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Carers NSW congratulates NSW Carer Award recipients

As carers and the community celebrate Carers Week 2011, Carers NSW congratulates all the recipients of the NSW Carer Awards announced this week.

A special awards ceremony was held at Parliament House to announce the Carer Ambassador Awards and the NSW Carer of the Year, while ceremonies have been held across the state to honour 143 local award recipients.

This year's eight Carer Ambassador Award recipients were:

- Antonia Kapsalis - Caring Partner and NSW Carer of the Year
- Jann O'Connor - Senior Carer
- Carmel Flavell - Caring Volunteer/Community Member
- Helen Baczynskyj - Caring Family or Parent
- Carreen Dew - Young Carer
- Susan Murphy - Caring Partner
- Railcorp - Carer-Friendly Workplace
- Candles Cancer Support Group - Carer Support Group

"Carers NSW congratulates all the carers, carer support groups and the organisations that support carers on receiving their awards," Carers NSW CEO Elena Katrakis said.

The Awards, now in their second year were held in partnership with Carers NSW and the NSW Government.

"The NSW Carers Awards program acknowledges the enormous contribution of carers in New South Wales and they will also help raise awareness of carers in their local communities.

"Carers NSW would also like to thank the people and organisations who nominated carers for these awards as an important step in acknowledging the role of carers in NSW," Ms Katrakis said.

During 2011 Carers Week, from 16 to 22 October, over 340 activities are happening around New South Wales to celebrate carers and to provide a break from their caring role.

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