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Congratulations to our 2016 NSW Government solicitor winners

Congratulations **Adam Booker** from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions NSW, winner of the 2016 John Hennessy Research Scholarship, and **Bill Gerogiannis** from NSW Legal Aid, winner of the 2016 Michelle Crowther PSM Excellence Award in Government Legal Service. Adam Booker will use the funding for his research into the growing disproportionate rates of Indigenous Australians in the criminal justice system. Doug Humphreys, Junior Vice-President of the Law Society, told the Government Solicitors Conference in Sydney on 6 September, that Booker would look at interactions between police and Indigenous individuals, in particular in Wilcannia where he has worked.

The Michelle Crowther PSM Excellence in Government Solicitors Award was awarded to Bill Gerogiannis. Bill is the senior solicitor of the Government Law Team at NSW Legal Aid. He leads a team that provides high quality services across a diverse range of government law, including judicial review, immigration, veteran's law and NDIS law. The award was named after Michelle Crowther, a solicitor who joined Legal Aid in 1988 and had an outstanding career as a public sector solicitor, culminating in the conferral of the Public Service Medal in 2014. She passed away from motor neurone disease in 2015.

Jenny Lovric, Manager, Cooperative Legal Service Delivery, Program and Regional Outreach Clinic Program at NSW Legal Aid was highly commended for her work in significantly improving the availability of legal services for people in RRR areas through coordination of key legal services. The Fair Work Ombudsman- lawyers based in NSW, were also highly commended for producing exceptional outcomes through innovation in advancing the rights of employees.

