NSW PREMIER’S AWARDS

FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

2016 LIST OF FINALISTS
The NSW Premier’s Awards for Public Service recognise the outstanding achievements and contributions of public servants and their peers and partners in the private and non-government sectors. This year’s Premier’s Awards has twelve categories to showcase achievements and progress towards the NSW Premier’s priorities.

**FINALISTS**

**Creating Jobs**

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements that have contributed to the creation of new jobs in NSW (supporting the Premier’s priority to create 150,000 new jobs by 2019).

**Teams**

*Building economic diversification through the Murray Darling Regional Economic Diversification Program*

Office of Regional Development

*Industry, Skills and Regional Development*

*Collaborative approach to supporting young people with disability leaving school to make a successful transition to adult life*

Department of Family and Community Services, Department of Education, Australian Independent Schools, Catholic Education, University of Wollongong, National Disability Insurance Agency

*Family and Community Services*

*Point to Point Transport Reform*

Transport for NSW

*Transport*
Building Infrastructure

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements that contribute to key infrastructure projects being delivered on time and on budget across the state (supporting the Premier’s Priority on Building Infrastructure).

Teams

**Barangaroo Reserve**
Barangaroo Delivery Authority, PWP Landscape Architecture, Johnson Pilton Walker, Lend Lease Engineering
*Premier & Cabinet*

**Sydney Metro Northwest Tunnelling Project**
Transport for NSW, CPB John Holland Dragados
*Transport*

**TransGrid Transaction**
NSW Treasury
*Treasury*

Individuals

**David Murphy** – Works Supervisor
Roads and Maritime Services
*Transport*

**Maree Abood** - Executive Director, Strategic Water Planning & Infrastructure
Infrastructure NSW
*Premier & Cabinet*

**Michael Childs** – Deputy Project Director
Program Delivery, Infrastructure & Services, Transport for NSW
*Transport*
Reducing Domestic Violence

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements reduce the number of domestic violence perpetrators who re-offend (supporting the Premier’s priority to reduce by 5% the proportion of domestic violence perpetrators re-offending within 12 months).

Teams

Domestic Violence Evidence in Chief (DVEC)
NSW Police Force, Department of Justice
Justice

It Stops Here: Safer Pathway
Legal Aid NSW, Department of Justice, NSW Police Force, Women NSW
Justice

LAWAccess
Department of Justice
Justice
Improving Service Levels in Hospitals

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements that lead to more patients going through emergency departments within four hours (supporting the Premier’s Priority to achieve 81% of patients through emergency departments within four hours).

Teams

Electronic Medication Management at Concord Hospital
Sydney Local Health District

Enhancing recovery after surgery
South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

The VIP Program: Reducing emergency representations and unplanned readmissions to hospital by identifying and addressing social determinants of health
Hunter New England Local Health District

Transfer of Care - Ambulance offload improvements at John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department
Hunter New England Local Health District

Transfer of Care Pilot
Sydney Local Health District, NSW Ambulance

Transforming ambulance and patient flow in Liverpool Hospital Emergency Department
South Western Sydney Local Health District, NSW Ambulance

Individuals

Barb Cridland - After Hours Clinical Nurse Consultant
Western NSW Local Health District

James Brinton - Clinical Nurse Consultant – Surgery Division
Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

Nicole Morrison - Nurse Unit Manager
South Western Sydney Local Health District
**Tackling Childhood Obesity**

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements that lead to a reduction in overweight and obesity rates of children (supporting the Premier’s Priority to reduce overweight and obesity rates of children by 5% over 10 years).

**Team**

**Hornsby Healthy Kids**  
Northern Sydney Local Health District, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Health Service, Northern Sydney Medicare Locals, Sydney North Health Network

**Physical Activity 4 Everyone**  
Hunter New England Local Health District

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**Improving Education Results**

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements that increase the number of NSW students in the top two NAPLAN bands (supporting the Premier’s Priority to increase the proportion of NSW students in the top two NAPLAN bands by 8% by 2019).

**Team**

**Canley Vale Public School**  
NSW Public Schools

**Homebush Boys High School**  
NSW Public Schools

**Strathfield Girls High School**  
NSW Public Schools

**Individuals**

**Graham Kahabka** - Executive Director, NSW Public Schools, Wagga Wagga  
Department of Education

**Lynette Grimes** - Instructional Leader, Early Action for Success - Deputy Principal Primary  
Hillvue Public School

**Tonya Kellett** - Instructional Leader  
Brewarrina Central School

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2016 NSW Premier’s Awards for Public Service
Protecting Our Kids

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements that reduce the number of children and young people re-reported at risk of significant harm (supporting the Premier’s Priority to decrease the percentage of children & young people re-reported at risk of significant harm by 15%).

Team
A Way Forward, Youth Matter
Hunter New England Local Health District
Health

Community Integration Team
Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network, NSW Department of Juvenile Justice, NSW Local Health Districts, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS)
Health, Justice
Western NSW Mobile Child Protection Team (MCPU)
Department of Family and Community Services
Family and Community Services

Reducing Youth Homelessness

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements that support more young people to successfully move from Specialist Homelessness Services to long-term accommodation (supporting the Premier’s Priority to increase the proportion of young people who successfully move from Specialist Homelessness Services to long-term accommodation by 10 percent).

