



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### LOCAL HERO RECOGNISED FOR SERVICE

After a year of exceptional challenges for frontline agencies, a local from the Hawkesbury Electorate has been recognised for their service as a member of the Emergency Services in the 2021 Australia Day Honours.

The Australian Police Medal was awarded to eight members of the NSW Police Force, the Australian Fire Service Medal was awarded to seven volunteers from the NSW Rural Fire Service and three Fire and Rescue NSW firefighters, while two members of the NSW State Emergency Service and NSW Volunteer Rescue Association have received the Emergency Services Medal.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, congratulated the Hawkesbury recipient of an Australian Fire Service Medal, Group Captain Kenneth Pullen, for his well-deserved honour.

“Our community is safer and stronger because of those who put others safety ahead of their own.” Ms Preston said.

“I am proud to congratulate such an outstanding member of our community, who has shown commitment to the people of this state during extremely challenging times.”

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott congratulated the men and women who have been honoured for their service.

“Over the past year we have seen exceptional heroism from our Police and Emergency Services who were on the frontline during the COVID-19 pandemic and the catastrophic bush fires,” Mr Elliott said.

“This is an opportunity to recognise those who have put their lives on the line to protect the community – and this honour is a reflection of our gratitude and thanks for their professionalism and selflessness.”

“These recipients exemplify the resilience and mateship that are integral to our community. On behalf of the people of NSW, I’d like to thank our police officers, emergency services personnel and volunteers for their ongoing service, and reinforce the Government’s commitment to providing our frontline agencies with the resources they need to keep our communities safe.”