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MINSTER PRESENTS POLICE MEDALS IN REDFERN

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher has today presented awards to members of the NSW Police Force and commended the service they provide to the people of NSW.

Four members of the NSW Police Force are today receiving their Police Medals and a further fifteen are being awarded their clasps including Sergeant Wayne Baxter for 30 years of Diligent and Ethical Service.

Police Medals are awarded to sworn members of the Force who have completed ten years of Diligent and Ethical Service.

“This is a tradition which provides an opportunity to recognise the great service carried out by our hard working police officers,” Minister Gallacher said.

“It’s a special privilege for me to recognise the work and dedication of the officers who were today presented with the medal clasps.

“Their dedication, integrity and commitment to the community is commended,” Minister Gallacher said.

The Minister also commended local programs such as the Aboriginal Mentoring Group, the Gamarada Healing and Life Skills Program, Tribal Warrior, Babana Mens Group, the Aboriginal Housing Company, Mudgin-gal Women’s Centre and Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care.

“Without the efforts of such motivated and committed people behind these programs, the work of the NSW Police Force would be even harder,” Minister Gallacher said.

“I congratulate and thank them for their devotion and commitment to working with the NSW Police Force and promoting change in the community.

I would also like to pay tribute to the families behind the hard working men and women who provide them with the support to enable them to contribute to do the difficult work they do,” Minister Gallacher concluded.

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