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South Brisbane nurse wins national nursing award

A graduate nurse, working in the Mater Private Hospital in Brisbane, has won the Outstanding Graduate Award at the 2013 HESTA Australian Nursing Awards.

Annabel Pike, of South Brisbane, won the award for her holistic approach to patient care, exceptional technical and clinical skills, and for showing leadership in her role as an intensive care nurse.

The Outstanding Graduate Award recognises a nurse or midwife who has provided exceptional patient care, improved quality care processes and improved their own skills while demonstrating their value as a team member.

Ms Pike has been previously recognised by Mater as an exceptional nurse and was named the hospital's 2012 Graduate of the Year.

Mater further nominated and sponsored her to attend the 2013 National Leadership and Learning Conference. Annabel's experience at the conference will assist in the development of a 12-month plan to improve quality in the intensive care unit.

She was also nominated to participate in the 2012 Queensland Servant Leadership Forum and has been asked to be a facilitator at the 2013 event.

To further her skills, Annabel has enrolled in the Queensland Health Transition Program for Intensive Care Nursing. Although this is a one-year course, Annabel has set herself a goal to complete it in six months, so she can commence her Graduate Certificate in July and undertake a Master's Degree in 2015.

Ms Pike is highly regarded for her dedication and devotion to all aspects of her job — from showering patients to assisting with difficult medical procedures.

HESTA CEO, Anne-Marie Corboy, congratulated the winners of each category.

"The judges had a difficult decision to make, with hundreds of excellent nominations and 13 outstanding finalists. The winners are a credit to the nursing profession and their organisations. We're proud to honour these exceptional individuals and teams," Ms Corboy said.

The winners of the 2013 HESTA Australian Nursing Awards were announced at an awards dinner in Melbourne on 9 May.

Ms Pike, and the Nurse of the Year Award winner, each accepted a \$5,000 ME Bank *EveryDay* Transaction Account and a \$5,000 education grant — courtesy of long-term HESTA awards sponsor ME Bank. The Team Innovation winner received a \$10,000 development grant — also courtesy of ME Bank.

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