



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### **HAWKESBURY WELCOMES NEW POLICE RECRUITS**

The Hawkesbury community has welcomed two new NSW Police Force after the first graduation ceremony of 2021.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott joined NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller APM at an attestation ceremony at the NSW Police Academy in Goulburn.

Mr Elliott congratulated the incoming officers and welcomed the return to a full ceremony after last year's events were disrupted by COVID-19 restrictions.

"Over the course of last year, we have seen first-hand the crucial role our police officers play in protecting the community and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their efforts," Mr Elliott said.

"These officers will join a NSW Police Force that has been strengthened by investment from the NSW Government, including the delivery of 1500 additional officers over four years and the commitment to a \$60 million upgrade to Goulburn Police Academy."

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, welcomed Hawkesbury's two new recruits who have joined the local Police Area Commands.

"Our new police officers have chosen a career of service and will be a vital asset to the people of Hawkesbury," Ms Preston said.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the new officers for their contribution and congratulate them on the start of their exciting careers."

The new police officers have completed eight months of foundational training and have reported to their new stations.

Class 345 includes 139 men and 55 women. Some recruits entered the NSW Police Academy straight from school or university, while others left established professional careers and trades such as teachers, ambulance officers and a jockey.

The NSW Government has committed \$583 million over four years to deliver 1500 new police officers – the biggest single increase for the NSW Police Force in more than thirty years.

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