Recognising our volunteers on International Volunteer Day

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The Giles Government is calling for nominations for the 2015 Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards recognising the hard work of those who give up their time for the community.

“These awards celebrate, recognise and reward the invaluable contribution volunteers make to the Territory,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“Many local community organisations could not survive without volunteer support and International Volunteer Day is a fitting time to recognise their efforts.

“Volunteers do a whole range of important work that makes the lives of others easier and safer.

“They may chip-in by assisting a charity, help-out at their local school or give up their time to work for an NGO overseas.

“I encourage all Territorians to spare a thought today for all those who contribute as volunteers. As a community, we simply could not do without them.”

The awards have been running since 2011 and next year they will include the following categories:

**Individual categories**

- **The Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Achievement** - In recognition of exceptional volunteer achievement by an individual.

- **The Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Service** - In recognition of a considerable volunteer contribution over an extended period of time by an individual as a volunteer.

- **The Chief Minister's Medal for Emergency Service** - In recognition of exceptional volunteer achievement (which may include considerable contributions over an extended period of time) within emergency services.

Individual winners will each receive $2500 to donate to a not-for-profit organisation of their choice.

**Organisation categories**
- **The Volunteering SA & NT Award for Organisational Excellence** - In recognition of a small organisation’s commitment to best practice in managing volunteers. Winners of this award will receive $2000.

- **The Volunteering SA & NT Award for Organisational Excellence** - In recognition of a large organisation’s commitment to best practice in managing volunteers. Winners will receive $3000.

The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at Parliament House during Volunteers Week in May next year.

Nominations for these awards close on 31 March 2015.

If you would like to say thank you to our hard working volunteers please go to the following website for more information: [http://dcm.nt.gov.au/volunteers](http://dcm.nt.gov.au/volunteers).

You can also contact Volunteers SA&NT at [NTvolawards@volunteeringsa-nt.org.au](mailto:NTvolawards@volunteeringsa-nt.org.au)

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