## On behalf of ROTARY DISTRICT 9675 Rotary Clubs of Western Harbour Breakfast Point, Burwood, Drummoyne, Granville.



## **Never a Dull Moment**

NSW Emergency Services Community Awards

#### THE RWHESCA awards in March 2018

Following on from the enthusiasm of community spirit this club, that year, endeavoured to renaissance the image of Rotary in one item we identified as needing for the community. The Emergency Services.

Examples that have happened since 2018 refer you to:

- The 2019 Xmas bushfires devastating the whole of the SE Australia
- The 2020 COVID 19
- The breaking of the drought by extraordinary rain and flooding e.g. Lismore.
- Flooding and high wind damages in our own neighbourhoods, getting quite regular lately, Lightning damages, loss of life, loss of large trees.

# DEVASTATING, but luckily, organised groups of Men and Women, our Emergency Services, OUR HEROS, give of themselves, heart and soul, above self to save our lives and belongings.

The RWHESCA event, intended to recognise their bravery, proved a challenge demanding self resilience and persistence to ensure its success. In fact persistence was my ally. I owe credit to the Strathfield Board for my determination and success as a member of the Club and the chairmanship for the four clubs that partnered the event. I would like to thank Past President Rick and the remainder of the Board. It was a very interesting and interactive year. Never a dull moment.

It was held with the coordination of 4 other Rotary Clubs and it was a major success. I remain very proud of the support I received from most of the Club Members both in well wishes and financially to ensure the success of the night. I thank the Club members that attended the event and those that donated but couldn't attend. Six Awardees were recognised and their candidature fed into D9675 RESCA nominations.

Charity Funds distributed as \$6000 donated to ARH towards PhD Scholarship Research into PTSD for Emergency Personnel. \$1500 donated to PCYC. \$1035 donated for Tathra NSW Bushfires.

Please click on the photos and enjoy and recognise who was there.

The event received nothing but accolades for its staging and being such a grand success. The various teams of the western harbour clubs, Strathfield members and the sponsors, made it all possible.

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