

NSW Ambulance

Nominee's name: Simone Sutherland

Current Role: Community Emergency Response Team, Manildra



Simone Sutherland has served her community with distinction as a volunteer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member for NSW Ambulance for over 24 years. Based in Manildra and affiliated with the Molong Ambulance Station in Central West NSW, Simone responds to high-priority 000 calls, often being first on scene to deliver critical care before paramedics arrive.

Alongside her full-time role in pathology with NSW Health, Simone is on call 24/7, 365 days a year. Her extraordinary dedication, clinical skill, and calming presence are invaluable during medical emergencies, from complex traumas to paediatric resuscitations. Her service during the Manildra floods exemplified her courage and commitment.

Beyond her emergency response duties, Simone actively engages in regular, advanced training sessions, often twice monthly, ensuring her skills remain current and effective. She is deeply respected not only by her colleagues but by the entire community, who regard her as a trusted and compassionate first responder.

Simone's selflessness, professionalism, and resilience embody the spirit of Service Above Self. Her unwavering contributions over two and a half decades have had a profound impact on patient outcomes and community trust. She is a truly deserving nominee for the Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards.