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Nominate Australia's most outstanding nurses and midwives for national awards

If you know an outstanding nurse or midwife who deserves recognition, now is the time to nominate them for the 2017 HESTA Australian Nursing and Midwifery Awards.

In its 11th year, this is the first time the Awards has included 'midwifery' in its title and awards category. The change further acknowledges the vital work of midwives, and brings special attention to the profession and their important role in the health sector.

The annual Awards recognise graduates, individuals and teams for their professionalism, innovation and care, across a range of health settings.

Nominations for the Awards are being sought from colleagues, patients and employers and are open until 24 February 2017.

HESTA CEO, Debby Blakey, said this year the Awards are especially significant, shining a spotlight on nursing and midwifery as individual professions, and acknowledging their vital work.

"Whilst we have always acknowledged midwives in the awards, we wanted to bring special attention to the important role they play. The inclusion of midwifery recognises the advancement of the sector, differing educational requirements and the significant impact both professions have on the lives of Australians," Ms Blakey said.

"The Awards are a way of acknowledging the hard work of individuals and teams who go above and beyond to provide exceptional care and support to patients, they are also an opportunity to highlight innovations that lead to improvements in clinical practice and improved patient care."

ME – the bank for you – are a longstanding Awards sponsor, generously providing a \$30,000 prize pool, to be divided among the winners in three award categories — **Nurse or Midwife of the Year**, **Outstanding Graduate** and **Team Excellence**.

Winners will receive \$10,000 in a **ME** Everyday Transaction account towards further education or team development.

2016 winners were:

Nurse of the Year

Angie Monk, Ramsay Health Care — Joondalup Health Campus, Joondalup, WA

Angie was recognised for her advocacy and leadership in developing an innovative Patient Blood Management Program that improved outcomes and recovery for patients undergoing surgery involving significant blood loss.

Outstanding Graduate

Shelley Cook, Alfred Health, Prahran, Vic

Shelley demonstrated courage and leadership in advocating for patient care. She also stood out to the judges for playing a leading role in developing and supporting a staff training project aimed at raising awareness about communication strategies when working with culturally and linguistically diverse patients.

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Team Excellence**Clinical Service Team, integratedliving Australia, Muswellbrook, NSW**

Bron McCrae and the clinical service team launched an innovative Indigenous meal range into a community meals program that provides culturally appropriate dishes, using native 'wild food' ingredients that promote improved diet and health outcomes.

The 2017 finalists will be announced in April and interstate finalists will be flown to Brisbane for the Awards dinner on 10 May 2017.

Submit a nomination today. Visit hestaawards.com.au

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