



**Greg Piper, MP**  
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## **AWARDS FOR TOP VOLUNTEERS**

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, today urged local not-for-profit organisations to nominate their most dedicated workers for the 2008 NSW Volunteer of the Year Award.

“These awards are a great opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work done by volunteers,” Mr Piper said. “I encourage local groups to nominate their hardest workers for state-wide recognition.”

“One in four people in NSW gives some of their time freely to help with sporting clubs, service clubs, emergency services, environmental groups, social work and aged care,” Mr Piper said.

Ms Linda Burney, Minister for Volunteering, launched the 2008 awards during the recent National Volunteer Week.

“I’m proud to be working with the Centre for Volunteering and providing support for these awards,” said Ms Burney. “It’s so important that we acknowledge and thank our volunteers for the enormous difference they make to the disadvantaged in our communities and to our precious environment.”

All entrants must be nominated and must have volunteered for the equivalent of one day per week (or 6 hours) for at least six months over a twelve-month period.

Entries will be judged on a regional basis, with the winners moving forward to state judging and the award ceremony in December.

Entries close on 30 September and can be obtained from Mr Piper’s electorate office at Toronto, by visiting [www.volunteering.com.au](http://www.volunteering.com.au) or phoning the Centre for Volunteering at 9261 3600