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CEO Nominated for inaugural prize

The Australian College of Mental Health Nurses congratulates CEO Kim Ryan for being one of the seven finalist in the University of New South Wales, School of Psychiatry Inaugural Australian Mental Health Prize. The seven finalists were selected out of over 130 very deserving applications.

The UNSW Mental Health prize recognises Australians who have made an outstanding contribution to either promotion of mental health, or the prevention/treatment of mental illness.

‘I am very proud to be among this outstanding list of nominees, and wish everyone luck! It is such an honour to have been nominated - I am overwhelmed and I have to say surprised. For me, this is really about recognition of the fantastic work mental health nurses are doing on a daily basis across the country’ said Adj. Associate Professor Kim Ryan.

Professor Wendy Cross, President of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses said ‘We know Kim as absolutely indefatigable when it comes to advocating for better mental health care, it is great to see her acknowledged in such a way and we wish her luck.

‘There are over 300,000 nurses and midwives in Australia. Imagine what an impact we will have if we all work together to better recognise and provide mental health care to people who need it - across every health care setting, to people from all cultural backgrounds, all ages and across the illness spectrum; together we will improve the mental health care of the community’ Ms Ryan said.

The winner of this award will be announced at an award ceremony on the 7th December at the University of New South Wales.

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