RESERVE TRUST MEMBERS URGED TO ENTER NSW VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Reserve trust board members are being encouraged to enter the 2010 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards and get some recognition for the valuable work they do.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, there are 6,000 volunteers who manage around 700 public reserves in NSW.

“They work tirelessly to maintain and improve these valuable community assets,” the Minister said.

“They support metropolitan, rural and regional communities through Crown reserve trust boards – a system of land management that has worked successfully for more than 150 years.

“The work carried out by these unsung heroes often goes unrecognised by the wider community but many local facilities would be in much poorer condition without their hard work and endeavour.

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“Some of these assets are local tourist attractions with the capacity to stimulate local economies and provide jobs.

“The 2010 NSW Volunteer of the Year Award program recognises and celebrates the enormous contribution made by volunteers to community life and I would urge all reserve trust volunteers to enter and gain some recognition for the fantastic work they do.”

There are three major categories – 2010 NSW Volunteer of the Year Award, 2010 NSW Volunteer Team of the Year Award and 2010 NSW Employee (Corporate) Volunteer of the Year Award.

More information about the awards and nominations forms can be found at www.nswvolunteerawards.com.

Nominations close on Thursday, 30 September.