



The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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CENTRAL COAST SPORTS STARS MAKE A SPLASH

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, presented the Central Coast Sports Federation's Volunteer of the Year award to Ocean Beach surf life saver Katie Dixon at the Central Coast Sports Federation Awards last night.

"These awards are a great opportunity to recognise the achievements of people involved in sport on the Central Coast," Mr Annesley said.

"The Central Coast has an abundance of sporting organisations that offer community sport and most rely on volunteers, so I'm delighted to present the award of Central Coast Sports Federation's Volunteer of the Year to Ocean Beach surf life saver Katie Dixon.

Mr Annesley added, "Katie completed over 100 patrol hours, as well as offering her time to assist in lifesaving education, youth retention, first aid training and many other volunteer roles."

Among the night's local award winners, who represented a wide variety of sporting backgrounds, were champion surf life saver Amy Nurthen, freestyle skier Matt Graham, Indigenous netballer Sharnie Aston and Special Olympics state golf champion Steve Robson.

The Central Coast Sports Federation provides a united voice for all sports on the Central Coast and is the first and only regional body of the NSW Sports Federation.

Mr Annesley said this highlights the importance of sport to the entire Central Coast community and the Federation plays an important role in promoting Central Coast sporting organisations.

"It brings local sporting organisations together, creates connections and encourages cooperation to promote the benefits of sport to the local community.

"I particularly commend the Federation's current work on the promotion and development of sport tourism including the coordination and promotion of disability sport opportunities across the Central Coast.

"I congratulate all of the award nominees and winners on their outstanding achievements and contributions to sport on the Central Coast," Mr Annesley said.

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