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MACQUARIE HOME STAY WINS SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

Macquarie Home Stay has won the the prestigious **Roy Butler MP, Independent Member for Barwon Small Business Award** at the 2025 Community Achievement Awards of New South Wales and the ACT. With hundreds of nominations in total, Macquarie Home Stay won the Award from a strong field of community contributors.

The winners were announced at an Awards Gala Presentation Dinner at the Shangri-La Sydney on Saturday 29th November 2025. The awards were hosted by 7NEWS Presenter Michael Usher.

350 guests gathered from across the State to celebrate New South Wales and the ACT's high achievers, including The Hon Stephen Kamper MP, Minister for Minister for Lands and Property.

Macquarie Home Stay of Dubbo (MHS) is committed to transforming regional healthcare access and wellbeing. MHS is a not-for-profit accommodation facility that supports patients and families from across rural and regional NSW who travel for medical treatment. Entirely self-funded, MHS reduces the emotional and financial strain of accessing healthcare by offering affordable, compassionate accommodation. Since opening, MHS has hosted over 13,000 bed nights annually, raised more than \$600,000 through community fundraising, and engaged over 300 volunteers through programs like Friends of MHS and its guest concierge service. Their 2025 completion of the CWA of NSW Guesthouse, a 26-room facility supporting cancer patients, earned a Master Builders Association Award.

The nine category winners are:

- Global Sisters - **Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Small Business Community Ally Award**
- Wardell Neighbourhood Centre - **Awards Australia Foundation Health and Wellbeing Award**
- ShoreTrack - **Caption by Hyatt Connecting Communities Award**
- Balranald Shire Council - **Council Crown Land Management Excellence Award**
- Bogan Gate Recreation Reserve Land Manager - **Crown Land Management Excellence Award**
- Cherie Johnson - Speaking in Colour - **Konica Minolta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Community Achievement Award**
- Brad Ambridge - **Leadership Award**
- Elvis Danso - **Local Legend Award**
- Macquarie Home Stay - **Roy Butler MP, Independent Member for Barwon Small Business Award**

Winners will each receive a prize package including a complimentary membership to The Career College valued at \$594, a \$750 Reflections Holiday Gift Voucher and a trophy.

Damien Slockee - Bro Support Services was also announced as the winner of the People's Choice Award and received a 2-hour photo shoot or a videography service for a video up to 2 minutes in length, provided by **The Black Frontier**.

Further information about Macquarie Home Stay can be obtained by phoning the Awards office on 03 9720 2377 or by emailing caa@awardsaustralia.com and emily@awardsaustralia.com

The Community Achievement Awards started in 2002 and are designed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions that individuals, communities and businesses make throughout NSW & The ACT. These awards aim to recognise their success and achievements, which contribute to making NSW & The ACT a better place.