Congratulations to the nominees for the Local Woman of the Year Award

The Local Woman of the Year Award recognises women who have made outstanding contributions and achieved great things in their local area.

**Jo Allen**
*Nominated by The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP (South Coast)*
The Nowra Unit Logistics Coordinator for the State Emergency Service, Jo is recognised for ensuring the smooth operations of the unit and the unwavering support she provides to colleagues.

**Jennifer Anderson**
*Nominated by Mr Jonathan O’Dea MP (Davidson)*
Mayor of Ku-ring-gai Council, Jennifer is recognised for her long-standing involvement in local government and her passionate service to her community.

**Valda Barton**
*Nominated by Mr Greg Piper MP (Lake Macquarie)*
Valda is recognised for her extraordinary care for others and community advocacy. During her 20-year involvement with Our Community Place, she established classes and instigated a food distribution program.

**Hayley Bellamy**
*Nominated by The Hon. Stuart Ayres MP (Penrith)*
An inspiring advocate for people with disability and ambassador for the 2012 Don’t DIS my ABILITY campaign, Hayley is recognised for breaking down barriers for people with disability.

**Carol Lynette Beresford**
*Nominated by Mr Chris Hartcher MP (Terrigal)*
Carol is recognised for her exceptional contribution to the community, as a school teacher, Rotary Club member, Parents and Citizens Association President and volunteer with Bellbird.
Christine Bird
Nominated by Mr Barry Collier MP (Miranda)
Recognised for her 25 years of work with the Crossroads Community Centre in Miranda, Christine is dedicated to helping women and children who are victims of domestic violence. She also assists people suffering the effects of social isolation, personal trauma and mental health issues.

Rhonda Brain
Nominated by Mr Troy Grant MP (Dubbo)
Recognised for her lifetime contribution to education and her community. Rhonda developed an early-literacy scheme, ‘Paint the town REaD’, and led the Birth to Kindergarten Reading Project.

Betty Breese
Nominated by The Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP (Murrumbidgee)
Betty is recognised for her unwavering commitment to her local community through her involvement in local events and community groups such as the Rotary Club, Show Society, Sports Club.

Helen Brennan
Nominated by Mr Kevin Conolly MP (Riverstone)
Helen is recognised for her commitment to older people. A passionate volunteer at the Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre, she assists with outings, craft activities, food preparation and housekeeping.

Narelle Burke
Nominated by Mr Kevin Anderson MP (Tamworth)
Narelle is recognised for the exemplary leadership she shows in her extensive community work and the sustainable farming business she runs with her husband Bede.

Muriel Burns
Nominated by Mr Chris Gulaptis MP ( Clarence)
Renowned for her unwavering leadership in the Yaegl community, ‘Aunty Mu’ is a mentor to Aboriginal youth. She is recognised for leading a signage project that gave meaning to Yaygirr/Yaegl place names in the Lower Clarence.

Finn Callanan
Nominated by The Hon. Carmel Tebbutt MP (Marrickville)
Finn is recognised for her role at Stepping Stone House, where she provides a safe, stable and nurturing environment for young homeless people.

Elizabeth Campbell
Nominated by The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP (Oxley)
Mayor of Kempsey Shire Council, Elizabeth is recognised for her dedication to the community through volunteering and her support of numerous sports, business and community organisations.

Lois Casserly
Nominated by Mr Ray Williams MP ( Hawkesbury)
Founder of The Sunshine Club, which organises social events and provides support for seniors, Lois is recognised for her dedication to supporting older people in her community.

Trish Cerminara
Nominated by Mr Greg Aplin MP (Albury)
A proud Gamilaori woman, Trish is an inspirational community leader recognised for her work in creating sporting and cultural programs for young Aboriginal people.

Lorraine Rose Chambers
Nominated by Mrs Leslie Williams MP (Port Macquarie)
Lorraine is recognised for her compassion and community spirit including her volunteer work with The Garage Sale Shop, which raises money for people in need.

Susan Coghlan
Nominated by The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP (Willoughby)
Susan is recognised for her commitment to improving the lives of people with disability or mobility challenges. Her business, Carers That Drive, enriches lives by enabling people to remain active.
Recipients of the Local Woman of the Year Awards

**Lisa Cottee**  
_Nominated by The Hon. Thomas George MP (Lismore)_  
Lisa is recognised for her inspirational humanitarian services. Each year, she takes leave from her private medical practice to volunteer in remote areas of Asia and perform eye surgery.

