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Provest calls for Tweed nominations for NSW Volunteer of the Year Award

Tweed Nationals MP Geoff Provest is urging local not-for-profit organisations to nominate their most dedicated workers for the inaugural NSW Volunteer of the Year Award.

“This initiative aims to honour the contribution the 1.4 million volunteers make to NSW, and we blessed with more than our fair share in the Tweed,” Mr Provest said.

“I can think of dozens of volunteers in the Tweed community groups I work with every week who are worthy of special recognition.”

The awards are being promoted and conducted on a regional basis throughout the State. Regional awards ceremonies will take place during October, regional winners will take part in State judging. An award ceremony to honour all winners will be held on December 5 – International Volunteer Day.

Volunteers in Australia are estimated to contribute about \$12.5 billion a year through their unpaid efforts. In NSW the figure is more than \$3 billion a year.

Volunteer work ranges from aged care, education and child welfare and counselling, through to emergency callout, event control, running sporting clubs, environmental care and animal protection.

“There’s hardly an area of life that is not helped by volunteering. The NSW Volunteer of the Year Award recognises that invaluable unpaid effort,” said Mr Provest.

For further information about the awards or to nominate a volunteer, contact Geoff Provest’s office on (07) 5523 4816 or visit www.volunteering.com.au nominations close 1st October 2007

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