Welcome to the Nursing and Midwifery News: 2019 South Australian Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards special lift.

The 2019 Excellence Awards Gala dinner was held on Friday 10 May at the Adelaide Convention Centre with over 370 guests in attendance. At this event nurses and midwives are recognised for their excellence in practice and acknowledged for the significant contribution that they make to their professions, their teams and the community through their practice. In addition to the announcement of the finalists and recipient of the Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards the four 2019/2020 South Australian Premiers Scholarships recipients were also awarded. These scholarships enable the recipients to undertake an overseas study tour to explore an area of nursing or midwifery practice to the value of $10,000.

It was a truly wonderful night enjoyed by nurses and midwives, families and friends, colleagues and sponsors. We were very fortunate to have the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, the Hon Stephen Wade, MLC; the Chief Executive Officer for SA Health, Dr Chris McGowan; Deputy Chief Executive, Lynne Cowan and the Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer, Jennifer Hurley in attendance for this special evening. We were also honoured to be joined by Chief Executive Officer, Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives, Melanie Robinson and Dr Rosemary Bryant, First Commonwealth Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer.

The Awards are held during the week of celebration for International Day of the Midwife and International Nurses Day, 5–12 May 2019.

This year, the theme for International Day of the Midwife is “Midwives, Defenders of Women’s Rights”. This year’s theme resonates with the second of ICM’s three Strategic Directions, established in the 2017-2020 Strategy as Quality, Equity, Leadership. ‘Midwives: Defenders of Women’s Rights’ is significant in highlighting the vital role that midwives play in protecting the rights of women, girls and midwives by ensuring they can exercise their full human rights, particularly their reproductive and sexual health rights in their communities and countries of practice.

The focus for 2019’s International Nurses Day is: “Nurses a Voice to Lead – Health for All”. The International Council of Nurses (ICN) believes that health is a human right. Health for All means not just the availability of health services, but a complete state of physical and mental health that enables a person to lead a socially and economically productive life.

TRIBUTE TO LYN OLSEN

Before the commencement of the award section of the night Mrs Rebecca Graham, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Country Health SA paid tribute to Lynette Olsen who was Country Health SA’s Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services who sadly passed away on Tuesday 16 April this year. Lyn was a very much loved, and highly regarded member of the Country Health SA team, and a great leader of nursing and midwifery. Lyn was also the longest serving Executive for Country Health SA. During her time Lyn blazed a trail for all nurses and midwives. Her key achievements and initiatives are immense and she will be most remembered for establishing and leading the Country Health, Nursing and Midwifery Services and Safety and Quality Unit. She saw the potential in all her staff, built teams and enabled everyone to do their best work and achieve great things – this would not have been possible without her investment and commitment. Lyn was driven by the need to ensure that country South Australians had the best services close to home, she embodied the vision and values of Country Health SA in all that she did.

Mrs Rebecca Graham, Chief Executive Officer of Country SA paid tribute to Lynette Olsen.
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS AND FINALISTS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Excellence in Practice – Registered Nurse
Anne Jackson
Women’s and Children’s Health Network

Excellence in Practice – Enrolled Nurse
Jacinta Hannigan
Country Health SA Local Health Network

Excellence in Practice – Registered Midwife
Lois McKellar
University of South Australia

Mary Buckskin Award for Excellence in Practice – Aboriginal Nurse/Midwife
Rikki Arbon
Northern Adelaide Local Health Network

Excellence in Leadership (Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife)
Rachael Yates
Country Health SA Local Health Network

Excellence in Innovation in Education (Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife)
Gavin Pead-Ferenczi
Central Adelaide Local Health Network

Excellence in Innovation in Clinical Research (Registered Nurse/Midwife)
Julie Fleet
University of South Australia

Excellence in Person Centred Care – Team Award (Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife/Enrolled Nurse)
Virtual Clinical Care Monitoring Hub
Country Health SA Local Health Network

Consumer Appreciation Award
Ann Felder
Country Health SA Local Health Network
David West  
Specialist Mental Health care for rural communities and veterans  
David is a manager and mental health nurse based in Victor Harbor, providing specialist mental health care for the surrounding rural communities. He is also known as Captain David West, for the Royal Australian Navy. David has had significant involvement in humanitarian aid, both internationally and locally, providing psychological support to serving Defence personnel, veterans and those affected by disaster. On seven separate occasions between 2003 and 2018 David joined Navy ships at sea, supporting veterans returning from the Gulf War and Afghanistan.

Alice Every  
Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVI) program  
Alice is currently the Nursing Director of Aged Care, Rehabilitation and Palliative care in the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network. In 2016 Alice volunteered her skills and was part of the Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVI) program that provides volunteers from Australia to nearly 30 countries, helping organisations deliver their objectives. Alice’s role was to support outreach nurses in the provision of care and to develop the palliative care work of the Cancer Society and the greater health sector. The greatest highlight was organising a palliative care forum, co-hosted by the Samoa Cancer Society (S.C.S) and the Ministry of Health. It aimed to help progress the development of a coordinated approach to delivering palliative care within Samoa.

