



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### ROBYN PRESTON CALLS ON HAWKESBURY TO NOMINATE INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, has called on the community to nominate inspiring local women for the 2021 NSW Women of the Year Awards.

The awards, which were launched by Minister for Women Bronnie Taylor last week, also include two new categories, *One to Watch* and *NSW Woman of Excellence*, which respectively recognise young rising stars and women who are exceptional role models.

Robyn Preston said the awards celebrate women from all walks of life.

“I encourage everyone in Hawkesbury to nominate a remarkable woman or a young person they know so we can highlight their achievements and share their amazing stories,” Ms Preston said.

“The last few months have been difficult for all, but it hasn’t stopped many of us from excelling in our chosen field or putting others first. I’m sure that our local community will get behind this program and nominate.”

Mrs Taylor said the new ‘One to Watch’ honour had been created to recognise the rising stars of New South Wales.

“This category is about celebrating a group of girls from seven to seventeen who are emerging as future leaders through their acts of kindness, strength and determination,” she said.

Mrs Taylor said the annual awards play an important role in recognising inspirational women from diverse backgrounds across the state.

“This is a fantastic way of highlighting the achievements of these empowered women and encouraging them to continue to be role models in the eyes of their peers.”

The 2021 award categories are: *The Premier’s Award for Woman of the Year*, *NSW Woman of Excellence*, *NSW Community Hero*, *NSW Young Woman of the Year*, *NSW Regional Woman of the Year*, *NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year*, *NSW One to Watch Award*.

The awards, which are in their 10<sup>th</sup> year, are an initiative of the NSW Women’s Strategy 2018–2022, which provides a comprehensive and targeted approach to promoting gender equality. Winners will be announced at the ceremony at the International Convention Centre Sydney on 10 March 2021.

For more information, visit: [www.women.nsw.gov.au](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au).