

**NEWS**

# Awardees on the 2017 honours' list

**PETA SEATON AM**

Former MP Peta Seaton AM of Moss Vale said learning being included on the Queen's Birthday Honours List was a "surreal feeling"

"I keep thinking it is for someone else," she said. "It is not what you are expecting, you don't do things in the community for this [recognition]... It's a real surprise."

Dr Seaton was appointed as a member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the parliament of NSW, the Southern Highlands community and higher education.

She was a Southern Highlands MP from 1996 to 2007, in which time she held portfolios including shadow Treasurer, shadow minister for reform of government, infrastructure and planning, competition and consumer protection, small business, insurance regulation and the environment.

She has also held key roles including adviser to several leaders in NSW parliament such as Barry O'Farrell, John Hewson, John Fahy, Nick Greiner and Ted Pickering. For the past 11 years, post-politics, she has immersed herself in several projects.



**MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA:** Peta Seaton AM has been recognised for significant service to the Parliament of NSW. Photos: supplied

**ANN CARR-BOYD AM**

Ann Carr-Boyd of Bowral has been appointed as a member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her significant service to the performing arts and classical music.

As a composer, pianist, teacher and musicologist, her influence on the industry, fellow composers, musicians and pupils has been extensive.

Co-founder of the Lane Cove Symphony Orchestra (now Mosman Orchestra), the passionate musician has had her compositions included in the Australian Music Examinations Board syllabus for 20 years and more than 190 works published at the Australian Music Centre.

Her contributions were made possible by those behind the scenes, and passionate musicians who've played her works.

"I've always been so well supported by my family, and am grateful to be associated with lots of wonderful performers."



**HONOURS:** Ann Carr-Boyd AM has made significant contributions to the performing arts, while Patricia Hughes OAM has served the community and youth.

**PATRICIA HUGHES OAM**

Volunteering is an integral, natural part of Patricia Hughes' life. To receive an honour for it was a shock. Now a member of the Order of Australia, Mrs Hughes said she was humbled. "I'm sure there's so many people wandering around doing as much or more than me," she said.

Mrs Hughes' association with the Girl Guides Association of Australia spans more than 55 years. From leader, regional training and inter-

national adviser to elected member of the state council and executive team, she has held countless roles. "Watching girls evolve into confident young women equipped for so many leadership and team roles is just remarkable," she said. Also an integral committee member of the Bundanoon Highland Gathering and the Southern Highlands Endurance Ride since 2009, Mrs Hughes more recently enjoyed roles of member, international officer and secretary of the CWA Exeter branch.

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