

MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY MEDAL FINALIST

A long-standing Regional Development Riverina staff member has been named a finalist for the NSW Premier's Multicultural Community Medal.

The Premier's Multicultural Community Medals and the Multicultural Honour Roll highlight the outstanding contribution of migrants, and those who work in the multicultural field. As Skilled Migration Officer, Faye Anderson has made a valuable contribution to this field for more than 15 years.

In her role, Faye is called upon to respond to the needs of Riverina employers and migrants alike in assessing and processing visa applications for certification and sponsorship. But as RDA Riverina CEO Rachel Whiting points out, Faye's contributions go much further.

"Faye is patient and kind. She goes above and beyond in responding to the needs of new skilled migrants and their families. She meets and greets new arrivals at the airport or train station, is invited to cultural celebrations and has been known to drive new arrivals to job interviews on her day off.

"Faye is the perfect example of a long-standing member of the Riverina community welcoming people to our region. She sets a great example for unity in the community and shows us what we can achieve if people are willing to act as a friend and neighbour to all."

Rachel said that Faye invests a great deal of time in building relationships with employers and migrants to help them make connections that benefit both parties and significantly contributes to the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of our regional communities.

"Faye has contributed to the goodwill in our communities towards new migrants and has eased the transition for many families. This has been a slow and quiet change but, through her good works, Faye sets the standard for others in the community.

"Faye is a much-loved member of the community and highly respected for her extensive knowledge and experience and we are very proud of her and the work she has done in helping new migrants as part of and in addition to her role as Skilled Migration Officer for RDA Riverina.

"We were sad that the awards night couldn't go ahead this year as planned due to Covid-19 but super excited for the announcement on Tuesday 26 May. Faye's a true winner in our eyes."

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