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LOCAL HEROES HONOURED FOR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

In recognition of their tireless dedication to the North Western Sydney community, Christopher Kirk from the Castle Hill United Football Club has been named the 2021 Regional Volunteer of the Year.

Member for Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards recognise the significant contributions individuals and organisations make across all sections of the community.

“Today’s online ceremony gave us the chance to come together and say thank you to our local volunteers, who are the lifeblood of our communities,” Mr Williams said. “We are extremely grateful for their continued commitment and I congratulate all award recipients and thank everyone who nominated.”

The annual awards are run by [The Centre for Volunteering](#), the state’s peak body for volunteering.

The awards follow the release of the inaugural [NSW State of Volunteering Report](#), which found more than 4.8 million people volunteered in NSW in 2020.

Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services Alister Henskens said the awards recognise volunteers who have gone above and beyond for their communities. “The pandemic may have tested the character and resolve of our state but our volunteers responded in a variety of ways,” Mr Henskens said.

“I am inspired by the incredible people that devote their time and energy to benefit others and I congratulate all award winners.”

The recipients of the 2021 Castle Hill Volunteer of the Year Awards are:

- **Young Volunteer of the Year:** Ethan Harithupan - St John Ambulance
- **Adult Volunteer of the Year:** Christopher Kirk - Castle Hill United Football Club
- **Senior Volunteer of the Year:** Robin Deaves - Community Care Blaxlands Ridge
- **Team Volunteer of the Year:** Country Women’s Association Castle Hill Branch

The awards are supported by the NSW Government and ClubsNSW, which represents the state’s 1,400 not-for-profit clubs.

For more information, visit <https://www.volunteering.com.au/volunteer-awards/>.

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