



WA NURSING
& MIDWIFERY
EXCELLENCE
AWARDS

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SATURDAY 9 MAY 2026
CROWN PERTH

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

On behalf of the Western Australian Government, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2026 WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards celebrations.

This event is a significant occasion to honour the remarkable achievements of nurses and midwives who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and professionalism across our state.

The finalists and winners recognised tonight represent the very best in nursing and midwifery, culminating in those receiving the prestigious Nurse or Midwife of the Year award and the Lifetime Achievement honour.

The WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards highlight excellence across all areas of health care including public, private, primary and aged care, and other non-government sectors.

These awards acknowledge individuals and teams whose contributions go above and beyond expectations, leaving a lasting impact on their patients, colleagues, organisations, and the health of Western Australians.

Each finalist has been nominated by peers or patients as an outstanding example of commitment and leadership in their field.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all nominees, finalists, and category winners. Your contributions play an invaluable role in strengthening our health system and I look forward to celebrating your success and achievements.



HON MEREDITH HAMMAT MLA
Minister for Health; Mental Health

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICER

Kaya, It gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome you to the 2026 WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards Gala Ball.

Our celebrations this evening are perfectly timed between two significant dates recognising our professions. International Day of the Midwife was celebrated on 5 May, and International Nurses Day will be celebrated on 12 May.

Tonight, I am honoured to showcase the outstanding 2026 WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards finalists, while also acknowledging the broader teams in which they work and those who support them every day.

Nurses and midwives make up the largest professional group within our health workforce and, across an extraordinary diversity of roles and settings, they consistently demonstrate the expertise, adaptability and leadership required to deliver high-quality healthcare, both on the frontline and behind the scenes.

Through their ongoing commitment, nurses and midwives ensure Western Australia is well positioned to provide exceptional, safe and compassionate care to our diverse communities, regardless of geography. As Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, I remain immensely proud of our professions and the continued achievements and advancements you make, always underpinned by compassion, capability, connection, professionalism, and an unwavering focus on those in our care.

Nominations for this year's awards were submitted by peers, colleagues and consumers, and the standard was truly exceptional. Each nomination told the story of an inspirational nurse, midwife or team who exemplifies excellence within our professions. A rigorous and highly competitive shortlisting and judging process determined the finalists and winners we celebrate this evening, and I sincerely thank all members of the shortlisting and judging

panels for their thoughtful deliberation and the challenging role they played in selecting this year's recipients.

From across the fourteen award categories, one individual will be named the 2026 WA Nurse or Midwife of the Year, in recognition of their outstanding contribution to nursing or midwifery and to the community they serve.

A particularly special moment this evening is the induction of a nurse or midwife into the Lifetime Achievement Honour Roll. This prestigious recognition acknowledges an individual who has provided exceptional service throughout their career, and whose sustained contribution has positively impacted the wellbeing of others at a local, national and global level.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone joining us this evening as we come together to celebrate the achievements of our finalists, award winners and Lifetime Achievement recipient. Events such as this would not be possible without your continued support, nor without the generosity and commitment of our sponsors.

Thank you for being part of this very special evening.



ANNIE THOMPSON
Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer,
WA Department of Health

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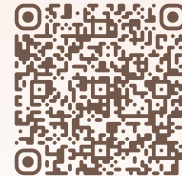
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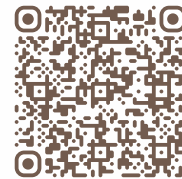
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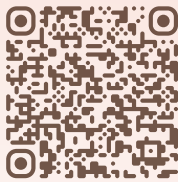
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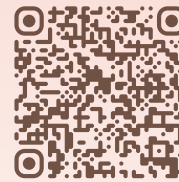
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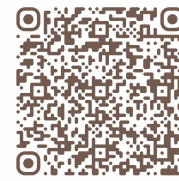


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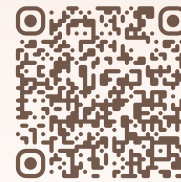
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GRADUATE OF THE YEAR



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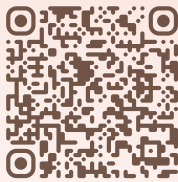
CONSUMER APPRECIATION AWARD



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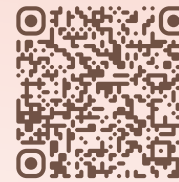
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EXCELLENCE IN PERSON CENTRED CARE – TEAM AWARD

Midwifery Birth Centre
Spinal Urology Nursing Team
WA Virtual Emergency Department (WAVED)

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP - ESTABLISHED LEADER

Charlotte Burr
Dr Nilufeur McKay
Professor Tracey Moroney

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP - EMERGING LEADER

Naomi Hallsworth
Lola Sikora
Nairn Sutherland
Teresa Thomas

EXCELLENCE IN REGISTERED NURSING

Shannon Hewitt
Su Kitchen
Mary Anne Lynch
Leah Williams

EXCELLENCE IN MIDWIFERY

Felicity Anderson
Zoe Biggs
Melanie Woodhams

EXCELLENCE IN ABORIGINAL HEALTH

Einsten Astilla
Jodee Hollingsworth
Lucy Soteriou

EXCELLENCE IN RURAL AND REMOTE NURSING

Nicky Duncan
Wendy Hoey
Natasha Meredith

EXCELLENCE IN PRIMARY, PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY NURSING

Martin Clark
Sue James
Sarah Smith

EXCELLENCE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

Laura Currie
Lee Ann Reyes
Mthokozisi Swotwa

EXCELLENCE IN ENROLLED NURSING

Jennifer Akehurst
Leanne Champion
Noreen Gould

GRADUATE OF THE YEAR

Georgia De Graaf
Peta Hargrave
Skye Ludlam

CONSUMER APPRECIATION AWARD

Elizabeth Hull
Deborah Tunbridge
Karen Williams

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Katherine Te Aarii
Fiona Kane
Lauren Papalia

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Dr Katherine Buchanan
Dr Carrie Janerka
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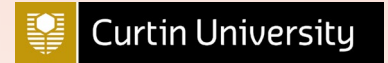


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