

NSW Local Carer Awards Program

Closing date for nominations 5pm Friday 3 September 2010

The Local Carer Awards Program aims to recognise the diverse range of carers including (but not limited to):

- a) Aboriginal carers
- b) carers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- c) people caring for a family member with a physical and/or an intellectual disability
- d) young people with caring responsibilities
- e) ageing carers
- f) carers of people with a mental illness
- g) carers of people with a chronic illness
- h) carers from rural and remote areas

The following categories of carers may also be considered when making nominations.

Primary Carer

This award would recognise a primary carer in the community who demonstrates:

- an outstanding contribution to improving the life of the person for whom they care.

Older Carer

This award would recognise a primary carer in the community aged over 60 years who has had a longstanding caring role (eg caring for a son or daughter with a disability) and who demonstrates:

- an outstanding contribution to improving the life of the person for whom they care.

Caring Family

This award would recognise a family in the community who demonstrates:

- exceptional caring capacity as a family unit to provide care for a family member.

A Local Carer Support Group or School

This award would recognise a carer support group or school in the community that demonstrates:

- excellence and commitment to raising the profile of carers; and
- the development of an innovative program tailored to meet the specific needs of carers.

A Caring Workplace

This award would recognise a workplace in the community that demonstrates:

- strong commitment to the role of carers in the workplace through flexible work practices and policies; and
- commitment to raising the profile of carers.

A Caring Volunteer

This award would recognise an individual in the community who demonstrates in their role as a volunteer:

- commitment to improving the quality of life and outcomes for carers and the people for whom they provide care.

Overview of the NSW Local Carer Awards Program

The New South Wales Government recognises the vital role of carers in the community. There are over 750,000 carers in New South Wales who provide vital support to older people and people with a disability or an illness. In order to provide formal recognition of carers, the *NSW Carers (Recognition) Act 2010* was assented to on 19 May 2010.

To further recognise the outstanding contribution of individual local carers the NSW Government is introducing the Local Carer Awards Program. This annual Awards program aims to recognise carers who have achieved something outstanding and at the same time raise awareness of, and focus public attention on, the vital role played by carers.

The NSW Award consists of a Carer Award Certificate from the Minister and a cash prize up to the value of \$2500. The Award recipient may choose to retain the prize money independently or donate it to a charity or not-for-profit organisation that supports carers. If a young carer (under 18 years) receives this award it is proposed that the prize money be used to establish a savings account or facilitate education, training or employment activities for the recipient.

Carers NSW will nominate **up to two individuals or groups** in each community across New South Wales. Nomination forms are attached or apply online at the address below. The Hon. Peter Primrose MLC, Minister for Disability Services will approve the Award recipients.

The Awards will be announced at local ceremonies commencing in Carers Week, 17-23 October 2010. It is expected that Members of Parliament will present their local Awards.

Nominations close on Friday 3 September 2010 at 5pm

How to submit a nomination form:

Nominations can be made online from 25 August 2010 at
<https://secure.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/OnlineForms/LocalCarerAwardsNominationForm.aspx>

or

By emailing completed nomination form to: contact@carersnsw.asn.au

or

By faxing completed nomination form to: 02 9280 4755 (Attention: Carer Awards)

or

By posting completed nomination form to:
Carers NSW Carers Awards PO Box 20156 WORLD SQUARE NSW 2002





Local Carer Awards Program
Nomination Form

Please nominate an individual or group from your local community for consideration by the Minister for Disability Services, the Hon. Peter Primrose MLC.

Local community _____

Nominee (Individual or organisation) name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone: _____ (mobile): _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please outline how this nominee demonstrates an outstanding contribution to caring in the community (include details of the category of carer and type of caring responsibilities)

Has the nominee agreed to be nominated? Yes No

Please provide details of two referees who can be contacted to support this nomination.
(The nominee should be encouraged to nominate the referees.)

Referee (1)

Name: _____

Relationship to you/capacity as a referee: _____

Address:

Phone: _____ (mobile): _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Referee (2)

Name: _____

Relationship to you/capacity as a referee: _____

Address:

Phone: _____ (mobile): _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Declaration by the nominator

I _____ (print name of nominator)

declare that:

- to the best of my knowledge, the information provided about the nominee is true and correct
- I have informed the individual or organisation of this nomination.

Signature _____ date: _____

Please print a hard copy of this form and post it to:

**Ms Elena Katrakis, CEO, Carers NSW
PO Box 20156 World Square NSW 2002
or
Fax to 02 9280 4755 (Attention Carers Awards)**

By 3 September 2010