

Key dates at a glance

Stage of awards cycle	Indicative timing	What happens	Who this affects
Nominations open	2nd March 2026	Online nomination forms open at www.resca.awardsplatform.com	Community nominators, emergency services organisations
Information period	March-April	Promotional activity, information sessions (if held) and Q&A via email to support nominators.	Prospective nominators, agency contacts
Nominations close	30th April 2026	Final date for submitting completed nominations and any required supporting material.	All nominators
Eligibility and completeness checks	April	Entries are checked to confirm eligibility and that all required fields and attachments are provided.	Rotary Victoria RESCA team, nominators (if follow-up is needed)
Judging period	Late April - May	Judging panel reviews eligible nominations against the published criteria.	Judging panel, nominees
Finalists announced	June	Finalists are notified by email and listed on the Victoria RESCA website.	Finalists, nominators, employers and agencies
RSVP deadline	Mid-August	Finalists and guests confirm attendance at the awards ceremony.	Finalists, their guests and agency representatives
Awards ceremony	Late August / early September	State-wide awards ceremony to celebrate finalists and announce recipients.	All finalists, nominators, sponsors and invited guests