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THANKING HILLS VOLUNTEERS

Minister responsible for volunteering John Ajaka and Member for Castle Hill launched the 2016 Student Premier's Volunteer Recognition Program.

The Premier's Volunteer Recognition Program has the potential to recognise the more than two million volunteers in NSW. The Program has two recognition streams, youth and adult, and different levels of recognition for time spent volunteering.

Ray Williams MP said the NSW Government acknowledged the immense benefits of volunteering, and how vital it is to support volunteering across the State.

"Volunteers do so much to make our local community stronger. Whether it is lending a hand at weekend sport, serving in our emergency services, or helping families in need, they deserve our thanks and recognition," Mr. Williams said.

Students are able to log their volunteering achievements on the Up2Now website, which also allows students to tailor resumes to demonstrate their experiences to prospective employers and in other applications, such as for university courses.

"Students who participate in this program are eligible for certificates to recognise their volunteering which can help build a comprehensive resume when seeking employment" he said.

All students who log their volunteering time requirements will receive a Premier's Volunteer Recognition Program certificate at the end of 2016.

"The NSW Government is determined to better support, recognise and encourage volunteering across the State," Mr Ajaka said.

In 2015 more than 5,000 students from participating schools received Premier's Volunteer Recognition Program certificates for their achievements.

All NSW school principals are invited to register their school at the Up2Now website to enable students to record their volunteering.

More information on the Premier's Volunteer Recognition Program for students can be found via the Shape Your Future NSW Facebook page, www.facebook.com/nswvolunteer and the NSW Volunteering website <http://www.volunteering.nsw.gov.au/>

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