



INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN'S AWARDS

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2023 ROTARY INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN'S AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Today the finalists in the 2023 Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards – RIWA – were announced at the NSW Parliament House, Sydney.

The Hon. Jodie Harrison MP, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, today announced the 16 NSW 2023 finalists for RIWA, proudly presented by the Rotary Clubs of NSW.

Minister Harrison said the Awards are a fantastic way of highlighting the enormous contribution of women in both our urban and rural communities across New South Wales. She thanked all who had submitted nominations this year.

The Awards grow in size each year. The judges, comprising panels of Rotarians from across the State of NSW, have expressed how the high quality of nominations have made their task very challenging and a wonderful honour.

"Each and every finalist fully deserves recognition for the tireless and generous work they do in their communities. They are role models and a true inspiration for our communities. I congratulate them on their nomination," Minister Harrison said.

RIWA Chair, Rae-Anne Medforth is joined by our Awards Ambassador, Louisa Hope and the RIWA committee in extending their congratulations to each of our finalists.

Finalists come from country locations, including Muswelbrook, Shoalhaven, Coffs Harbour, Glenn Innes, Port Stephens and Wollondilly; Urban finalists include those from the Sydney area and Wollongong.

The RIWA committee is currently organizing an Awards Ceremony to be held on 10 September 2023. Full details will be announced and circulated as soon as they are confirmed.

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2023 FINALISTS

Inspirational Woman	Nominee First Name	Nominee Last Name	Local Government Area
URBAN over 30	Stacy Jane	Boyce	Wollongong
	Janelle	Dodd	Ryde
	Robyn	Hutchison	Northern Beaches
	Maryam	Zahid	Blacktown
RURAL over 30	Dianne	Ball OAM	Port Stephens
	Mary	Hollingworth	Glenn Innes
	Gwenneth	Johnson	Shoalhaven
	Sharon	Robertson	Wollondilly
HEALTH over 30	Robin	Ashley	Mid North Coast Coffs Harbour
	Patrina	McClean	Wahroonga
	Gladys	Panuncio	Blacktown
	Linda	Tilsen	Shoalhaven
YOUNG under 30	Megan	Cox	Engadine Sutherland Shire
	Yasmin	Jimmieson	Muswelbrook Hunter
	Shivani	Patel	Hornsby
	Elissa	Simmonds	Penrith