



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### RECOGNISING OUR VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS

Nominations have opened for the 2020 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards, giving the community the opportunity to nominate selfless locals that have stood tall during drought, bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston MP said the contribution of volunteers has never been so important and National Volunteer Week is the perfect time to say thank you.

“The last 12 months has been challenging for our community and there is no better time to recognise those local heroes who’ve gone above and beyond to help others,” Ms Preston said.

“The NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards are a great way to recognise the incredible work of our volunteers and I would encourage everyone to nominate someone so we can make this year’s awards the biggest yet.”

The awards, run by The Centre for Volunteering, are in their fourteenth year and have grown to become one of the largest celebrations of volunteering in Australia.

Last year more than 5800 volunteers were recognised at the North Western Sydney regional ceremony but we know there are many more who deserve our thanks as part of these important awards.

You can nominate someone for one of the following seven categories:

- Adult Volunteer of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Senior Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer Team of the Year
- Corporate Volunteer of the Year (Individual)
- Corporate Volunteer of the Year (Team)
- Excellence in Volunteer Management

The ceremony for the North Western Sydney regional ceremony will be held on Wednesday 19 August 2020 where all our volunteers will be recognised and our regional Volunteer of the Year award winners announced.

Regional finalists are invited to the State Ceremony at the end of the year, where winners are selected across each category and the NSW Volunteer of the Year is announced.

Nominations close on Friday 3 July. For more information or to nomination a volunteer, visit [www.volunteering.com.au/awards](http://www.volunteering.com.au/awards).

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