

**Ron Hoenig**  
Minister for Local Government

**Jodie Harrison**  
Minister for Women  
Minister for Seniors  
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault



## Media Release

# Ministers' Awards celebrate Women in Local Government

Monday, 17 July 2023

Nominations are now open for a prestigious awards program that showcases inspirational women and their achievements in our state's councils.

The 2023 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government will recognise the significant contribution women make to NSW councils.

The annual awards are now in their 16<sup>th</sup> year and recipients will be announced at a ceremony co-hosted by Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig and Minister for Women Jodie Harrison at Parliament House on 4 October.

The award categories include:

**Alternative Pathways Award** – a female staff member who is breaking down gender stereotypes

**Champion of Change Award** – a general manager or senior manager (male or female) who has excelled in supporting and encouraging women's participation at their council

**Elected Representative Award** – a councillor who has advanced the position of female elected representatives

**Young Achiever's Award** – an outstanding trainee/apprentice (aged 25 and under)

**Employment Diversity Award** – a successful council program to increase female participation in senior leadership roles or at the elected representative level

**Woman of Distinction Award** – a woman who has demonstrated exceptional innovation, integrity and initiative or who has a positive influence on others.

**Councillor Lilliane Brady OAM Award** - nominations not required. Winner will be determined by the Minister to recognise and honour the dedication and tireless work of a female council staff member.

Nominations for the 2023 Ministers' Women in Local Government Awards close on 17 August.

For more information or to make a nomination go to <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/our-minister/ministers-awards-for-women-in-local-government/>

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig:**

“The number of women elected to councils rose from 31 to 39 per cent at the last local government elections and I’d like that percentage to continue to grow, along with an increase in the number of women in leadership roles in councils.

“It’s important that we recognise and celebrate the accomplishments of women in the sector and hopefully these awards will inspire more women to consider nominating when the local government elections are held next year.”

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Women Jodie Harrison:**

“Having come from local government myself, I know that there are women across NSW making a difference in local government every day as elected representatives and council staff.

“I encourage everyone in the local government sector to consider nominating a talented female colleague or elected representative for the Women in Local Government Awards.”

**MEDIA:**

**Brendan Byron | Minister Hoenig | 0407 850 320**

**Michelle Lam | Minister Harrison | 0475 466 635**