Joy Booth  
Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia  
Joy’s substantive role is that of Nurse Education Facilitator – Technical Suite (Theatre, Interventional and Procedural Rooms) at The Royal Adelaide Hospital. Joy has been a key member of the volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgical mission to Timor Leste delivered by the Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia (OSSAA) and Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) team since its inception in March 2000 – the April 2018 team visit being the 46th such visit. The visits are specifically arranged to address the challenge of Cleft lip and palate patients.

Margaret Maloney  
Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia  
Margaret is a perioperative nurse at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Margaret was a founding member of Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia (OSSAA). OSSAA has been providing major surgery for poor people in Timor Leste and Eastern Indonesia who suffer from burns, cleft palates, congenital defects, leprosy, disease, cysts, tumours and trauma. It also provides capacity-building for local doctors and staff. Margaret has made over thirty humanitarian aid surgical visits to Timor Leste, Indonesia, Fiji, Sri Lanka and West Papua supporting local nurses to improve standards of care and patient outcomes.
RECIPIENTS 2019

Rikki Arbon
Mary Buckskin Excellence in Practice – Aboriginal Nurse/Midwife

Jacinta Hannigan
Excellence in Practice
Enrolled Nurse

Dr Lois McKellar
Excellence in Practice
Registered Midwife

Anne Jackson
Excellence in Practice
Registered Nurse

Gavin Pead-Ferenczi
Excellence in Innovation in Education (Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife)

Dr Julie Fleet
Excellence in Innovation in Clinical Research (Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife)

Rachael Yates
Excellence in Leadership (Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife)

Virtual Clinical Care Monitoring Hub
Excellence in Person Centred Care – Team Award (Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife/Enrolled Nurse)

Ann Felder
Consumer Appreciation Award

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FINALISTS 2019

Excellence in Practice – Registered Nurse
Briony Mitchell
Anne Jackson
Jessica Robinson

Excellence in Practice – Enrolled Nurse
Elvis Tozer
Justin Churchill
Jacinta Hannigan
Bronwyne Findlow

Excellence in Practice – Registered Midwife
Lois McKellar
Jennifer Gillis

Mary Buckskin Award for Excellence in Practice - Aboriginal Nurse/Midwife
Rikki Arbon

Excellence in Leadership (Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife)
Fiona Margrie
Lyn Olsen
Rachael Yates

Excellence in Innovation in Education (Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife)
Kate Hanly
Gavin Pead-Ferenczi
Benjamin Lockwood

Excellence in Innovation in Clinical Research (Registered Nurse/Midwife)
Dr Julie Fleet

Consumer Appreciation Award
Ann Felder
Nurul Adnan

Excellence in Person Centred Care – Team Award (Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife/Enrolled Nurse)
Breast Care Nursing Team – St Andrew’s Hospital
Get Up, Get Dressed, Get Moving to PJ Paralysis – Central Adelaide Local Health Network
Virtual Clinical Care Monitoring Hub – Country Health SA Local Health Network
The Minister for Health and Wellbeing the Hon Stephen Wade, MLC, was proud to present the 2019/2020 recipients of the SA Premier’s Nursing and Midwifery Scholarships on behalf of the Premier of South Australia the Hon Steven Marshall MP.

The aim of the scholarships is to provide South Australian Nurses and Midwives with an opportunity to further develop their knowledge, skills and abilities in innovative, evidenced based nursing and midwifery practice which leads to positive health outcomes for all South Australians. Four international scholarships to the value of $10,000 were awarded.

**Julie Tucker**
Northern Adelaide Local Health Network

Julie is a Nurse/Midwife Consultant at NALHN and will travel to Canada to explore efficient models of care within nurse led clinics aimed at optimising the service provision and outcomes for women with pelvic floor dysfunction.

**Kathryn Smith**
Northern Adelaide Local Health Network

Kathryn is an Advanced Nurse Unit Manager from the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network and plans to travel to the United States of America. Kathryn’s proposal is titled “Improving Access and Equity to Aged Care Health Services for South Australian LGBI Elders: Building Inclusivity in the workplace.”

**Laura Lunardi**
Central Adelaide Local Health Network

Laura is a Nurse Practitioner with the Central Northern Adelaide Renal and Transplantation Service. Laura intends to travel to Canada to investigate their “Gold Standard” renal supportive care program for patients with end stage kidney disease.

**Emilia Francois-Clark and Kim Greco**
Southern Adelaide Local Health Network

Emilia and Kim are Nurse Consultants at SALHN and plan to visit the United States of America and Canada to investigate lung nodule management services and assessment clinics coordinated by specialist nurses.
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