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**2015 EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY AWARDS**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today invited nominations for the third annual Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government created these awards to shine a spotlight on the incredible work our nurses and midwives do, right across the state,” she said.

“In meeting the winners and finalists in 2013 and 2014, I was struck by their humility and passion for their work.

“They embody NSW Health’s CORE values (collaboration, openness, respect and empowerment) - qualities they have in common with thousands of nurses and midwives around the state.

“Today I encourage community members, patients, colleagues and professionals to nominate nurses and midwives who demonstrate excellence and make a difference to the lives of their patients.”

The 2015 Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Judith Meppem Lifetime Achievement Award
- Excellence in Nursing - Registered Nurse
- Excellence in Midwifery
- Excellence in Nursing - Enrolled Nurse
- Excellence in Nursing/Midwifery - Assistant in Nursing / Assistant in Midwifery
- Excellence in Leadership
- Excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Care
- Excellence in Innovation in Education
- Excellence in Innovation in Research
- Excellence in Nursing/Midwifery - Graduate (recognising Registered Nurses, Registered Midwives and Enrolled Nurses who completed their first year of practice in 2014)
- Consumer Appreciation Award

There are 48,000 nurses and midwives in the NSW public health system. To nominate one, go to [http://www.nursingmidwiferyawards.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nursingmidwiferyawards.health.nsw.gov.au)

Nominations open today and close on June 10.