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## Search is on for Australia's most outstanding nurses & midwives

If you know a nurse or midwife who deserves recognition, now is the time to nominate them for the 2019 HESTA Australian Nursing & Midwifery Awards.

The Awards recognise nurses, midwives, nurse educators and researchers as well as personal care workers for their outstanding performance and achievements in providing exceptional care and leading the way for improvements across a range of health settings.

Nominations for the Awards are being sought from colleagues, patients and employers and are open until 10 February.

HESTA CEO, Debby Blakey said the national awards are an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the amazing work of nursing and midwifery professionals.

"The Awards provide the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of nurses and midwives around Australia who go above and beyond to provide exceptional patient care," Ms Blakey said.

"Submitting a nomination is an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of individuals and teams working in nursing or midwifery who have demonstrated leadership, innovation and pursued excellence to deliver exceptional care."

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

Winners will receive \$10,000 towards further education or team development.

The 2019 finalists will be announced on 9 April 2019 and interstate finalists will be flown to Melbourne for the Awards dinner on 9 May 2019.

To submit a nomination visit [hestawards.com.au](http://hestawards.com.au).

### The 2018 winners were:

#### Nurse of the Year

**Gail Yarran**  
**Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Aboriginal Corporation**  
**East Perth, WA**

Awarded for her work in improving and advocating for better delivery of health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living across Western Australia.

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## **Outstanding Graduate**

**Veronique Murphy**  
**Alfred Health**  
**Melbourne, VIC**

Awarded for improving the care experience of patients who have difficulty communicating by developing a process to facilitate the record keeping of patient likes, dislikes and interests, enabling easy communication of a person's preferences between team members.

## **Team Excellence**

**The Kombi Clinic**  
**Hepatitis Queensland**  
**Bowen Hills, QLD**

Awarded for designing the 'Kombi Clinic' a mobile medical clinic providing life-saving treatments to people living with hepatitis C across South East Queensland.

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