2019 Mental Health Nurse of the Year

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The Award
The purpose of the Mental Health Nurse of the Year (MHNOTY) award is to publicly recognise the achievements of mental health nurses, and promote the role of mental health nurses in achieving positive outcomes for people who have mental health concerns, their family and community.

The MHNOTY will be awarded to a mental health nurse who has demonstrated excellence in mental health nursing, having made an exceptional contribution to consumers, carers, mental health services and/or the profession.

The ACMHN will provide the winner with a registration, economy airfare and accommodation at its 45th International Mental Health Nursing Conference, to be held in Sydney from 8-10 October 2019. In addition, co-sponsor Wiley will provide a cash prize of $1,500 and a book voucher for $500.

Timeline
- Nomination package available on 1 April 2019.
- Nominations must be received at ACMHN by 12 July 2019.
- Nominees will be advised of the award outcome by 9 August 2019.
- The award will be presented at the Oration and Investiture Ceremony to be held in Sydney at the ACMHN International Annual Conference on 8 October 2019.

Submission of Nomination
Nominations may be submitted via email to the ACMHN (enquiries@acmhn.org) or may be posted using registered post. All documentation must be included at the time of submission. Due date for receipt of nominations is 12 July 2019. Nominations will not be accepted after this date.
Nomination Process
Mental health nurses practising in any capacity in mental health may be considered for the Award.

Two nominators are required to nominate a candidate. One nomination must come from a current member of the ACMHN. A second nomination may come from a consumer, carer, mental health nurse, or colleague.

Please complete all the details on page 4 of this Nomination Pack, then identify which category/categories you would like to respond to in the nomination (page 5). A written synopsis for each category is required, but must be no longer than one page per category.

The nomination form must be accompanied by:
1. At least one additional letter of endorsement/support - which should cover similar considerations or elaborate on one or more primary achievements.
2. A copy of the nominee’s curriculum vitae/resume.
3. A photo of the nominee (provided in high resolution .jpg format for publication).

Criteria for Nomination:
Nominees will be mental health nurses who have made an exceptional contribution to the profession, to consumers and/or to the mental health service, through excellence in mental health nursing work practices.

Evidence should be provided to satisfy one or more of the following categories:

Category 1: The mental health nurse demonstrates exceptional contribution to a consumer(s), resulting in improved clinical care/outcomes for the person, their family and/or community.

Category 2: The mental health nurse has made an outstanding contribution to a mental health service and its consumers through advocacy and partnership work.

Category 3: The mental health nurse has been an outstanding representative of the profession, through excellence in work practices resulting in improved mental health service provision.
The ACMHN Nurse of the Year Award Selection Committee

The Committee is comprised of:

- The President of ACMHN (Chairperson)
- A Carer or Consumer
- A Credentialed Mental Health Nurse™

Committee members are not eligible for the Award.

The Committee will:
- review and implement the selection processes and criteria
- select a winner of the award from nominees submitted

The Committee will consider all nominees in relation to:
- their contribution and the impact of the work that meets specific criteria for the award
- the more general contributions they have made to the profession
- particular reasons for nominees receiving the award at this time

The Committee Chair will:
- Oversee the selection process including revising and implementing the selection criteria
- Ensure all nominees and the winner are informed of the outcome
- Make the award presentation in association with any other patron of the ACMHN
# NOMINATION FORM

2019 Mental Health Nurse of the Year Award

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Please select the category or categories your nomination will address.

Provide one page (only) of written evidence per category, describing how the nominee has met the criteria for the category.

- **Category 1:** The mental health nurse demonstrates exceptional contribution to a consumer(s), resulting in improved clinical care/outcomes for the person, their family and/or community.
  - Give an account of the mental health nursing care and what was outstanding, using specific examples.
  - Demonstrate how the mental health nursing care that was provided utilised a collaborative approach, addressed stigma and focused on recovery.
  - Give an overview of what the impact of the care was on the person/people, their family and/or community.

- **Category 2:** The mental health nurse has made an outstanding contribution to a mental health service and its consumers through advocacy and partnership work.
  - Give example(s) of outstanding activities or accomplishments within the mental health nurses role that exemplify the ACMHN Standards of Practice for Mental Health Nursing as they relate to advocacy and partnership.
  - Give examples of mental health service or community activities that demonstrate professional leadership and promote a positive mental health image.
  - Describe the nominee’s accomplishments in mental health nursing practice outside of their regular duties or role functions.

- **Category 3:** The mental health nurse has been an outstanding representative of the profession, through excellence in work practices resulting in improved mental health service provision.
  - Describe the mental health nurse’s exceptional efforts and excellent work practices.
  - Describe the impact of the mental health nurse’s work practices in terms of consumer outcome, noting any beneficial effects on the person’s family and/or community.
  - Outline how the work practices of the nominee are exceptional and demonstrate that their work practices have enhanced the reputation or representation of the profession.

**Attachments check list:**
- Completed Nomination form
- One page of written evidence per category
- Letter of Endorsement
- CV/Resume
- Photo

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Date received:

Identifier number assigned:

Date Sent to Selection Committee: