



# **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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### **MINISTER WELCOMES 112 NEW RECRUITS**

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher, has today joined Commissioner of Police Andrew Scipione in welcoming 112 new recruits who are graduating from the Police Academy.

The 112 students from Class 313 will be allocated to Local Area Commands across New South Wales from Monday.

“This is an extremely important day for these men and women to finally see their hard work pay off as they enter a new and challenging career with the NSW Police Force,” Minister Gallacher said.

“As a former Police Officer, I understand the sense of achievement, anticipation and excitement they all feel. They have worked very hard to reach this day.

The 78 male and 34 female recruits will attest with the rank of Probationary Constable and then complete 12-months of ‘on-the-job’ training and study by distance education before officially graduating with an Associate Diploma in Policing Practice.

These students have come from all walks of life including 13 from different nations, three students are from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background and they range in age from 19 through to 50.

“These men and women have chosen a selfless profession, dedicating their working lives to ensuring the safety and protection of the community and I congratulate them for coming so far.” Minister Gallacher concluded.

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