



# **The Hon Don Page MP**

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### **MINISTER CONGRATULATES FOUR NSW COUNCILS AFTER WINNING NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS**

The NSW Minister for Local Government, Don Page, has congratulated the four NSW Councils that collected category awards at the 2011 National Awards for Local Government.

Mr Page said all of the staff members of Ryde City Council, Cabonne Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council and Mid-Western Regional Council should be proud of their Councils' achievements, and urged them to motivate and inspire other NSW Councils.

Ryde Council won a National Award for Local Government for 'Women in Local Government', Cabonne Council won for 'Innovative Infrastructure Development (Smaller Council)', Narrabri Council won for 'Promoting Reconciliation (Smaller Council)', and Mid-Western Regional Council won for 'Women in Local Government (Smaller Council)'.

Mr Page said it was pleasing that NSW Councils won the most awards of any State (four of 17), and secured both of the Women in Local Government awards which were awarded.

"I congratulate all the staff members of Ryde City Council, Cabonne Shire Council, Narrabri Shire Council and Mid-Western Regional Council for flying the flag for NSW in this, the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the National Awards for Local Government," Mr Page said.

"The awards are a fantastic way to recognise the resourcefulness and innovation of Australia's hardest working and most dedicated Councils, and to see four NSW Councils collect awards was very pleasing.

"The awards are aimed at inspiring Councils to be innovative in tackling issues that face Local Government, by rewarding Councils which are dedicated to providing the best services for their communities.

"I hope the winning Councils work with other Councils to share their knowledge and skills, and I encourage all NSW Councils to enter the 2012 National Awards for Local Government."

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