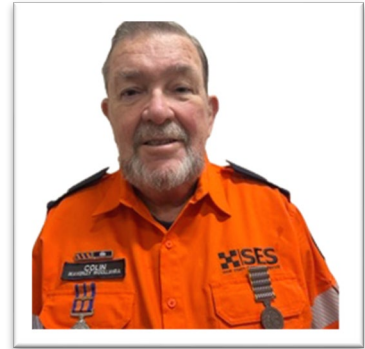


NSW State Emergency Service

Nominee's name: Colin McQueen

Current Role: Trainer & Assessor,
Waverley/Woollahra



Colin McQueen has dedicated more than 55 years of exceptional volunteer service to the NSW State Emergency Service. A Life Member of the Waverley/Woollahra Unit, Colin has served in over 15 roles including Team Leader, Senior Deputy Local Controller, and for the past 26 years, as the Unit's lead Trainer and Mentor. He has been instrumental in developing training programs and supporting new trainers across the region.

Colin's commitment has extended far beyond weekly training nights. He has led SES contingents at major public events such as the Sydney Bicentenary, ANZAC Bridge opening, and City to Surf, and supported operations at countless community events. A compassionate leader, he has been a pillar of support for members facing stress following emergency responses—respected by many as a father figure.

His broader service includes collaboration with organisations like the Scouts and Salvation Army and earlier volunteer work with St John Ambulance. Colin is estimated to have contributed over 500,000 hours to SES activities, often volunteering 15–18 hours a week for decades.

Colin's profound influence on his unit and the wider community exemplifies enduring service and mentorship. He is a truly deserving nominee for the Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards.