Award Recipients Announced at Volunteering Victoria's 2020 State Awards (COVID response)

Volunteering Victoria announced 4 recipients at its sixth annual State Awards by video broadcast on Thursday 26 November 2020.

"The State Awards celebrate the incredible examples of leadership and contribution volunteer-involving organisations, their leaders and volunteers make in our communities," said Scott Miller, Chief Executive of Volunteering Victoria.

"Leaders of volunteers play an important role in building and maintaining an effective volunteer effort. Congratulations to all the winners at our State Awards this year," added Miller.

The Awards covered 4 categories this year: Support and Connection Award, Innovation and Resilience Award (Grassroots), Resilience Award and Innovation Award. A panel of judges drawn from the volunteering sector considered nominations and picked the winners.

The annual State Awards showcase the commitment, diversity and impact of Victoria's volunteer managers, volunteering programs and volunteer-involving organisations.

View video broadcast winners announcement here.

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Winners and photos on following pages.

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2020 Volunteering Victoria State Award Recipients

COVID-19 Innovation and Resilience Award (Grassroots)

Awarded to a Volunteer Involving Organisation for demonstrating innovation and resilience in adapting to accommodate COVID social distancing requirements and changes while still delivering high quality services to their community.

Winner: **Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices**

2020 COVID-19 Support and Connection Award

Awarded to a Volunteering Involving Organisation that achieves strong ongoing support and connection for their volunteers despite their program having ceased operations throughout the COVID-19 shutdown.

Winner: **Northern Health**

2020 COVID-19 Resilience Award

Awarded to a Volunteer Involving Organisation for demonstrating resilience in adapting to accommodate COVID social distancing requirements and changes while still delivering high quality services to their community.

Winner: **Workways Australia (Gippsland Engaged Mentoring Program)**

2020 COVID-19 Innovation Award

Awarded to a Volunteer Involving Organisation for demonstrating innovation in adapting to accommodate COVID social distancing requirements and changes while still delivering high quality services to their community.

Winner: **Austin Health (Telehealth Program)**