

Celebrating Women in Local Government

Today on International Women's Day, Local Government Professionals Australia, NSW is proud to celebrate all the achievements, drive and innovation of the women in NSW local government, recognised yesterday at the eleventh annual Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government.

Our association was proud to see Local Government Professionals Australia, NSW Vice President and Blayney Shire Council General Manager Rebecca Ryan win the 2018 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government in the Rural or Regional GM/Senior Staff Member category.

We are also proud to see our members Fiona Plesman from Muswellbrook Shire Council and Emily Raymond from Newcastle City Council be recognised as highly commended in the categories of Rural or Regional GM/Senior Staff Member and Metropolitan non-senior staff member respectively.

Minister for Local Government Gabrielle Upton and Minister for Women Tanya Davies joined this year's winners at a ceremony at NSW Parliament House, to share their accomplishments and say 'thank you'.

Ms Upton congratulated the 17 women recognised in the Millicent Preston-Stanley room, named after the first woman elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1925, for their contribution to their communities through local government.

"The exceptional women recognised here today lead by example, not only in their workplaces but also in their communities and both are better for their contributions," Ms Upton said.

"I would like to thank not only the women here today but also the hundreds more achieving behind the scenes in the 128 councils around the State."

Board Director Lisa Miscamble and Chief Executive Officer of Local Government Professionals Australia, NSW Annalisa Haskell attended the event and are both proud of the extraordinary achievements of so many women in the local government sector.

"As an industry, local government has come a long way in recognising the invaluable contribution women make to the sector in all levels, and it was fantastic to celebrate the amazing efforts of some of our members at these prestigious awards," Annalisa said.

"We look forward to seeing these women inspire the next generation of female local government leaders as they continue to serve this vital level of government."

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Ms Haskell says the major award for Blayney Shire Council General Manager Rebecca Ryan (pictured with Minister Upton) is encouragement to all women in local government and in the general community who aspire to high level management.

“We are excited to see our Vice President acknowledged for her strong leadership and mentorship of her staff and her work as a strong leader and visionary working with others in the broader region.”

The Awards were established in 2008 to recognise the outstanding efforts of women at the grassroots level of government in metropolitan and rural/regional councils.

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