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Career Guidance Sprung from Rich Soil

Deidre Hindmarsh of Sureway Employment and Training, is the 2018 National Employment Services Association (NESA) Employment Consultant of the Year. Deidre joins 5 other people and organisations honoured in the NESA Awards for Excellence ceremony held last night at the Brisbane Hilton, as part of NESA's 2018 National Conference.

A good employment consultant is dedicated, compassionate, genuinely motivated by a desire to help, and has a good understanding of the labour market and possible best matches for their clients. Deidre has all of these characteristics and more!

Deidre's background is diverse, covering various administrative roles, while also running a sheep farm and raising three children. From here she moved into local council work before finding her passion in supporting Indigenous community projects, where she first began working in employment support roles.

Since 2009 Deidre has worked for Sureway Kiama and has shown outstanding imagination and success in matching even the most challenging clients to new professional pathways, her own diverse experience allowing her to understand that finding the right fit is the key to success. Kiama Sureway maintains a five-star rating thanks in large part to Deidre's exceptional contribution.

"Employment consultants like Deidre set the bar high," said NESA CEO Sally Sinclair, "but they do so in a context where the bar is high to start with. Employment services across the country strive for and reach similar targets on a daily basis. In a context of high achievers, Deidre's outstanding contribution to the lives of her clients is an example to the sector, and we congratulate her on this very deserved award."

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