**Iris Crane**  
_Nominated by Mr Chris Patterson MP (Camden)_  
Iris is recognised for her remarkable contribution to the Narellan Jets Rugby League Football Club. Founding the club in 1977 with her husband Merv, Iris has worked tirelessly for the Club and her community.

**Karen Crawley**  
_Nominated by Mr Mark Speakman MP (Cronulla)_  
Dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of mitochondrial disease, Karen is recognised for creating the Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation helpline.

**Helen Cummings**  
_Nominated by Mr Tim Owen AM MP (Newcastle)_  
Helen is recognised for her advocacy work to reduce violence against women. A volunteer at VOCAL in Hamilton, her book _Blood Vows_, traces her journey towards freedom from abuse.

**Patricia (Jane) Cush**  
_Nominated by The Hon. Pru Goward MP (Goulburn)_  
Patricia is recognised for her outstanding community contribution. In her role as Director of Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, she has increased the accessibility of art to the public, particularly children.

**Michelle Davis**  
_Nominated by The. Hon Robyn Parker MP (Maitland)_  
An active road safety campaigner, Michelle is recognised for her outstanding efforts in awareness raising, her work with teenagers and support of families who have lost a child through a road accident.

**Dorothy Dixon**  
_Nominated by Mr Mark Coure MP (Oatley)_  
The first female president of the Hurstville Rotary Club, Dorothy has played a major role in many community initiatives and events and is recognised for the active role she takes in the community.

**Lynda Dries**  
_Nominated by Mr Bart Bassett MP (Londonderry)_  
Lynda is recognised for her extraordinary compassion and volunteer work with The Living Room, a food bank for residents of Richmond in need.

**Ulrike Eichmeyer**  
_Nominated by The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP (Lane Cove)_  
Ulrike is recognised for her outstanding community service through her work with local newspaper, _The Weekly Times_, her support of local events and active involvement with Scouts and Girl Guides.

**Charlotte Feldman**  
_Nominated by The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP (Vaucluse)_  
Charlotte is recognised for her volunteer work with breast cancer charities and as an organiser of community events for the Darling Point Society resident group.

**Judith Galloway**  
_Nominated by Mr Daryl Maguire MP (Wagga Wagga)_  
Recognised for community leadership and her work with Sureway Employment and Training and the Committee 4 Wagga Wagga Judith’s helped job-seekers reach their full potential.

**Sandra Griffin**  
_Nominated by Ms Sonia Hornery MP (Wallsend)_  
Recognised for her community leadership, ‘Aunty Sandra’ is an Awabakal Elder, Australia’s first Aboriginal audiometrist and now Elder in Residence at the University of Newcastle.
Polly Grundy  
Nominated by Mr Bryan Doyle MP (Campbelltown)  
Polly is recognised for her leadership role in youth sports and her work with the Parents and Citizens Association at local schools. She also established the Mark Grundy Oesophageal Cancer Awareness Group.

Alia Halabi  
Nominated by Mr Tony Issa OAM MP (Granville)  
Alia is recognised for her 20 years of work with the Zgharta community including organising community events and supporting families who have experienced loss.

Elaine Hall  
Nominated by Mr Craig Baumann MP (Port Stephens)  
Elaine is recognised for her dedicated service to the Raymond Terrace and District Historical Society where she has been a Research Officer for more than 30 years. She also volunteers at Raymond Terrace Library.

Clarice Hamling  
Nominated by Mr Clayton Barr MP (Cessnock)  
Clarice is recognised for her outstanding community service, including nearly 20 years with local Parents and Citizens Associations. She is also an active member of the Minmi Progress Association.

Dianna Hammond  
Nominated by The. Hon Greg Smith SC MP (Epping)  
Dianna is recognised for her generous community service. A singer and musician, she volunteers her time to entertain audiences of all ages, particularly older people.

Tanyia Harris  
Nominated by Mr Jai Rowell MP (Wollondilly)  
Tanyia is recognised as a pillar of the Wollondilly community. Through her volunteer work and philanthropy, she has generously supported many individuals, community groups and charities.

Margaret-Anne Hayes  
Nominated by The Hon. Barry O’Farrell MP (Ku-ring-gai)  
Margaret-Anne is recognised as an inspiring community fundraiser who has raised more than $150,000 to support the fitness program Can Too.

Sandra Hiscock  
Nominated by The Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson MP (Burninjuck)  
Principal of Yass High School, Sandra is recognised for her dedication to student welfare, and her fundraising activities to secure improvements to school facilities.

Jeanette Holland  
Nominated by Mr Stephen Bromhead MP (Myall Lakes)  
A committed volunteer, Jeanette is recognised for outstanding contribution to the community which earned her a Medal of Order of Australia in 2011.

