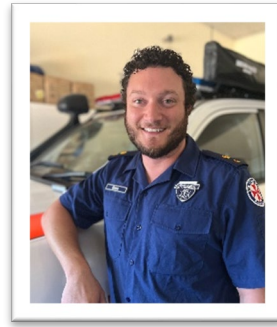


NSW Ambulance

Nominee's name: Benjamin Loiacono

Current Role: Station Officer, Nyngan



Benjamin serves as a Paramedic and Station Officer at Nyngan Station for NSW Ambulance, where he is widely respected for his exemplary leadership, commitment to community care, and tireless service. Over more than 23 years in emergency services, Ben has held critical roles including Zone Manager and Duty Operations Manager, excelling in clinical oversight, mentoring, and staff welfare.

Ben consistently goes above and beyond, offering operational support and peer assistance even during personal time. He notably sacrificed leave to support colleagues after the sudden passing of a fellow paramedic in a remote town—an act emblematic of his selfless dedication.

Beyond his official duties, Ben contributes extensively to the Nyngan community as a volunteer with the RFS and a board member of the local RSL. His innovations, such as staff recognition and leadership development initiatives, have improved service culture and staff morale across the Central and Far West Zone.

Ben embodies compassion, resilience, and quiet leadership. His unwavering service—even in multiple uniforms—is a source of inspiration to colleagues and the broader community alike. For his extraordinary commitment and impact, Benjamin Loiacono is a deserving nominee for this award.