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MEDIA ALERT – 5 December 2016

Launch of the 2017 Tasmanian Volunteering Awards

To celebrate International Volunteering Day on 5 December, Volunteering Tasmania will be launching the state-wide awards program in conjunction with Sarah Courtney, MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier.

These awards, hosted in partnership with Southern Cross Television, aim to recognise and reward the contribution of those who exhibit excellence in volunteering, and are Tasmania's only state-wide volunteering recognition program.

Volunteering Tasmania have created a television commercial highlighting the amazing variety and number of volunteers in every sector and community in Tasmania. In an independent study done by the Institute of Project Management in 2014, Tasmanians volunteer 7.1 million hours a year, with the value of volunteering to the Tasmanian community being \$4.9 billion annually.

“Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community, they selflessly give up their time for the benefit of others, without seeking thanks.” Premier Will Hodgman quoted in the TV commercial

There are a wide range of categories of Awards to vote for, including tourism, arts, heritage, sport and recreation, emergency volunteering and disaster relief, community care, education, science, animal care and conservation.

Individuals can also nominate their favourite Volunteer Manager or Corporate Volunteering program; in 2017 there is also new category this year which allows people to vote for their favourite volunteering group.

Tasmanians are invited to nominate through the Volunteer Tasmania website: www.volunteeringtas.org.au. Nominations open at 10am on Monday 5 December, and close at 5pm Friday 3 March 2017.

Awards and prizes will be presented at the beginning of National Volunteer Week, 8 May 2017; in a ceremony at Government House, hosted by Volunteering Tasmania's Patron, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, Governor of Tasmania.

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ABOUT VOLUNTEERING TASMANIA:

Volunteering Tasmania is the peak body for volunteering in the State, working closely with Volunteer Involving Organisations to promote and support volunteers; and advocating for the volunteering industry to funders and government. Volunteering Tasmania is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to represent the interests of all Tasmanians involved in volunteering through research, consultation, policy development and community relationships.

[Link to State of Volunteering Report 2014](#)

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