Christine Hopton  
Nominated by Dr Rob Stokes MP (Pittwater)  
President of Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Christine is a role model recognised for her extraordinary contribution to the Surf Life Saving movement.

Blanche Hughes  
Nominated by Mr Darren Webber MP (Wyong)  
Blanche is recognised for dedicating more than 40 years to community service in the Toukley area, including volunteer work with the Toukley Senior Citizen Club, Toukley Scout Group and Tuggerah Lakes Justices Association.

Fadwa Kebbe  
Nominated by The Hon. Linda Burney MP (Canterbury)  
Fadwa is recognised for her outstanding community leadership through her involvement in local government, her work on numerous committees and as a volunteer translator.
Colleen Kime  
**Nominated by Mrs Roza Sage MP (Blue Mountains)**  
Colleen is recognised for her contribution to the community through the advancement of netball in the Blue Mountains (one of her great passions) and her tireless volunteer work.

Shubha Kumar  
**Nominated by Mr Dominic Perrottet MP (Castle Hill)**  
Shubha is recognised as a dedicated leader who works to unite her community. Through the Indian Club and Australian Hindi Indian Association, she creates events which bring the community together to celebrate diversity.

Jane Lea  
**Nominated by Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP (Coogee)**  
Jane is recognised for her unwavering commitment to Clovelly Primary School where she is President of the Parents and Friends Association.

Pamela Lord  
**Nominated by Mr John Williams MP (Murray-Darling)**  
Pamela is recognised for her exemplary commitment to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. For 48 years, she has volunteered at the Broken Hill Base Hospital, visiting each week to provide patients with essentials and support.

Mona Luxton  
**Nominated by Mr John Flowers MP (Rockdale)**  
Founder of the Bay City Women’s Support Centre, Mona is recognised for her remarkable efforts to help women and children experiencing domestic violence and other abuse.

Sarah MacFarlane-Eagle  
**Nominated by Mr Adam Marshall MP (Northern Tablelands)**  
Sarah is recognised for her commitment to raising awareness of the impacts of mental illness through Walking Feat, a project she founded following the loss of her brother.

Sharon McCarthy  
**Nominated by Mr Garry Edwards MP (Swansea)**  
Sharon is an inspirational volunteer recognised for her tireless dedication to restoring eight hectares of bushland in the ecologically-endangered Galgabba Point area in Swansea.

Jess Miller  
**Nominated by Mr Alex Greenwich MP (Sydney)**  
An entrepreneur, activist and educator, Jess is recognised for developing innovative and inclusive positive-change community projects including Grow It Local, Greenups and The Garage Sale Trail.

Lou-Anne Mitchell  
**Nominated by The Hon. Mike Baird MP (Manly)**  
Lou-Anne is recognised for her 24-year contribution to the Salvation Army. Her community work and compassion has helped the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Elizabeth (Win) Newton  
**Nominated by Mr Matthew Kean MP (Hornsby)**  
Elizabeth is recognised for her exceptional dedication to the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital where she has provided a pro-bono hairdressing service since 1976 and volunteered for Meals on Wheels for 20 years.

Anne-Louise O’Connor  
**Nominated by Mr Gareth Ward MP (Kiama)**  
Anne-Louise, editor of the Shoalhaven Heads News, is recognised for her invaluable contribution to charity and community groups including the Rural Fire Service, Community Forum and Chamber of Commerce.

Suzanne O’Connor  
**Nominated by Mrs Tanya Davies MP (Mulgoa)**  
Suzanne is recognised for her exceptional work as a teacher at Glenmore Park Public School. Dedicated to her students, she teaches photography in her own time and makes it possible for classes to enjoy visits around the local area to take photographs.
Christine Prouty
Nominated by Mr Charles Casuscelli MP (Strathfield)
Christine is recognised for her leadership at Homebush West Public School and outstanding volunteer work with refugees, families in need and victims of domestic violence.

Vicki Quinlan
Nominated by The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP (Wakehurst)
Vicki is recognised for her dedication to improving the lives of women and children who have experienced domestic violence. Her work provides affordable and sustainable housing, where families can live free from abuse.

Pamela Richardson
Nominated by Dr Andrew Cornwell MP (Charlestown)
Pamela is recognised for the inspiring contribution she has made as Principal of Kahibah Public School. Her nurturing approach and deep commitment to education has benefitted generations.