Team
Allambi Care
Non-Government organisation
Nominated by Family and Community Services

Canterbury Bankstown Youth Service
Non-Government organisation
Nominated by Family and Community Services

Platform Youth Services
Non-Government organisation
Nominated by Family and Community Services

Southern Youth and Family Services
Non-Government organisation
Nominated by Family and Community Services
Driving Public Sector Diversity

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements that contribute to increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and women in senior leadership roles in the government sector (supporting the Premier’s priority to double the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in senior leadership roles, and increase the proportion of women in senior leadership roles to 50% in the government sector in the next 10 years).

Team
Aboriginal Vet Cadet Program
Transport for NSW
Transport

Industry Partnership - CCLHD/Hunter TAFE/Department of Education
Central Coast Local Health District, Hunter TAFE, Department of Education
Health, Industry, Skills and Regional Development, Education

TAFE NSW - Western Institute - Building an Aboriginal Health Worker Skilled Workforce
TAFE NSW, Western NSW Local Health District
Industry, Skills and Regional Development, Health

Respecting the Difference: An Aboriginal Cultural Training Framework for NSW Health (RTD)
Ministry of Health, Health Education and Training Institute (HETI), South Western Sydney Local Health District, Sydney Local Health District and all other NSW Health Organisations
Health

Transport Women in Leadership Initiatives
Transport for NSW
Transport

Individuals
Ian Arnold - Workforce Operations Manager
Central Coast Local Health District
Health

Margaret (Missy) Nicholls - Assistant Principal
Brewarrina Central School
Education
Keeping our Environment Clean

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements that contribute to reducing the volume of litter in the state (supporting the Premier’s Priority to reduce the volume of litter by 40% by 2020).

Team

**Broken Hill Environmental Lead Program**
Environment Protection Authority, Broken Hill City Council, Far West Local Health District, Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation

*Planning and Environment, Health*

**Kempsey High School Recycling Program**
NSW Public Schools, Department of Education, Kempsey Shire Council, JR Richards waste removals

*Education*

**Newcastle Steelworks Site Remediation**
Hunter Development Corporation

*Planning & Environment*

**Sydney Trains Cleaning Services teams**
Sydney Trains

*Transport*

**WasteLocate, a new approach to regulating problem waste**
Environment Protection Authority

*Planning and Environment*

Faster Housing Approvals

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements that lead to more housing approvals being determined within 40 days (supporting the Premier’s Priority to achieve ninety per cent of housing approvals determined within 40 days).

Team

**New Simplified Housing Code**
Department of Planning and Environment

*Planning and Environment*
Improving Government Services

This award category recognises those who have worked on programs, initiatives, innovations or improvements that contribute to improving customer satisfaction with government services (supporting the Premier’s priority to improve customer satisfaction with key government services every year, this term of government).

**Team**

**Justice Online Project**
Department of Justice
*Justice*

**OneGov - sharing the benefits of digital innovation**
ICT and Digital Government
*Finance, Services and Innovation*

**Revitalising Hamilton South – An Integrated Service Delivery Project**
NSW Police, Department of Family and Community Services, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Department of Education, Hunter New England Health District
*Justice, Family and Community Services, Premier and Cabinet, Education, Health*

**Service NSW online – a digital transformation for citizens**
Service NSW
*Finance, Services and Innovation*

**Service NSW transforming customer experience in NSW**
Service NSW
*Finance, Services and Innovation*

**Tangara Technology Upgrade Phase 1 - Door Upgrade**
Sydney Trains
*Transport*

**Individuals**

**Gaye Sykes** - Clinical Quality Systems Manager
Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
*Health*

**Len Waters** - Educational Leader
TAFE NSW
*Industry, Skills and Regional Development*

**Luca Ingenito** - Bus Operator
State Transit Authority of NSW
*Transport*

**Tahlee Smith** - Senior Manager
Property NSW
*Finance, Services and Innovation*
The Anthea Kerr award was established in 2013 in honour of Anthea Kerr who passed away suddenly after 16 years of outstanding service to the NSW Government sector. The then Minister for Finance and Services highlighted her service in Parliament and stated that an award in her honour would be established to help outstanding public servants develop their careers.

In recognition of Anthea’s outstanding contribution and as a testament to her memory, the Public Service Commission sponsors the Anthea Kerr Award for Individual Excellence as part of the Premier’s Awards. The Award seeks to recognise future public sector leaders and is awarded to a maximum of two individuals each year. The award is given in recognition of outstanding effort and commitment in the NSW Public Service. The recipient(s) of the Anthea Kerr Award receive an individually customised professional development program to assist them in accelerating their career.

**FINALISTS**

**Jake Henzler** – Head Teacher, English
Aurora College Virtual High School
*Education*

**Lucy Nair** – Director of Pharmacy, Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital
South Western Sydney Local Health District
*Health*

**Byron Hooker** – College Team Leader, TAFE Broken Hill
TAFE NSW Western Institute
*Industry, Skills and Regional Development*