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RESILIENT AUSTRALIA AWARDS (NSW) RECIPIENTS

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I acknowledge that on this day in 2013 more than 200 homes were destroyed by bushfire in the Blue Mountains.

Many animals died in those fires, many of them pets.

Yesterday in the Resilient Australia Awards (NSW) I was proud to see some very humble people recognised for their efforts in preparedness for fire.

Jenny, Mel, Warren and Mary-Lou won highly commended in the Community Award category for their animal-ready community project, which raises awareness of the need for companion animals, livestock and native wildlife to be included in local emergency preparedness planning and response.

Warrimoo Public School won the Schools Award.

It was great to see the school represented by its leaders, principal and Pete and Dave from Warrimoo Bushfire Brigade.

The fabulous Kellie Mar won the Photography Award for her image of Emily, the Rural Fire Service volunteer.

Emily is a force to be reckoned with both on and off the fireground.

Congratulations to the Blaxland Rural Fire Brigade and to all of the Blue Mountains award recipients.