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Randwick senior carries off Seniors Week achievement award

Long-serving Carers NSW volunteer and Randwick resident, 92-year-old Nina Crown, was today awarded a NSW Government Seniors Week Achievement Award in recognition of 14 years' dedication to supporting carers in NSW.

At the 7 April award ceremony at Sydney's City Recital Hall, Mrs Crown said she was very honoured to be one of the 60 Seniors Week award recipients.

"It is really great to receive such an award myself, but really I am accepting it on behalf of all the other Carers NSW volunteers who help support carers in NSW. It's encouraging to all of us when the government recognises that our work behind the scenes helps Carers NSW provide vital services to carers.

"This is the only award I ever received for doing something I enjoy, and I would like to thank the CEO, Elena Katrakis, and staff at Carers NSW for making volunteers feel so welcome. If anyone is interested in volunteering with Carers NSW I encourage them to contact the volunteer coordinator Arlene on 9280 4744," said Mrs Crown.

Elena Katrakis, CEO of Carers NSW, congratulated Mrs Crown on the award.

"We nominated Nina in recognition of her tremendous dedication to our organisation and carers over the years, and we are really pleased that this has been formally recognised by the NSW Government," said Ms Katrakis.

"Nina's invaluable work behind the scenes includes administration, book keeping and training other volunteers. Her contribution allows us to provide an enhanced service to carers by freeing up our carer support officers to provide the emotional support, information and advice that carers so urgently need.

"Over 14 years Nina has contributed approximately 11,400 hours of voluntary work to our organisation, and her commitment to Carers NSW and the carers we support remains as strong today as the day she started," said Ms Katrakis.

About carers and Carers NSW

Carers NSW is the peak organisation for carers in New South Wales. Carers are family members or friends who provide unpaid care for people with a disability, mental health problem, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

About NSW Seniors Week

NSW Seniors Week, now in its 50th year, celebrates the valuable contribution seniors make to our community.

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