



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Community Recognition Statement

19 October 2021

HUNTER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend) :

Volunteering is a selfless act that many individuals undertake across the community, freely giving their time, energy, experience and service without expecting anything in return.

The Centre for Volunteering promotes and supports volunteering and community participation through leadership and experience in delivering services such as volunteer referral and management, advice, training, research and policy development.

Each year, they hold the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. Volunteers are recognised across four different award categories: Senior Volunteer of the Year, Young Volunteer of the Year, Adult Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Team of the Year.

The winner of the Adult Volunteer of the Year was Wallsend electorate's Leanne Pitt-Barile of Black Hill.

Leanne is the volunteer NSW Team Leader with national charity Share the Dignity, which supports people who may be experiencing homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or suffering financial hardship. Leanne co-ordinates three campaign drives and events each year, as well as supporting the Share the Dignity Vending Machines, which allow women and children to receive personal health care products without having to ask.

Congratulations Leanne and thank you for all that you do in for vulnerable people in the community.