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Finalists announced for WA Mental Health Awards on World Mental Health Day

FINALISTS have been selected after a wave of 150 nominations across eight diverse categories were received as part of the Western Australian Mental Health Awards 2019.

Winners will be announced at a special Awards Gala Celebration at the Pan Pacific Perth on 18 November 2019, on the eve of the two-day WA Mental Health Conference, which kicks off on 19 November 2019 down the road at the Hyatt.

The awards aim to recognise and reward the achievements of those of those who demonstrate excellence, innovation, and initiative in supporting consumers of mental health services, their families, and carers; and showcase best practice in WA's mental health sector to inspire others.

Judging was through an independent rigorous process, which relied on a selection panel made up of broad representation, including people with lived experience of mental health issues helping judge every category. Judges were appointed to score all nominees based on selection criteria to determine three finalists and a winner across all categories.

Western Australian Association for Mental Health chief executive officer Taryn Harvey said the awards judging was a highly competitive process this year, with an impressive calibre of nominations received across all categories.

“Particularly in the Consumer Impact and Inspiration, Employee Excellence, Diversity and Innovation for Change Award categories, we received an overwhelming number of entries and it was enlightening to read so many positive initiatives achieving inspiring results, thanks to people going above and beyond the call of duty to drive change and improvement in the mental health sector and their own workplaces,” Ms Harvey said.

“We see the award finalists as a representation of the diverse experience, skills and qualities, people and organisations in Western Australia it when it comes to delivering recovery-oriented, culturally appropriate and personalised mental health support.”

“The diverse range of award categories reflects the many different roles and sectors it takes to progress positive mental health outcomes.”

The WA Mental Health Award finalists are as follows:

News Media Award

ABC Drive Show

Rhianna Mitchell, Seven West Media

Rochelle Masters, 98.5FM

Rebecca Turner, ABC Perth

Diversity Award

Perth Inner City Youth Service
WACHS South West Mental Health, Glenda Humphries
Youth Involvement Council
Shire of Murray

Innovation for Change Award presented by Lotterywest

Aboriginal Males Healing Centre
Graylands Hospital / Cyrenian House AOD Partnership
Shire of Murray
Broome Recovery Centre

Employee Excellence Award presented by Eric Dillon Consulting

Dorte Dyrbye, Zonta House Refuge Association
Dr Anand Deshmukh, WA Country Health Service, Pilbara
Shivani Lala, Southern Cross Care
Kadi Turner, Kambalda West District High School

Prevention & Promotion Award presented by Lifeline

Youth Focus
Mentally Healthy WA
Befriend

Education Award

Kalamunda Senior High School
Cooinda Primary School
Coodanup College

Mentally Healthy Workplace Award presented by Chamber of Minerals and Energy

Indigo Junction
Rio Tinto
Macmahon Holdings

Lifepath Psychology Consumer Impact Inspiration Award

Hayley Solich
Ashleigh Campbell
Andris Markovs
Marisha Gerovich

More information

To discover more about the WA Mental Health Awards criteria, visit: <http://waamh.org.au/awards>

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