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2012 Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards Open

Acting Chief Minister Delia Lawrie today opened nominations for the 2012 Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards, which will be announced in May during National Volunteer Week.

The Awards, in partnership with Volunteering SA&NT, are now in their second year and aim to recognise and promote the importance of volunteering across all areas of the Territory community.

“Volunteers are the lifeblood of great Territory events, such as the Arafura Games, the Masters Games and the Glenti,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Volunteering also contributes greatly to the work of community organisations and builds diversity by bringing people from different walks of life together.”

“They are also critical to community safety during the extreme weather and fire events common in the Territory; be it Cyclones fire or floods.”

The awards have three categories:

- The Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Achievement;
- The Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Service; and
- The Volunteering SA&NT Award for Organisational Excellence.

“All people working in volunteer roles, including emergency services, are eligible for the awards, with winners receiving cash prizes to donate to their charity of choice,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Part of our Territory 2030 Strategy is to improve the level of volunteering in the Territory to a 50% participation rate by 2020, and I urge Territorians to nominate a volunteer they know, or get involved in volunteering themselves.”

For more information or to nominate, visit http://www.dcm.nt.gov.au/volunteers or call John at Volunteering SA&NT Darwin office on 08 8981 0027

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