Pam Rimmer
Nominated by Mr Ron Hoenig MP (Heffron)
The President of Make-a-Wish Australia Wollongong, Pam is recognised for her outstanding community work and support of families with children facing life-threatening illnesses.

Tracey Roberts
Nominated by Mr John Sidoti MP (Drummoyne)
Tracey is recognised for her extraordinary fundraising for Sydney’s Royal North Shore Hospital, raising $120,000 for new wheelchairs for people with paralysis.

Helen Rose
Nominated by Mr David Elliott MP (Baulkham Hills)
President of the Crestwood Lions Club and Secretary of the Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation, Helen is recognised for her outstanding service to community organisations.

Kim Rosen
Nominated by The Hon. Donald Page MP (Ballina)
Kim is recognised for her exemplary leadership and involvement in many community organisations, including the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce and Brunswick Village Committee.

Yvette Rutherford
Nominated by Mr Michael Daley MP (Maroubra)
Yvette is recognised for her outstanding dedication to South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club. For more than 30 years, she has contributed to her community as surf lifesaver, organiser and Club leader.

Val Ryder
Nominated by Mr Glenn Brookes MP (East Hills)
Val is recognised for her 40 years of voluntary service to the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital. Her support and care for patients, including those in intensive care, and her bookwork program are legendary.

Jan Savage
Nominated by Mr Andrew Gee MP (Orange)
Jan is recognised for her dedication to improving health care for rural and regional communities. Her work at Cancer Care Western NSW includes fundraising, lobbying, and providing support and information.

Lydia Scuglia
Nominated by The Hon. Victor Dominello MP (Ryde)
Lydia is recognised for her leadership in business and commitment to her community through volunteer work with local business groups, Macquarie Community College and Rotary.
Coralann Shead
*Nominated by Ms Melanie Gibbons MP (Menai)*
Coralann is recognised for her commitment to the community through her involvement with the Sandy Point Progress Association and Sandy Point Community Hall Management Committee.

Betty Siegman
*Nominated by Mr Chris Spence MP (The Entrance)*
Betty is recognised for her outstanding contribution to the Bateau Bay Croquet Club. She is a driving force in raising funds for club upgrades and helps organise social outings, gatherings and tournaments.

Helen Slater
*Nominated by The Hon. Andrew Constance MP (Bega)*
Helen is recognised for her active community involvement with local primary schools, sports groups, church and her generous work with the Bega and District Nursing Home Auxiliary.

Lisa Smajlov
*Nominated by Mr Jamie Parker MP (Balmain)*
Lisa is recognised for her unwavering commitment to her community, both in her work at Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre, and in volunteering with the Cancer Council’s Relay for Life.

Anthea Maree ‘Chick’ Taylor
*Nominated by The Hon. George Souris MP (Upper Hunter)*
An advocate for people with a disability, ‘Chick’ is recognised for her work at Integrated Living Australia and Overton House.

Trudy Taylor
*Nominated by Mr John Barilaro MP (Monaro)*
A dedicated local Councillor, Trudy is recognised for her support of community organisations including Rotary Club, Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club and the Queanbeyan Show Society.

Shirley Templeton
*Nominated by Mr Chris Holstein MP (Gosford)*
Shirley is recognised for the extensive volunteer work she undertakes within her community including supporting the Country Women’s Association, Meals on Wheels, Girl Guides and Lifeline.

Vicki Tiegs
*Nominated by Ms Noreen Hay MP (Wollongong)*
Vicki is recognised as a role model for young women. A member of several charities, her work for the Farmhand Appeal helped raise more than $20 million for drought relief.

Joan Treweeke
*Nominated by The Hon. Kevin Humphries MP (Barwon)*
Joan a volunteer with the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Yawarra Meamei Women’s Group, is recognised for her exceptional contribution to rural NSW.

Sonia Trichter
*Nominated by Mr Geoff Provest MP (Tweed)*
Sonia is recognised for her commitment to animal welfare. Under her leadership, Friends of the Pound continues to build its profile and attract more members and volunteers.

Faye Urquhart
*Nominated by Mr Andrew Fraser MP (Coffs Harbour)*
The recognised voice for residents of local residential parks, for years Faye has actively campaigned on behalf of older people and is recognised for her community leadership.

Judy White
*Nominated by Mr Paul Toole MP (Bathurst)*
Judy is recognised for her selfless dedication to community service. As a general practitioner, she supports people achieve a better quality of life and helps those in need.

Lynn Yeh
*Nominated by Dr Geoffrey Lee MP (Parramatta)*
A successful business woman, respected leader and role model, Lynn is recognised for her commitment to community and philanthropy.