Thank you for your interest in the WA Mental Health Awards 2017!

Since the discontinuation of the Good Outcomes Awards after 2015, the mental health sector in Western Australia has had no formal awards.

To fill this gap, the WA Mental Health Conference and Awards 2017 will include the launch of a new, sector-owned award series, celebrating the achievements of individuals, organisations and groups that have made an outstanding contribution to mental health in Western Australia.

Our hope is for these awards to be truly owned and driven by the sector, with operational coordination by WAAMH’s conference team.

By nominating an individual, organisation or group for an award, you are helping to share some amazing success stories, and encouraging the pursuit of excellence across our sector.

I look forward to seeing your nominations!

Rod Astbury
Chief Executive Officer
NOMINATIONS OPEN
Wednesday, 1 March 2017

NOMINATIONS CLOSE
Friday, 12 May 2017

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED
Wednesday, 14 June 2017

TICKET SALES CLOSE
Wednesday, 28 June 2017

AWARDS
Thursday, 13 July 2017
The inaugural WA Mental Health Awards 2017 will celebrate individuals, organisations and groups that have made an outstanding contribution to mental health in Western Australia.

The Awards aim to:
- recognise and reward the achievements of those who demonstrate excellence, innovation and initiative in supporting carers and consumers of mental health services
- showcase achievements in the mental health sector in Western Australia
- inspire others to strive for excellence
- promote a message of positive mental health.

This guide contains information to help you nominate an individual, organisation or group for an award, including our terms and conditions.

For further information:
- visit our website at waamh.org.au/awards
- email hhibbitt@waamh.org.au or
- join the Facebook event at facebook.com/events/1759033474336417

About the Awards Ceremony and Gala Cocktail Dinner

Winners will be announced at a gala cocktail dinner on Thursday, 13 July at the Perth Concert Hall. All finalists will receive a certificate; winners will also receive a trophy.

Tickets for the gala cocktail dinner will go on sale on 1 March 2017, or you can purchase a ticket as part of your registration for the WA Mental Health Conference and Awards 2017. You do not need to be attending the conference in order to attend the gala cocktail dinner.

Finalists will receive a free ticket to attend.

Please note, ticket sales close on Wednesday, 28 June 2017.

Who can make nominations?

Anyone can nominate an individual, organisation or group. Organisations and groups may self-nominate, however individuals must be nominated by someone other than themselves.

If you are nominating an individual, or an organisation or group other than your own, you must seek their approval prior to submitting a nomination.
The Impact & Inspiration Award
presented by Neami National

For outstanding contribution to mental health in Western Australia by an individual who identifies as having a lived experience.

Who
This award is open to any individual who identifies as having personally experienced mental ill health, or is a family member, carer or support person of someone who does.

Criteria
• Briefly introduce the person you are nominating and their background.
• Briefly describe the mental health journey of the individual you are nominating and their recovery achievements, as well as any challenges they have overcome.
• How has the person you are nominating improved the lives and wellbeing of others in the community and/or raised awareness of mental illness in Western Australia?
• What specific achievements or positive changes can be seen as a result of the individual’s work?

The Wellbeing Award
presented by Wanslea Family Services

For outstanding contribution to prevention and/or promotion in mental health.

Who
This award is open to any organisation, group or project.

Criteria
• Briefly describe the organisation, group or project including how it began and what it does.
• How has this nominee helped to promote positive mental health, or prevent or reduce the impact of mental health issues?
• How has/does the nominee engage with consumers and/or the wider community?
• What specific achievements or positive changes can be seen as a result of the organisation, group or project?
• Describe the "reach" of the organisation, group or project, providing numbers of people directly engaged or impacted by each aspect of the enterprise.
The Diversity Award

**presented by Lifeline WA**

For an individual, organisation or group that embraces diversity and promotes inclusion.

**Who**

This award is open to any individual, organisation or group.

**Criteria**

- Which diverse group/s does this nomination relate to and what barriers do they face to mental health access and community inclusion? Examples include but are not limited to: children, youth, seniors, Aboriginal/TSI, CaLD, refugees, people with disability, LGBTIQA or regional communities.
- Briefly describe how the nominee helps to increase access to mental health services and/or supports for this group.
- Briefly outline how the nominee embraces diversity and encourages community inclusion.
- How has/does the nominee engage with members of the specified group/s and/or the wider community?
- What specific achievements or positive changes can be seen as a result of the individual, organisation or group’s work?

The Innovation Award

**presented by WA Primary Health Alliance**

For an initiative that uses a new approach or has the potential to transform the mental health landscape.

**Who**

This award is open to any organisation, group or project, for a specific initiative.

**Criteria**

- Briefly describe the initiative, including how it started, what it does and who is involved.
- What issue, challenge or need does this initiative address and why is it important?
- How is the approach new and different from what has been tried before OR, for an existing approach, how has it been applied differently? What is unique about it?
- How does this initiative have the potential to be transformative for the sector or make a meaningful difference in the lives of people who identify as having experienced mental ill health or emotional distress?
The Mentally Healthy Workplace Award
presented by Recovery College WA
For a workplace that encourages good mental health for its staff.

Who
This award is open to any organisation within Western Australia.

Criteria
• Briefly summarise the organisation, its history, size and core business.
• How does the organisation support employees who are/have experienced mental ill health or emotional distress?
• What does the organisation do to create a supportive workplace culture, including leadership, work environment and organisational policies and procedures?
• What specific initiatives has the organisation undertaken to raise awareness and promote positive mental health, wellbeing and work-life balance, especially for employees experiencing challenges?
• How does the organisation actively prevent and address bullying, discrimination and stigma in the workplace?
• What specific achievements or positive changes can be seen as a result of the organisation’s work, both for the employees and the organisation?
• Optional: Provide up to three letters from staff members to support this nomination. [via attachment].

