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Vivienne honoured for amazing work

Volunteer firefighter is our Woman of the Year

Jake McCallum

AFTER a lifetime of dedication to others – Vivienne Miller has been recognised as Hornsby's Woman of the Year.

With 43 years of service to the NSW Rural Fire Service, and 34 years supporting St John Ambulance – Vivienne Miller, from Cowan, knows her purpose in life.

"I just wanted to be able to help others in an emergency situation," Mrs Miller said.

"It is a great gift to be able to teach and instruct others on the best possible ways to save a life and fight a fire – that is why I do what I do."

Mrs Miller was named Woman of the Year at a special ceremony in NSW Parliament House to coincide with International Women's Day last week.

"I ended up becoming an instructor for first aid and

worked with St John Ambulance service for 34 years, I only retired from being a volunteer for the service in 2014," Mrs Miller said.

"I had the pleasure of joining the operations branch of St Johns Ambulance service and worked at the Sydney Olympics providing first aid support, that was a real highlight."

Hornsby state Liberal MP Matt Kean was joined by Premier Mike Baird and Minister for Women Pru Goward to present Mrs Mil-

ler with her award to recognise the outstanding contribution she has made to the local community.

"With the Rural Fire Service, knowing that in the firefighting situation we are able to protect our home and others in our community is

so important, it makes us passionate to continue to support the cause – we may be able to save a life," Mrs Miller said. "I can not only save a life with the skills I have learnt ... but I am also able to teach others those life saving skills that can do the same."

Vivienne has been a member of Hornsby Headquarters, Berowra Brigade, president of communications Brigade and is still active with the Cowan Brigade today, where she has held positions including first aid officer and deputy captain.

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Cowan resident and Rural Fire Service volunteer Vivienne Miller. Picture: Virigina Young