

Australian UAV Service Awards

Introduction and Background

AUAVS is the leading emergency service user of sub 25kg UAVS in NSW and provider of the largest coastal surveillance program by numbers of Pilots and UAVs in the Southern Hemisphere. AUAVS use sub 25kg UAVS with over 25kg UAVS being added to our capability within the next 18 months under the NSW Government (NSW DPI) Long Range UAV Project.

AUAVS team members operate a fleet over 300 multi-rotor, fixed wing, and powered lift UAVs. AUAVS operates at 50 fixed locations, over 30 mobile locations, all of which are available 365 days per year, with 10 additional Rapid Deployment Kits with 2D/3D mapping, livestreaming, and search pattern functionality being able to rapidly deploy at night, in high winds, and in wet weather as requested by our emergency service partners.

AUAVS are excited to formally launch a yearly AUAVS Awards process through which we can recognise and value the great people we work alongside.

It is important that we recognise all team members involved in UAV operations for their outstanding conduct and performance.

The Awards

[AUAVS Pilot/Operator of the Year](#)

Awarded to: the most outstanding nominee from the UAV Pilot or UAV Operator cohort for the year

Nominated by: UAV Supervisor

Judged by: SLSS Board

The winner of this Award is then nominated in early June to the Australian Aviation Safety Awards

[AUAVS Rookie of the Year](#)

Awarded to: the most outstanding nominee in their first year of engagement in AUAVS, from the UAV Pilot or UAV Operator cohort

Nominated by: UAV Supervisor

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Judging Criteria

All awards are judged on the following criteria and are judged by the SLSS Board.

Australian UAV Service Objectives 50%

Safety

UAVs are operated in accordance with AUAVS Manuals and SOPs, SLSNSW SOPs, and CASA Standard Operating Conditions.

Integration

UAVs integrate into existing lifesaving resources and networks.

Mobile and Flexible Service

Be mobile and deployed when required for any emergency and search & rescue incidents across the duration of the contract.

Surf Life Saving NSW Beliefs 50%

- Our community relies on us to protect and save lives;
- Our volunteers are core to Surf Life Saving, our history, and our future;
- Our everyday actions change lives and build stronger communities;
- An inclusive, welcoming and respectful environment will attract and retain the people we need;
- Supportive leadership, agility, and flexibility are critical in our changing environment;
- We should be proud to be called iconic as what we do makes a difference.

Dates

Award recipients will be contacted on Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Award recipients will be announced on Friday 26th May 2023

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