



## 2016 Finalists – Emergency Services

### **C.ex Group**

#### **Stepping Out to Save Lives**

The C.ex Group has recently partnered with the Northern Region Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Service for the third consecutive year as the major sponsor of their fundraiser, the Coffs Coast Charity Walk. The fundraiser is a fantastic community event, raising \$75,000 for the lifesaving service, with all funds remaining in the local flight path. The C.ex Group also provide In-Kind support for the event offering marquees, furniture, marketing and complimentary venue hire to host event briefings. The C.ex Group staff participate in and volunteer at the event each year, coordinating checkpoints, refuelling stations and the finish line BBQ. The C.ex Groups financial and volunteer assistance is vital for the continued operation of the Northern Region Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Service.

### **Club Rose Bay**

#### **Safe Refuge for an Emergency Evacuation**

Club Rose Bay is a finalist in the Emergency Services category for the refuge and assistance it provided Carlisle Street residents who were evacuated when a deadly gas leak occurred nearby. Although the emergency did not come under or fall within the responsibility of local council for remediation, when the Club was approached by Council it generously afforded a room for the purpose of providing a sanctuary for displaced residents during the emergency. The staff of the Club were commended for their excellent service and cooperation throughout the day and evening.

### **Cronulla Sharks Leagues Club**

#### **Kurnell Tornado & The Sharks Group Effort**

Sharks Leagues Club acted as a refuge during the days after a tornado hit Kurnell, providing a meeting place and shelter as well as meals and refreshments to the displaced residents and emergency services staff. The leagues club hosted around 300 SES

volunteers and services personnel for lunch and dinner, with the support efforts, carrying on for several days post the storm. The Sharks also loaded the Leagues Club courtesy bus with food and supplies donated by generous local businesses and delivered them to Martin Hall in Kurnell during the clean-up effort for distribution to those residents most affected.

### **Dubbo RSL Memorial Club**

#### **Defeat the Heat Pilot Program**

Dubbo RSL is a finalist for its efforts as part of the Clubs Australia and Australian Red Cross *Defeat the Heat* initiative. The Club participated in the groundbreaking pilot program as a place of refuge for vulnerable people affected by extreme heat during the summer. When a heatwave hit the Central West region in early January, the Club was able to put the plan into action and provided shade, air-conditioning, water, and ran activities for people who were not coping with the heat.

### **Richmond Club**

#### **Defeat the Heat Pilot Program**

The Richmond Club is also a finalist for its efforts as part of the Clubs Australia and Australian Red Cross *Defeat the Heat* initiative. The Club participated in the ground breaking pilot program as a place of refuge for vulnerable people affected by extreme heat during the summer.