

NSW SES Volunteers to take part in Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Five young NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) volunteers from across the State have secured a once in a lifetime opportunity to take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), which is a week-long residential personal development program focusing on the individual, leadership and the community.

These Awards are sponsored by the NSW SES Volunteers Association, the NSW SES and their Community Partner Origin. The young volunteers were selected for their already demonstrated leadership qualities and commitment to the Service and come from all over the State including Ballina, Mudgee, Sydney and Shellharbour.

NSW SES Acting Commissioner, Greg Newton, believes the personal development program will benefit the young volunteers and the Service as a whole.

“This is an excellent opportunity for five of the NSW SES’s young volunteers to be involved in a program where they can develop teamwork and leadership skills, I’m sure the skills they acquire will be transferred back into the NSW SES and benefit these volunteers local SES units and wider communities,” said Mr Newton.

The NSW SES Volunteers Association President Charlie Moir is proud to support the future leaders of the NSW SES through this opportunity, and to recognise their service to the community.

“This is the second year we’ve sponsored young volunteers for this award and is only made possible through the support we receive from community donations,” Mr Moir said.

Origin’s General Manager, Retail Customer Operations, Jon Briskin, says “In partnership with NSW SES, Origin is committed to training up community young leaders of the future”.

“I hope by attending RYLA 2017 and developing new skills I will be able to increase my contribution to the NSWSES and also my own professional working life” said Tom Nicolls from Shellharbour unit.

Charlotte Morrison from Ballina unit quoted. “To attend RYLA will further my leadership skills with like-minded people as I am a Youth Team Leader at my unit.

“I want to be better as an emerging young leader in my unit,” Said Peter Lin from Liverpool.

Madi Nemec from Mudgee unit said “I would like to gain a greater understanding of what makes a good leader”.

Patrick Moore from Waverley/Woollahra said “I think this is a great opportunity to learn new skills to bring back to my unit and the local community.

The week long camp offers a unique experience and an opportunity to meet people from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. The camp will take place at Yarramundi on the South Coast of NSW in January 2017 and will feature a variety of activities designed to further develop their leadership skills. The camp will also feature a series of speakers who will challenge and inspire the young leaders.

The NSWSES Volunteers Association also assists with grants to volunteers each year.

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