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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **SHERIFF LAUDS THE BEST OF THE WEST**

Some of the most talented and long-serving Sheriff's Officers in the Western Plains and Central West will be recognised for their outstanding service at a ceremony at Dubbo Courthouse today.

Duty Member of the Legislative Council for Dubbo Niall Blair, Member for Dubbo Troy Grant and Attorney-General Mark Speakman praised the commitment of the officers who have played a critical role in keeping courts in the region safe.

Mr Blair said some of today's award recipients have been Sheriff's Officers for more than two decades, performing a difficult job with maximum care and minimal fuss.

"These unsung heroes haven't sought the limelight but today's ceremony is a great opportunity to recognise their feats," Mr Blair said.

Mr Grant also paid tribute to the Sheriff's Officers.

"Courts can be a high stress environment where emotions run high, but our local Sheriff's Officers do a terrific job of managing security and keeping the peace," Mr Grant said.

NSW Sheriff Tracey Hall will present awards for long service and good conduct, and Olympic citations, to six officers from Bathurst, Dubbo, Mudgee, Orange and Parkes.

Ms Hall will also formally acknowledge three local Sheriff's Officers recently promoted to higher positions.

There are more than 280 Sheriff's Officers in NSW who are responsible for court security, administering the jury system and performing field duties, such as seizures of assets and evictions.

Mr Speakman said those who received awards today perform duties that can carry some personal risk.

"It's important that we recognise the dedication of these officers and help them and their colleagues keep safe. It can sometimes be a dangerous job. That's why the NSW Government has provided all Sheriff's Officers with ballistic vests to provide an extra level of protection for frontline duties," Mr Speakman said.