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Gisborne nurse & midwife a finalist in national nursing awards for outstanding community leadership

Today, HESTA announced Jane Goldsmith — a Victorian nurse and midwife who has shown outstanding commitment to her profession — as a Nurse of the Year finalist in the 2015 HESTA Australian Nursing Awards.

Dedicated to her local community in the Macedon Ranges, Ms Goldsmith has demonstrated strong leadership in her field and has provided a significant contribution through volunteering to develop local nurse networks providing valuable support and mentoring to other nurses.

“The aim of the network is to reduce isolation, offer peer support and provide education opportunities that are locally available and cost effective.” said Ms Goldsmith.

“Through engaging with my colleagues, other local health organisations and local primary health agencies I promoted the plan for the local nurse networks and established deep partnerships within the community.

“There is evidence that the role of nurses in general practice is isolating and mentoring opportunities are hard to find.

“Working so closely with the members of my community is a privilege, especially when supporting them at critical times in their lives.”

Ms Goldsmith strengthened the services in the region by establishing a nurse clinic for immunisations and a PapScreen clinic, which operates in conjunction with the visiting BreastScreen service; she is both a general practice nurse at the Gisborne Medical Centre, and midwife at Kilmore and District Hospital.

Ms Goldsmith has also extended the reach of the established Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA), as well as the local nurses network to advocate for the nurses within her general practice to advance their roles within the community.

HESTA Australian Nursing Awards finalists are in the running for a share of \$30,000 in prizes, from proud awards sponsor **ME**.

The Nurse of the Year and Outstanding Graduate Award winners will each receive a \$5,000 **ME** EveryDay transaction account and \$5,000 towards further education. The Team Innovation Award winner will receive a \$10,000 development grant.

ME CEO, Jamie McPhee, said, “We’re delighted to give these outstanding individuals the opportunity to develop their careers, while also supporting innovative health programs which benefit the entire sector and community.”

Winners will be announced at the HESTA Australian Nursing Awards dinner on Thursday, 15 October in Brisbane.

*The 2015 HESTA Australian Nursing Awards is a HESTA initiative, run in partnership with the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) and proudly sponsored by the bank owned by industry super funds, **ME**.*

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