

MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON



One of the defining characteristics of a healthy community is the way in which it cares for those its members in need. While this is done in our community in many ways, the work of our Emergency Services staff and volunteers is an outstanding and fundamental part.

There in the time of great need, often putting themselves and risk and in a spirit of service and conscientious commitment, our Emergency Services workers make an invaluable and enormous contribution to our community.

It is extraordinarily appropriate that we should celebrate what they do and recognise their service and sacrifice. The Rotary International ACT Emergency Services Community Awards do that very well and I am delighted and honoured as Patron to be part of that important acknowledgement of the outstanding work of these fundamentally valuable contributors to our healthy community.

I commend these awards as a wonderful opportunity for all to show Canberra's appreciation for our Emergency Services workers and encourage all to participate in whatever way they can to make the Awards a truly magnificent recognition and affirmation of this work.

The Hon Richard Refshauge SC
Retired Supreme Court Justice.