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Celebrating inspirational women

What better way to celebrate International Women's Day than by having one of our own take out the highest honours in the state.

Renowned ear, nose and throat surgeon Catherine Birman, who performs cochlear implants at several hospitals including Royal Prince Alfred, beat a stellar field this morning to take out the NSW Premier's Award for Woman of the Year at a ceremony at Sydney's Convention Centre.

Known as one of the most experienced cochlear implant surgeons in Australia and a trail blazer, she has performed more than 1000 implant procedures and is also the medical director of a charity providing care to patients needing these devices.

She was only the third female ear, nose and throat surgeon to qualify in NSW and is an inspiring role model for all women.

Associate Professor Birman was presented with her award by (left to right) master of ceremonies Gretel Killeen, Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Minister for Women Tanya Davies and FirstState Super's Chief Digital Officer Mary Murphy.

Congratulations to Associate Professor Birman - and to Dr Vivien Chen from Concord Hospital who was named Drummoyne Woman of the Year as part of the NSW Women of the Year awards for International Women's Day, March 8.



Associate Professor Catherine Birman at the International Women's Day awards.