Incorporated

Highly Commended – Russell North, Heart Foundation Alice Springs, Cycling Club, Alice Springs Running and Walking

NT SESVA Emergency Services Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

Winner: Catherine Driver, NTES

Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year Award

Winner: Catherine Driver, NTES

Excellence in Volunteer Management Award

Winner: Simon Casey, Alice Springs Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, Bushfires NT

INPEX Community Volunteer Organisation/Team of the Year Award

Winner: Purple House



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