

Emergency Services Medal (ESM)

New South Wales

Ms Nicole Catherine Lockie, Elanora QLD 4221

For distinguished service as a member of an Australian emergency service.

Ms Nicole Lockie has given meritorious service to the NSW community as a volunteer of Marine Rescue NSW (MRNSW) Point Danger unit. Ms Lockie joined the Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) Marine Division (a precursor to Marine Rescue NSW) in 1995. She devoted six years, from 2005 to 2011, to volunteering with Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) Queensland at the Currumbin unit before returning to MRNSW where she continues to serve to this day.

Throughout her service with MRNSW, Ms Lockie has been held in the highest regard by her fellow members. She has an enduring commitment to the mission of MRNSW but also, just as importantly, her commitment to the safety, welfare and support of her fellow volunteers at the Point Danger unit. As one of the few female MRNSW coxswains, Ms Lockie has recorded hundreds of hours of sea time. She makes herself available around the clock to respond to emergencies on the water, personally conducting numerous rescue missions, often in dark and dangerous conditions. Notable rescues include the 2017 rescue of a stricken trawler off Tweed Heads in what was a challenging and high-risk rescue. More recently, Ms Lockie recorded the most rescues in one day as the skipper, with her rescue vessel performing seven separate rescues, three offshore and four inshore, a new record for the Point Danger unit.

Ms Lockie is a leader and role model for female volunteers with MRNSW. In November 2021, she was part of the first MRNSW all-female crew for the commissioning of Point Danger 31. To this day, Ms Lockie is one of the longest-serving operational female coxswains within MRNSW and has shown overwhelming dedication to her volunteer duty, and a commitment to saving lives on the water.