



**Jillian Skinner**  
Minister for Health

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### **NSW AMBULANCE APPRECIATION DAY**

A specialist paramedic based at Rockdale Ambulance Station has been recognised on NSW Ambulance Appreciation Day with the Minister's Bursary for Excellence.

Health Minister Jillian Skinner was joined at St Ives Ambulance Station today by local MPs Jonathan O'Dea (Davidson) and Alister Henskens (Ku-ring-gai) and NSW Ambulance Chief Executive Dominic Morgan as she announced the bursary recipient and thanked NSW Ambulance staff and volunteers for the vital role they play in the community.

Mrs Skinner said Peter Economou is a worthy recipient of the Minister's Bursary for Excellence, which includes a \$5,000 prize to fund further education and training.

"Eleven exceptional people were nominated but Peter was chosen due to his high level of skill, experience and dedication," Mrs Skinner said.

"A 21-year, career paramedic, Peter is trained to deliver complex Intensive Care and Extended Care clinical treatment and is also Special Casualty Access Trained (SCAT). He has successfully applied his advanced clinical capability and remote area rescue skills in multiple Special Operations patient responses, showing professionalism and excellence in situations including flood emergencies, siege operations and complex rescue operations.

"Today, I congratulate Peter and his fellow nominees but, more importantly, I thank all paramedics, Triple Zero (000) call takers, dispatchers, helicopter response teams and volunteers who display skill and professionalism when we need them most."

Mr Morgan said: "From the frontline to our corporate offices, every single NSW Ambulance staff member plays a vital role in ensuring paramedics are equipped and enabled to deliver exceptional care to patients across the state."

As well as the 11 nominees for the bursary, 70 community and NSW Ambulance staff members received awards in acknowledgment of their extraordinary efforts to save loved ones or strangers.

Message of support for NSW Ambulance staff can be posted on the NSW Ambulance Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages using #AppreciationDay