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### RECOGNISING OUR RURAL WOMEN VOLUNTEERS

The outstanding achievements of female volunteers across regional NSW will be recognised as nominations for the 2019 Hidden Treasures Honour Roll officially open.

Minister for Agriculture Adam Marshall and Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women Bronnie Taylor encouraged members of the community to submit nominations for the Honour Roll, which shines a spotlight on the accomplishments of female volunteers across the regions.

“The annual Hidden Treasures Honour Roll provides well-earned recognition of the outstanding achievements of female volunteers and the invaluable role they play in our regional communities,” Mr Marshall said.

“Since the Honour Roll was introduced in 2010, we’ve heard incredible stories of tireless work and achievement from rural volunteers, from boosting educational opportunities to helping communities through events such as drought.”

Ms Taylor said the opening of nominations coincides with the 30<sup>th</sup> annual National Volunteer Week and was a reminder to reflect on the wonderful female volunteers in our community.

“As a country woman, I have seen first-hand the way regional women support one another and volunteer in so many capacities, they are the backbone of their communities,” Ms Taylor said.

“The theme of this year’s National Volunteer Week is ‘*Making a world of difference*’ and reflects the impact regional women have, particularly when times are tough.”

To nominate a Hidden Treasures volunteer, complete a nomination online or download a nomination form and share a few paragraphs about why your nominee deserves to be recognised. Nominations close 2 August. For more information, contact the Rural Women’s Network on 02 6391 3612 or email [rural.women@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rural.women@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

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