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## 2013 Justice Awards winners announced

Winners of the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW's **2013 Justice Awards** were announced at a formal dinner on Monday 21 October at Parliament House, Sydney. Around 340 guests and nominees from across the State gathered to hear the inspirational stories of the individuals and organisations that have improved access to justice in NSW, particularly for socially and economically disadvantaged people.

This year the Foundation was honoured to have the Law and Justice Address delivered by **The Hon. Chief Justice Robert French AC**, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.

The Foundation congratulates all the nominees and is pleased to announce the following individuals and organisations as this year's winners.

The **Justice Medal** was presented by Sir Anthony Mason AC KBE, Patron of the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW, to **Alison Churchill**, CEO, Community Restorative Centre. Ms Churchill was recognised for her 25-year commitment to helping vulnerable people and her significant achievements in expanding the Community Restorative Centre to improve services for people affected by the criminal justice system, particularly for prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families. This Award is sponsored by the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW.

The **Aboriginal Justice Award** was presented by The Hon. Greg Smith SC, Attorney General of NSW, to **Lyall Munro**, a Gomeroi Elder and direct descendant of the **Myall Creek area in Moree**. Lyall has demonstrated a life-long and deep commitment to bringing about change for Aboriginal people. His fortitude and perseverance in fighting for justice has benefitted Aboriginal people not only in his local community, but across the State.

The **Pro Bono Partnership Award** was presented to **Anti-Slavery Australia** and **Clayton Utz**, whose partnership has achieved excellent outcomes for victims who have been sex-trafficked into Australia and forced to work in sexual servitude. This Award is sponsored by the National Pro Bono Resource Centre.

The **Law and Justice Volunteer Award** was presented to the **Volunteers of the Muslim Women Support Centre in Lakemba**, for their dedication to providing an inclusive and culturally-appropriate service for women and children escaping domestic violence. The Volunteers provide mentoring, advocacy and education to assist women to become independent and rebuild their lives. This Award is sponsored by the NSW Bar Association.

There were also three other awards presented on the evening:

- The **Law Society President's Award** was awarded to **Greta King** for her outstanding contribution to the Law Society's Pro Bono Scheme.
- The **Community Legal Centres NSW Award** was presented to the **David McMillan**, a volunteer at Kingsford Legal Centre, for his 26 year commitment to volunteering in community legal centres.
- The **Legal Information Access Centre 'Centre of Excellence' Award** was jointly awarded to **Manly Library** and **Wagga Wagga City Library** for their innovative promotion of legal resources available in public libraries.

For information on all the nominees visit [www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice\\_awards](http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice_awards) to download the **2013 Justice Awards Program**.

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