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ILLAWARRA DOCTOR NAMED NSW HEALTH STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Health Minister Jillian Skinner tonight congratulated the Illawarra's Director of Palliative Care Services, Dr Greg Barclay, for winning this year's Staff Member of the Year at the annual NSW Health Awards.

Dr Barker was described by his colleagues as an extremely dedicated person, who is kind, respectful and extremely accessible.

"Dr Barker was nominated for his exceptional guidance and support to patients, carers, family members and colleagues and for going beyond the call of duty to support the District's palliative care community," Mrs Skinner said.

"I'm told clients and their families are constantly singing Dr Barclay's praise with cards and letters of appreciation."

Dr Barclay has been the mainstay of the District's palliative care service, performing the role of director with great skills and diplomacy while working with a clinical load.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast Gareth Ward said communities across the Illawarra have much to be proud of when it comes to the achievements of their local health providers.

"I thank Dr Barclay for his incredible work ethic and his commitment and dedication to the people of the Illawarra," Mr Ward said.

"He embodies the philosophy of palliative care in our community."

There were 48 finalists in 11 categories at tonight's NSW Health Awards, with many showcasing their work at the NSW Health and Innovation Symposium earlier in the day.

Seven categories were won by regional Local Health Districts, including Far West, Hunter New England, Illawarra Shoalhaven, Mid North Coast and Northern NSW.

"Tonight's awards recognise the excellence of our nurses, clinicians, allied health professionals, support staff, researchers and volunteers, who strive on a daily basis to develop and implement innovative models of care with the aim of improving outcomes for patients across NSW," Mrs Skinner said.