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INDIVIDUALS AND SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED IN NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE



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The annual Awards, presented in Adelaide at the Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA) National Conference, recognise excellence in quality care and services for older people.

These National Awards were presented to services and individuals from NSW, South Australia and Western Australia. All the winners and finalists were outstanding achievers in the aged and community care industry throughout Australia.

The Individual Award went to Dr Penelope (Penny) Flett, CEO, Brightwater Care Group, Western Australia. Since her appointment in 1986, she has led the growth and diversification of Brightwater in service areas (such as rehabilitation, respite and residential care for younger people) as well as leading 20 facilities providing residential care, creating new commercial and business development in catering and laundry services, and auspicing research facilitation in dementia and education/ industry areas. She was the first Chair of the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency, has been on numerous other boards and enquiries and was Telstra's National Businesswoman of the Year in 1998.

The panel of eminent judges for the ACSA Awards included the former Governor General, Sir Ninian Stephen, Rt Hon. Ian Sinclair, Productivity Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald, US Ageing expert Dr Robyn Stone, and Frank Smolenaers, Director of Technology at the Centre for Health Innovation.

The 2008 winners, and runners-up, who are also formally recognised, come from NSW, Vic, Qld, SA and WA, and embrace a variety of services and regions such as Pottsville Beach, Barossa Valley and Warrnambool.

ACSA's 2008 Awards for Excellence in Aged Care cover eight categories: for the outstanding Individual; Organisation, (residential, community and retirement living); Employee; Volunteer; Newsletter (professional and voluntary) Training Innovation program, and Technology Innovation.

"The ACSA Awards have been made since 1990 and are the industry recognition of dedication and innovation in providing services to older Australians and younger Australians with a disability," ACSA President Klaus Zimmermann said.

"The depth of the field for each of the Awards is something of which the industry can be proud. They are based on nominations from industry and so reflect peer recognition and reward for excellence – just like the Oscars."

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Individual Award for Excellence: *Proudly sponsored by Health Super*

Recognised for a lifetime's work in aged and community care.

Winner: Dr Penelope (Penny) Flett, CEO of Brightwater Care Group, Western Australia

Employee Award: *Proudly sponsored by HESTA Superannuation Fund.*

Winner: Sandra Morgan, Helping Hand Aged Care, North Adelaide, South Australia

Runners up:

- * Susan Cunningham, St Andrews's Village Ballina Ltd, Ballina, New South Wales
- * Chic Taylor, Hunter Integrated Care, Muswellbrook, New South Wales
- * Samantha Whalan, James Watson Hostel, East Perth, Western Australia

Volunteer Award: *Proudly sponsored by Southern Cross Care (Aust) Inc*

Winner: Tom & Sally Rainey, Presbyterian Aged Care, Haberfield, New South Wales

Runners up:

- * Catherine Gordon, John Cani Hostel, Mt Morgan, Queensland
- * Helen Williamson, Bankstown City Aged Care, Georges Hall, New South Wales

Organisation Award - Residential Care: *Proudly sponsored by Silverman Dakin*

Winner: Carrington Centennial Care Ltd, Camden, New South Wales

Runners up:

- * IBIS Care Holdings Pty Ltd, Blakehurst, New South Wales
- * Masonic Care Queensland, Sandgate, Queensland

Organisation Award - Community Care: *Proudly sponsored by SmartLink International*

Winner: City of Canning, Welshpool, Western Australia

Runners up:

- * Amana Living, Cottlesloe, Western Australia
- * Hunter Integrated Care, Murrurundi, New South Wales

Organisation Award – Retirement Living: *Proudly sponsored by SmartLink International*

Winner: Barossa Village Inc. Nuriootpa, South Australia

Training Innovation Award: *Proudly sponsored by Australian College of Health Service Executives*

Winner: Baptist Community Services of NSW & ACT, Epping, New South Wales

Runners up:

- * Silver Chain Nursing Association, Perth, Western Australia
- * Lyndoch Inc, Warrnambool, Victoria
- * Glen Waverley Nursing Home, Glen Waverley, Victoria

Technology Innovation Award *Proudly sponsored by Paul Hartmann Australia*

Winner: Feros Care, Pottsville Beach, New South Wales

Runners up:

- * Baptist Community Services of NSW & ACT, Epping, New South Wales
- * Samarinda Aged Services, Ashburton, Victoria
- * Silver Chain Nursing Association, Perth, Western Australia

Newsletter Awards:

For a stimulating and positive newsletter involving, informing and reaching consumers, their carers, families and friends;

A newsletter produced by dedicated staff and/or with professional help *Proudly sponsored by INsite*

Winner: *The Bugle*, Uniting Care Community Options, Surrey Hills, Victoria

Runners up:

- * *Inside Focus*, Silver Chain Nursing Association, Perth, Western Australia
- * *Newslink*, Churches of Christ Life Care, North Adelaide, South Australia

A publication produced by volunteers, or in addition to normal duties *Proudly sponsored by Australian Ageing Agenda*

Winner: *The Pipeline*, Peninsula Village, New South Wales

Runners up:

- * *The Grapevine*, Barossa Village Inc, Nuriootpa, South Australia
- * *The Chatter*, United Protestant Association of NSW, Tweed Heads, New South Wales
- * *BV Lifestyle*, Barunga Village Inc, Port Broughton, South Australia

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