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Search for Aged Care's best and brightest begins

Now is the time to recognise those making an outstanding contribution to aged care in Australia by nominating them for the 2018 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 18 May 2018.

HESTA CEO, Debby Blakey, said the Awards showcase the outstanding work undertaken in the sector to care for and improve the quality of life of ageing Australians.

"Every day aged care professionals go above and beyond to provide quality care to ageing Australians living in their homes, retirement villages and aged care facilities across Australia. Their vital work ensures families and their loved ones receive the highest standards of care and support," Ms Blakey said.

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 demonstrate leadership, contribute to innovative practices and uphold the highest level of professionalism in aged care."

ME – the bank for you – a longstanding Awards sponsor, are 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 2017 winners were:

Team Innovation Award

Aged Care Indigenous Induction Program

Crest NT

Nightcliff, NT

Awarded for their outstanding work in developing culturally appropriate induction resources that support the recruitment and retention of Indigenous aged care employees across the Northern Territory.

Individual Distinction Award

Gordon Manuel

Mark Moran Group

Vaucluse, NSW

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Gordon was awarded for creating innovative fine-dining and culinary experiences for aged care residents, encouraging them to enjoy the social aspects of dining, whilst promoting holistic and positive ageing by providing nutritious and tasty food.

Outstanding Organisation Award

Southern Cross Care (SA & NT) Parkside, SA

Southern Cross Care (SA & NT) was awarded for partnering with local Adelaide arts festivals to deliver an entertaining, engaging and practical arts program for residents and their families.

The 2018 finalists will be announced in July and interstate finalists will be flown to Canberra for the awards dinner on 9 August 2018.

Submit an online nomination today at hestaawards.com.au.

Ends.

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