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Community Recognition Statements

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HUNTER VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

Recently, a number of Hunter residents were recognised for their voluntary contributions to the community in the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. The awards are the largest celebration for volunteers across the country and are run by The Centre for Volunteering.

Local winners included Share the Dignity, who were awarded the Hunter Volunteer Team of the Year. Share the Dignity are based in Black Hill where Founder and Managing Director, Rochelle Courtenay and her team of volunteers, run campaigns to help collect sanitary items for refuges and shelters providing accommodation to women facing homelessness and domestic violence. As a result of this, Share the Dignity has become a national charity that currently has over 4,400 volunteers Australia-wide in addition to the multiple initiatives aimed at giving dignity to women.

My congratulations extends to additional award recipient Anthony Milburn for his efforts in collecting and transporting fresh produce that would otherwise go to waste to the Slow Food Hunter Valley Foundation where they turn it into meals; Joshua Wallace for his work with St John Ambulance; and Rosalie Taggart for her work with the Hunter Valley Breast Cancer Foundation.