

For Immediate Release | 2 February 2021 Tasmanian Volunteering Awards 2021 – Last Chance to Nominate

The sixth annual Tasmanian Volunteering Awards are the only state-wide awards program showcasing inspiring stories and recognising excellence in volunteering. **Nomination close in less than two weeks.**

After a particularly challenging year for many people, there is no better time to thank, recognise, and acknowledge the incredible efforts of volunteers, volunteer managers and organisations. Their contributions have kept Tasmanian communities supported and connected.

Attracting hundreds of nominations from around the state each year, nominations are now open until midnight 15th March 2021. All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition and will be considered for one of the ten state-wide Awards, with the winners announced on Monday 17th May 2021 - marking National Volunteer Week - at a special event.

Volunteering is critical to our state and volunteers can be found in almost every sector and most certainly in every community. 297,000 Tasmanians volunteer contributing on average 4.4 hours a week to their fellow Tasmanians. The value of volunteering in Tasmania is \$4 billion dollars every year.

Chief Executive Officer of Volunteering Tasmania, Lisa Schimanski, encourages people to recognise volunteer contribution by nominating a volunteer or volunteer program.

"The value of volunteering is undeniable. Volunteering connects us to ourselves, it connects us to others, and it connects us to our communities. In every location and every realm of life's activities there are volunteers." she said.

"The Tasmanian Volunteering Awards celebrate those amazing people contributing across Tasmania – every contribution is significant."

The Tasmanian Volunteering Awards are an important initiative of Volunteering Tasmania and are supported by the Tasmanian Government, category sponsors and Volunteering Tasmania's Patron, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC, Governor of Tasmania.

Tasmanians are being urged to show support and nominate in one of ten Tasmanian Volunteering Award categories.

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The Tasmanian Volunteering Award 2021 Categories

- 1. Arts, Heritage, Tourism and Events Volunteer Award
- 2. Community Care and Health Volunteer Award
- 3. Sport, Recreation and Service Group Volunteer Award
- 4. Volunteer Group or Program Award
- 5. Best Practice in Volunteer Management Award
- 6. Emergency Services Volunteer Award
- 7. Environment, Animal Care and Conservation Volunteer Award
- 8. Education, Science and Technology Volunteer Award
- 9. Lifetime Achievement Volunteering Award
- 10. Youth Volunteer Award **NEW**

Nominations close midnight Monday 15th March www.volunteeringtas.org.au/tasmanian-volunteering-awards-2021/

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