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Calling for nominations for ACT Volunteer of the Year

NRMA Insurance and ACT Volunteering are calling for nominations for the 2003 ACT Volunteer of the Year awards. The awards recognise people who have made an outstanding contribution to the ACT community over the past year.

The response to the recent bushfires that devastated the ACT community clearly showed how the community works together at its best.

According to ACT Volunteering Executive Director, Mary Porter, the 2003 ACT Volunteer of the Year awards gives the ACT an opportunity to acknowledge those people who have given their time, and effort to help their community.

“In response to the number and calibre of nominations we received for the awards last year, and the events, such as the bushfires, that have defined our local community recently, we have decided to add an ‘*Emergency Services*’ category to the list of areas for nomination,” Ms Porter said.

Residents can nominate outstanding volunteers in the following areas:

- *Education*
- *Sport and Recreation*
- *Arts and Heritage*
- *Community*
- *Science and Technology*
- *Environment*
- *Health*
- *Emergency Services*

NRMA Insurance ACT Territory Manager, Phil Newton, said the Volunteer of the Year awards recognise people who are not often acknowledged for their efforts in supporting the community.

“NRMA Insurance are pleased to be associated with one of the few public acknowledgments of the role volunteers play in improving the welfare of our community,” Mr Newton said.

“NRMA Insurance has been involved in the ACT community for more than 50 years, with a focus on keeping our communities safer through injury prevention, crime prevention and by supporting emergency services.

“We have a long-standing commitment to the region through our support for Kidsafe, ACT Volunteering and the ACT Road Safety Trust.

“Most recently, NRMA Insurance donated \$100,000 to the Salvation Army Emergency Services to provide food vouchers for those affected by the horrendous bushfires,” Mr Newton said.

NRMA Insurance also provides two grant programs for organisations that work to reduce risk in the community – the Community Help program and NRMA Insurance CrimeSafe.

To nominate a volunteer call (02) 6251 4060 for an application and nomination form.

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