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CELEBRATING EXCEPTIONAL NT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering brings many unexpected rewards, and for past winners in the NT Volunteer of the Year Awards, being publicly recognised for doing something that comes from the heart, and without expectations, is humbling.

For thirteen years, these prestigious Awards have recognised the exceptional contribution of not only individual volunteers, but volunteer involving organisations, volunteering programs and volunteer managers, all working for the benefit of the community.

Volunteering is time willingly given for the common good and without financial gain, and volunteering makes up the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of the Northern Territory.

With nominations open until 19 August 2022, there are Award categories suited to everyone. From the overall Chief Minister's Volunteer of the Year Award to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Volunteers and Emergency Services, Community Organisations and Teams, to Volunteer Managers.

Young people are recognised too with the inaugural Emergency Services Youth Volunteer of the Year Award sitting alongside the Chief Minister's Youth Volunteer of the Year Award.

The Award categories are divided between Central Australia and Top End, with winners announced at gala presentation ceremonies in October 2022 (Central Australia 18 October and Top End 20 October).

Leroy Gazey, now 18 has an unselfish desire to serve his community, and his thirst for knowledge is evident in his volunteering positions. Leroy is currently volunteering with Palmerston SES and Elizabeth Valley Bush Fire Brigade, and previously was with NTES, Katherine Volunteer Bushfire Brigade and the Australian Airforce Cadets (AAFC).

Leroy said that winning the Award was a huge surprise and although humbled, he was excited to be recognised for his volunteering.

"Like so many fellow volunteers, I'm not in it for the honour, I just want to help as many people as I can, and to make a real difference in the community," said Leroy.

[To find out more and nominate](#)

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2022 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 Volunteer of the Year Award
4. Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year Award
5. Emergency Services Youth Volunteer of the Year Award
6. Community Volunteer Organisation/Team of the Year Award
7. Excellence in Volunteer Management Award
NT Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation

Top End

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 Volunteer of the Year Award
4. Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year Award
5. Emergency Services Youth Volunteer of the Year Award
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