

**Ray Williams MP** Minister for Disability Services Minister for Multiculturalism

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## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR NSW CARERS AWARDS

Minister for Disability Services Ray Williams is encouraging people across NSW to nominate an exceptional carer or employer for a NSW Carers Award.

The NSW Carers Awards aim to recognise and raise awareness of the valuable contribution unpaid carers make to the people they care for and the wider community.

"There are more than 900,000 carers in NSW, who provide unconditional support for those in their care on a daily basis," Mr Williams said.

"I would urge anyone who knows a carer or who has witnessed best practice by an organisation in supporting carers to put forward a nomination so this tremendous work can be recognised."

The 2017 NSW Carers Awards will coincide with Carers Week, which runs from 15 - 21 October 2017.

"This is a great opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the significant contributions of carers across NSW," Mr Williams said.

Up to 10 awards will be presented during the award ceremony, including the 2017 NSW Carer of the Year.

To nominate a carer go to <u>www.careforacarer.nsw.gov.au</u>. Entries close on 31 August 2017.

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