The Mental Health Employee Excellence Award
presented by HESTA
For outstanding contribution to mental health in Western Australia by an individual employed within the sector.

Who
This award is open to any individual who is a paid employee within the mental health sector in Western Australia.

Criteria
• Briefly summarise the individual’s job role and work history.
• What does the individual do, which is beyond the standard requirements of their role or different from others in a similar role?
• How does the individual’s work demonstrate true excellence and contribute to best practice in mental health services?
• How does the individual demonstrate and embody a recovery-orientated approach to mental health?
• How does the individual demonstrate leadership in the mental health sector?
• Optional: Provide up to three letters from people with lived experience, to support this nomination. [via attachment].
Award Categories & Criteria

The Family Centred Care Award
presented by HelpingMinds
For an organisation, group or project that has demonstrated excellence in a family centred approach.

Who
This award is open to any organisation, group or project within Western Australia.

Criteria
• Briefly describe the organisation, group or project, including how it began and what it offers or plans to deliver.
• How does the organisation, group or project demonstrate excellence in family centred care?
• What specific initiatives has the organisation, group or project undertaken to engage with the families of clients and shape services to meet their needs?
• What specific achievements or positive changes within individual clients and their families can be seen or are expected as a result of being family centred?
• Optional: Provide up to three letters from individuals and their families, carers or supporters to support this nomination. [via attachment; no more than 400 words per letter]

The Mental Health News Media Award
For excellence in journalism and reporting on mental health.

Who
This award is open to any author of an article, report or series, published online, in print, or a video or audio broadcast which contributes to a wider understanding of mental health and explores issues of importance. The publication must be a Western Australian media publication or written by a Western Australian journalist for a publication that is distributed in Western Australia.

Criteria
• Briefly introduce the individual and their role and history in the media.
• How has the nominee displayed true excellence when reporting on mental health?
• Describe how the nominee has used their media role to achieve one or more of the following:
  o Raise awareness, and engage the community in mental health issues
  o Contribute to accurate and balanced community understanding of mental health issues
  o Reduce stigma, stereotypes and discrimination surrounding mental illness
  o Use of appropriate and positive language when referring to mental health
  o Feature and amplify the voices of lived experience
  o Promote help-seeking
• Please provide at least one example of the individual’s work to support this nomination. (A maximum of three examples can be submitted.) [via attachment].
A judging panel, made up of members of the mental health sector and including individuals with lived experience, will independently assess all nominations and select one winner and two additional finalists from each category.

Your nomination must explain how your nominee meets the criteria for the category in which you are nominating them.

All nominees will be notified if they have been selected as a finalist by Wednesday, 14 June 2017.
Attend a workshop

If you would like support to write and submit a nomination, the WA Association for Mental Health will be running a number of FREE workshops to answer any questions you may have and walk you through the nomination process.

**Perth workshop 1**
*When:* Tuesday, 18 April 2017
*3 – 4.30pm*
*Where:*
WA Association for Mental Health
Level 1, 1 Nash Street, Perth

**Perth workshop 2**
*When:* Tuesday, 18 April 2017
*5.30 – 7pm*
*Where:*
WA Association for Mental Health
Level 1, 1 Nash Street, Perth

*Workshops include light refreshments.*

Visit [waamh.org.au/awards](http://waamh.org.au/awards) to register

WAAMH can also provide additional workshops at your workplace or other venue if you have a group of at least six interested people.

Contact Haley on (08) 6246 3023 or hhibbitt@waamh.org.au for details.
1. The WA Mental Health Awards 2017 (Awards) are organised by the Western Australian Association for Mental Health (WAAMH) of Level 1, 1 Nash Street, Perth WA 6000 with advice from the WA Mental Health Conference and Awards Reference Group, (Reference Group) including representatives from across the sector, the Mental Health Commission (MHC) and a minimum of four people with lived experience.

2. All nominations must be received by 11.59pm on Friday, 12 May 2017. Late nominations will not be accepted.

3. As the Awards are a biennial event, nominations can only be based on the actions of any individual, organisation or group in the two years preceding the opening of nominations. For the 2017 Awards, this equates to 1 March 2015 - 28 February 2017.

4. WAAMH reserves the right to update these Terms and Conditions at any time.

Nominees

5. Nominees must live or operate in Western Australia.

6. Individuals, organisations, projects and groups may be nominated in more than one category.

7. Nominees must provide consent. Nominations without nominee consent cannot be accepted.

Nomination

8. Individuals may not nominate themselves.

9. Organisations and groups may self-nominate.

10. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted.

11. To nominate an individual, organisation or group for more than one category, separate nomination forms must be completed for each category.

12. Winners and finalists may have their award details published in several outlets, media releases and promotional materials.

13. The nomination form, and any information or materials provided with your nomination, will not be returned.

14. Judges and employees of WAAMH or the MHC are unable to make nominations or be nominated.

Promotions and Privacy

15. Personal contact details and contents of any supporting testimonials will be kept confidential.

16. Nominees should be aware that their information, the nomination responses and any other information or material included with their nomination may be used for publicity and promotional purposes. This will not include personal contact details or testimonials.

17. Nominees and the people making nominations should be aware that photographs taken by the official photographer at the awards night may be used for promotional purposes by WAAMH, the MHC and event sponsors. In addition, attendees may be photographed by the media.

Judging

18. All decisions of the Judging Panel are final and no correspondence regarding its decisions will be entered into.

19. The Judging Panel reserves the right not to allocate an award if the nominations are not considered eligible or suitable.

20. The Judging Panel may, at its sole discretion, add additional special awards from the nominations received such as “Special Commendation”.

Thank you for participating in the WA Mental Health Awards 2017.