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## **Brisbane children's nurse a finalist in national nursing awards**

A graduate nurse, who demonstrated a high level of knowledge of clinical patient safety and care, has been named one of five finalists in the Outstanding Graduate category of the 2013 HESTA Australian Nursing Awards.

Stuart Broadbridge, of Mater Children's Hospital in Brisbane, has been recognised for his excellent clinical skills that allowed him to identify children whose condition was deteriorating, enabling him to act quickly in emergency situations.

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.

Mr Broadbridge also spent time documenting new orientation processes for children entering the high dependency section of his ward, so they and their parents could feel at ease in the challenging environment.

"One Aboriginal family from inland Queensland was very uncertain about being in a big hospital, so it was important to talk them through all the systems, while also showing them where to get food and have a rest," Mr Broadbridge said.

"At other times, caring for children is as much about talking the parents through what is happening to their child and trying to reassure them."

The judges commended the nomination for demonstrating a mature approach and a high level of professionalism and knowledge of clinical patient safety.

Mr Broadbridge and the other finalists will be flown to Melbourne to attend an awards dinner, where the winners will be announced on 9 May 2013.

A \$30,000 prize pool will be shared among the winners, courtesy of long-term HESTA awards sponsor, ME Bank. The Nurse of the Year and Outstanding Graduate Award winners will each receive a \$5,000 ME Bank *EveryDay* Transaction Account and a \$5,000 education grant. The Team Innovation Award winner will receive a \$10,000 development grant.

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