Inaugural Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards

Deputy Chief Minister Delia Lawrie last night announced the winners of the inaugural Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards at a function in Parliament House.

Ms Lawrie said the awards were a chance to recognise Territorians who had given up their time to help others.

“Volunteers play an important role in the community helping out in emergency situations and are the lifeblood of many community organisations and great Territory events such as the Arafura Games, the Masters Games and the Glenti,” Ms Lawrie said.

“One third of adult Australians volunteer and it is important to recognise and celebrate their contribution to the community.

“It has been a busy year for Territory volunteers, particularly those in emergency services.

“This year NT emergency volunteers helped out during Cyclone Carlos, Cyclone Yasi, the floods and bushfires in Alice Springs and the earthquake in Christchurch.

“I thank all volunteers for their hard work over the year and congratulate all winners on this significant achievement.” Ms Lawrie said.

Winners of the NT Volunteer of the Year Awards:

Chief Minister’s Medal for Volunteer Service: John Pollock, Masters Swimming NT Inc
Chief Minister’s Medal for Volunteering Achievement: Shelley Ryan, Street Swag
Volunteering SA&NT Award for Organisational Excellence: St John Ambulance

Winners of the Police, Fire and Emergency Services Volunteer Awards:

National Medal: Volunteer Captain Robert (Lou) Cowan
NT Fire and Rescue Service Medal: Volunteer Fire Fighter Martin West
Northern Territory Emergency Service 10-year Certificate & Volunteer Service Medal:
Winners of the Most Valuable Volunteers Certificate:

Joanne Ahsam – Darwin Basketball Association
Sarah Amies – COOLmob and George Brown Botanical Gardens
Shirley D’Antoine – Heart Foundation
Gary Dunstan – Guide Dogs NT
Bonita Fong – Dragons Abreast Australia
Ruth Garden – Arthritis and Osteoporosis NT
Kay Goon – RSPCA Darwin
Kristine Hewer – Multicultural Council of the NT
Irene Kelly – Carers NT
Peta Khan – Melaleuca Refugee Centre
Christopher Love – Groote Eyelandt BMX Club
Alice Manwill – Ludmilla Creek Landcare Group Pty Ltd
Maria Louise Nardone – Anglicare NT, Community Enterprises Program
Caley Parker - George Brown Botanical Gardens
Fiona Peters – SIDS and Kids NT
Alan Peterson – Leukaemia Foundation
Heather Prendergast – Australian Red Cross - Northern Territory
Tara Price – Rapid Creek Landcare Group Inc
David Quan – Camp Quality
Mandy Rutherford – Friends of East Point Inc
Shelley Ryan – Street Swags Ltd
Mireille Santoni – Greening Australia NT
Creina Scally – Swimming NT
Jay Stevens – Conservation Volunteers NT
Ian Straker – Indigenous Community Volunteers
Nella Willis – Drovers Volunteer Service – Alice Springs Hospital
Sharon Winks – Variety NT
Jennifer Whyte – Dundee Progress Association
Di Trimble – Arafura Games Organising Committee
Darlene Wright – Frogwatch NT

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