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VOLUNTEERS – OUR UNSUNG HEROES

Don't leave it too late to nominate somebody who you think deserves to be recognised for their incredible and invaluable involvement in your community.

Whether it's a volunteer or a volunteer manager – anyone who works in volunteering can be nominated. Or it may be for outstanding service by a volunteer involving organisation or in recognition of a fantastic corporate volunteering program.

There are five categories each for the Top End and Central Australia and then three overall categories for the Northern Territory wide awards.

Last year, Lesley King, a well respected and much admired member of St John Ambulance NT, was the NT Volunteer of the Year. Lesley was selected from the winners in the individual award categories with one of the judges citing that Lesley was not only an amazing leader in the community but to the entire sector.

CEO Evelyn O'Loughlin said that there are many more unsung heroes such as Lesley and she encourages everyone to have a look around, to see who is doing great work for no financial reward and who deserves to be recognised.

"Our research shows that a person's passion is what motivates them to volunteer with dual benefits for themselves and the individuals, organisations and communities they are helping.

"The feelings of greater wellbeing and happiness for the volunteer is intensified knowing that they are helping out others and making an impact in their communities.

"It's a win-win and 70,000 volunteers in the Northern Territory can't be wrong," said Ms O'Loughlin.

The nomination process is easy and a full list of award categories and further information can be found at www.volunteeringsa-nt.org.au search NT Awards.

Nominations close 19 August 2018 with award presentations held in Alice Springs on 7 November and in Darwin on 8 November.

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