



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

**Member for Castle Hill**  
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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **CASTLE HILL RESIDENTS URGED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON NSW WOMEN OF THE YEAR**

Local Member Ray Williams is encouraging members of the Castle Hill electorate to vote for finalists for the 2018 NSW Women of the Year Awards.

Online voting is now open for five of the seven awards, with four outstanding women nominated in each category.

“These wonderful women have made a significant impact on the communities in which we live and work. By recognising their achievements, we can say thank you for their contributions and inspire the future generations of women and girls to strive for success,” Mr Williams said.

“I urge Castle Hill residents to read the nominees’ stories online, learn about these fascinating women and show your support by voting before February 23.”

Finalists were selected from hundreds of nominations by a panel of leading NSW women, overseen by Minister for Women Tanya Davies.

“A huge congratulations to each of the remarkable women nominated this year, who are without a doubt worthy contenders for these prestigious Awards. Their personal stories of sacrifice, hard work and success are truly inspiring,” Mrs Davies said

“In just a few clicks online you can get to know and encourage these outstanding women, by helping them get the recognition they deserve.”

Five of the seven 2018 Awards categories are now open for online voting:

- Community Hero
- Harvey Norman Young Woman of the Year
- Rex Airlines Regional Woman of the Year
- NSW Business Woman of the Year
- First State Super Lifetime Achievement *\*new in 2018*

Winners will be announced at an Awards ceremony at the International Convention Centre Sydney on International Women’s Day - Thursday, 8 March 2018.

For the list of nominees and to cast your vote visit [women.nsw.gov.au](http://women.nsw.gov.au). Voting closes Friday 23, 2018.

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