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2017 WA Mental Health Awards winners announced

AN initiative to support suicide prevention in the construction industry, a former infantry soldier turned mental health advocate and a service to address one of the most distressing aspects of severe mental illness have all been recognised in this year's WA Mental Health Awards, held earlier this evening at the Perth Concert Hall.

The awards celebrate individuals, organisations and groups that have made an outstanding contribution to mental health in Western Australia, and are held as part of the two-day WA Mental Health Conference and presented by the peak body for community-based mental health, the Western Australian Association for Mental Health (WAAMH).

This year's award winners are:

Impact & Inspiration Award: Royce Hardman

Presented by Neami National for outstanding contribution to mental health in Western Australia by an individual who identifies as having a lived experience.

Wellbeing Award: MATES in Construction WA

Presented by Wanslea Family Services for outstanding contribution to prevention and/or promotion in mental health.

Diversity Award: St Patrick's Community Support Centre

Presented by Lifeline WA for an individual, organisation, group or project that embraces diversity and promotes inclusion.

Innovation Award: Perth Voices Clinic

Presented by WA Primary Health Alliance for an initiative that uses a new approach or has the potential to transform the mental health landscape.

Mental Health Employee Excellence Award: Andrew Miller

Presented by HESTA for outstanding contribution to mental health in Western Australia by an individual employed within the sector.

Mentally Healthy Workplace Award: Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Presented by the Recovery College of WA for a workplace that encourages good mental health for its staff.



Family Centred Care Award: Rockingham Peel Group – Mental Health Service

Presented by HelpingMinds for an organisation, group or project that has demonstrated excellence in a family centred approach.

Mental Health News Media Award: Amanda Keenan

Presented for excellence in journalism and reporting on mental health.

WAAMH CEO Rod Astbury said the awards showcased achievements in the mental health sector in WA and inspired others to strive for excellence and promote a message of positive mental health.

“We are excited to recognise and reward the achievements of those who demonstrate innovation and initiative in supporting consumers of mental health services, their families, support people and carers,” said Mr Astbury.

“It’s also a great opportunity to gather as an industry to mark the impact of all community-based services,” he said.

The awards ceremony, MC’d by Channel 10 presenter Narelda Jacobs, was held at a gala awards presentation ceremony this evening, followed by a cocktail dinner.

Award winners are available for interview by contacting the WAAMH PR Manager detailed below.

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