



# Hon Michael Gallacher MLC

Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council  
Minister for Police and Emergency Services  
Minister for the Hunter

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL HONOURED IN AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher has congratulated 21 NSW Police and Emergency Service Personnel who have received awards today as part of the Australia Day Honours.

Nine Police Officers have been awarded the Australian Police Medal, three Fire and Rescue NSW firefighters and six Rural Fire Service members have been awarded the Australian Fire Services Medal, one of the highest honours for Australian firefighters.

Two members from the NSW State Emergency Service and one member of the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association have been awarded the Emergency Services Medal.

“These medals recognise the hard work and dedication these men and women show in performing their daily duties,” Minister Gallacher said.

“These individuals, whether volunteers or paid officers, continue to demonstrate a level of commitment members of the community have come to expect from our emergency service personnel.

“These are the men and women who too often risk their own safety in order to perform one of the hardest jobs around, responding to all manner of emergencies, including flood, fire, road accidents and rescue operations,” Minister Gallacher said.

“I want to express my gratitude on behalf of the people of NSW and indeed the Nation, for the vital and at times difficult work each member of our emergency services performs every day,” Minister Gallacher concluded.

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