Selfless in times of crisis

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As president of the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise and the Paramedic of the Year Award committee, it is my honour to present this year’s award to the most deserving paramedic in our community.

The award ceremony will be held at Parliament House on Friday, August 9 and will be hosted by Health Minister Kon Vatskalis.

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We say ‘thank you’

Message from
Joy Passmore
Rotary Club Darwin Sunrise president

As president of the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise, it is a great honour to be associated with the Paramedic of the Year Award now in its 11th year.

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The role that paramedics play in our community is a vital, but often overlooked one. Their devotion to a role that puts them at the front line of incidents that the majority of us would hope to avoid in our lifetimes, is admirable.

"How is it, for the most part, a role that goes unnoticed or at the least, unrecognised. Through these annual awards we are able, in some small part, to lift the profile of these amazing people and to highlight the truly wonderful part they play in our community.

"It is our small way of saying ‘thank you’ to a group of people, without whose dedication to their chosen profession, we would be much worse off.

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Fitting reward: Sue Gibson was last year’s award winner

Previous winners

Past winners of the Paramedic of the Year Award:
2009: Sue Gibson — — — — — — — — (Alice Springs)
2008: Beverley Hellyer — — — — — — — — — — (Katherine)
2007: Chris Wilson — — — — — — — — — — (Tennant Creek)
2006: Annette Ingham — — — — — — — — — — (Darwin)
2005: Anthony Wood — — — — — — — — — — (Darwin)
2004: Trevor Keatch — — — — — — — — — — (Alice Springs)
2003: Sue Murphy and Karen Joyner — — communications officers (Darwin)
2002: Peter Poole — — — — — — — — — — (Darwin)
2001: Anne-Marie Muscat — — — — — — — — — (Darwin)
2000: Jim Leigh — — — — — — — — — — (Darwin)

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW INVITED

NOMINATIONS are now being sought for this year’s Paramedic of the Year Award with nomination forms available from St John Ambulance centres throughout the Territory, at the St John Ambulance Australia (NT) website www.stjohnnt.org.au and also on the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise website www.rotarnet.com.au/darwinsunrise

Nominations close Friday, July 23.

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The Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise initiated the Paramedic of the Year awards to acknowledge the chosen vocation of paramedics through the dedication and service they provide in communities throughout the Northern Territory, with the awards now in their 11th year.

Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise president Joy Passmore said: "As with my predecessors, it is my honour as president of the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise to be involved with this year’s award. The role that paramedics play in our community is a vital, but often overlooked one. Their devotion to a role that puts them at the front line of incidents, their dedication to a profession that is often overlooked, is admirable.

"However, it is, for the most part, a role that goes unnoticed or at the least, unrecognised.

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FIRST RESPONSE: Paramedics play a vital role in our community but it is often overlooked.