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## Nominations now open to recognise excellence in Aged Care

Now is the time to recognise those making an outstanding contribution to aged care in Australia by nominating them for the 2017 HESTA Aged Care Awards.

Presented by HESTA in partnership with the National Aged Care Alliance, the national Awards recognise excellence in service provision, advocacy, leadership and innovation in the aged care sector.

Nominations are being sought from employers, colleagues, recipients of care and family members and are open until 1 September 2017.

HESTA CEO, Debby Blakey, said the Awards highlight the outstanding contribution aged care professionals have in improving the quality of care older Australians receive.

"Through a commitment to innovation, care and support these individuals and teams enhance the wellbeing and health outcomes of older Australians," Ms Blakey said.

"Their amazing work improves the quality of life of ageing Australians in their homes, retirement villages and aged care facilities, benefiting not only patients but the whole Australian community."

Ms Blakey encouraged people to nominate an individual or team, giving recognition to their exceptional work in the sector.

"Submitting a nomination is an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of those working in the sector, who provide leadership, innovation and professionalism to aged care in Australia."

**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 — **Outstanding Organisation, Team Innovation** and **Individual Distinction**.

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

### The 2016 winners were:

#### Team Innovation Award

**Sub-Acute Care Program  
PresCare - Alexandra Gardens  
North Rockhampton, QLD**

For their pilot program to better manage clinical deterioration in residents—avoiding unnecessary hospitalisation while maintaining high standards of quality care.

#### Outstanding Organisation Award

**Southern Cross Care (SA & NT) Inc.  
Parkside, SA**

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For starting Health & Wellness Centres (gyms) in 13 residential care homes that are coordinated by qualified fitness coordinators. Providing individualised programs aimed at improving residents' strength and fitness.

**Individual Distinction Award**

**Camille Koch Macedon Ranges Health - Gisborne Oaks Residential Aged Care  
Gisborne, VIC**

Recognised for her work in improving wound management through the establishment of a multi-disciplinary Wounds Resource Team — leading to improved practice, a reduction in the severity of wounds and better documentation.

The 2017 finalists will be announced in October and interstate finalists will be flown to Adelaide for the awards dinner on 23 November 2017.

Submit an online nomination today at [hestaawards.com.au](https://hestaawards.com.au).