

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **National Volunteer Week 17 – 23 May 2021 QUEENSLAND VOLUNTEERS, THE HEROES OF THE STATE, WILL BE HONOURED AT THE QUEENSLAND VOLUNTEERING AWARDS.**

After an incredibly tumultuous year that was 2020, National Volunteer Week, May 17-23 2021 will celebrate the commendable efforts of volunteers across the sunshine state with the Queensland Volunteering Awards as the premier event of the week.

A year that saw our communities tested to their limits has proven that Queenslanders are not only resilient and selfless, but that they'll stop at nothing to help their communities to recover, keep going, and flourish.

You only have to look around your community to see the positive effects Queensland Volunteers make every day.

The Queensland Volunteering Awards received over 200 nominations statewide across 6 categories :

- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Youth Volunteering Award
- Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering Award
- Excellence in Volunteer Management Award
- Volunteering Impact Award
- Corporate Volunteering Award

With too many to list, among them were - disadvantaged youth learn to drive programs, sea life conservation, cancer treatment patient transport, surf lifesaving programs, immigrant services; assisting newly arrived community members to integrate and feel welcomed, boxing and other sporting programs allowing young people to become engaged in their communities, and many more.

**QUEENSLAND VOLUNTEERING AWARDS FRIDAY 21 MAY, 2021  
BRISBANE CITY HALL**

***(IN PERSON PRESS ATTENDANCE ON REQUEST, VOLUNTEER TALENT AVAILABLE)***

**LINK -** <https://volunteeringqld.org.au/nvw/awards>

The Queensland Volunteering Awards is a prestigious award ceremony honouring individuals and organisations and awarding the most dedicated and inspiring volunteers, volunteer managers and

volunteer-involving organisations across the sunshine state. This year, over 200 high quality nominations were received.

The awards ceremony will be held at Brisbane City Hall, Friday 21 May 2021 and be attended by His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, and Nina Schinnerer the Lady Mayoress of Brisbane and Chair of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust.

Volunteers will be honoured for their incredible efforts in all areas of volunteering from emergency services, healthcare, environmental conservation and animal welfare, as well as social and youth services.

For further information on National Volunteering Week 2021 and The Queensland Volunteering Awards 2021, please visit the Volunteering Queensland website.

## **LINKS**

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## **HASHTAGS**

#NVW2021 #Nationalvolunteerweek2021 #SOVQLD2021 #stateofvolunteeringqld2021  
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## ABOUT VOLUNTEERING QUEENSLAND

We are the state peak body we are solely dedicated to advancing and promoting volunteering for the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of Queensland.

Our work is vital to ensuring volunteer-involving organisations can engage, manage and retain the strong, effective volunteer workforce necessary to advance their mission and cause. We support volunteer participation that is inclusive, transformative, flexible and meaningful. We inform policy, good practice, research and development, regulation and decision-making that supports the sustainability and advancement of volunteering.

We actively campaign that investing in volunteering is fundamental to the continued prosperity of Queensland. The volunteering industry is a vital force that fuels the economy, connects and enriches the lives of Queenslanders, builds social and cultural value, and protects the environment.

Find out more at [volunteeringqld.org.au](https://volunteeringqld.org.au)

## THINKING ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED?

**Volunteering has many benefits for volunteers and the communities which they serve. Not sure how you can help, or what you'd like to do? Volunteering Queensland can help. We have a multitude of volunteering opportunities on our website. Visit <https://volunteeringqld.org.au/volunteers> Email [helpdesk@volunteeringqld.org.au](mailto:helpdesk@volunteeringqld.org.au) or speak to one of our volunteer coordinators on 07 3002 7600.**