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WINNERS OF THE 2017 RESILIENT AUSTRALIA AWARDS

I congratulate the winners of the 2017 Resilient Australia Awards, announced today at the Museum of Contemporary Arts in Sydney.

Now in its 18th year, the Resilient Australia Awards celebrate individuals, organisations, councils, and schools in our communities who show initiative in helping to create a more disaster resilient Australia.

The awards have always had great support from the community, with more than 180 entries from across Australia.

Disaster resilience is a shared responsibility. Our National Strategy for Disaster Resilience acknowledges a resilient community is one that works together to understand and manage the risks it faces.

This is why the Australian Government is pleased to support and celebrate the innovative ways Australians are working to protect their communities.

I acknowledge the work of the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience for facilitating these awards and congratulate this year's award winners. The quality of entrants this year was outstanding but after a rigorous process the judges selected the following national winners:

- The City of Mandurah, Equi-Evac Centre Network – Winner of the 2017 Resilient Australia National Award.
- St Ives North Public School Project FireStorm – Winner of the 2017 Resilient Australia National School Award.
- Summer Mulvey (QLD) – Winner of the 2017 Resilient Australia National Photography Award.

The Australian Government is committed to making our communities safer, stronger and better prepared. By celebrating innovation and best practice, these awards showcase work that is often unrecognised, inspiring others to think about how they can be more disaster resilient.

For more information and full details of winning state, territory and national entries please visit the AIDR Knowledge Hub at <https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/>

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