

2024

**WA NURSING
& MIDWIFERY
EXCELLENCE
AWARDS**

11TH MAY 2024
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



HON. AMBER-JADE SANDERSON MLA
MINISTER FOR HEALTH;
MENTAL HEALTH

On behalf of the Western Australian State Government, I welcome you to this gala evening in celebration of the 2024 WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards finalists and winners.

I am honoured to attend and am very proud the State Government continues to support this prestigious event. These awards provide an important opportunity to publicly acknowledge and celebrate the inspirational achievements of nurses and midwives who have made an outstanding contribution to their professions in Western Australia and provide the very best care to those in our community.

The individuals represented tonight across the 14 categories, along with the Nurse or Midwife of the Year and Lifetime Achievement honorary award recipient, are among the finest nurses and midwives in our State.

The WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards showcase nurses and midwives from public and private, federal, and non- government sectors. The awards acknowledge a standard of excellence which exceeds what is expected. Finalists have been recognised and nominated by their colleagues and patients as exemplary in their field and acclaimed for making

a profound and lasting impact to their professions, their organisations and to the health of Western Australians.

I congratulate all this year's nominees, finalists and category winners and look forward to sharing in their successes tonight.

A MESSAGE FROM THE A/CHIEF NURSE AND MIDWIFERY OFFICER



DR SHERALEE TAMALIUNAS
A/CHIEF NURSING AND
MIDWIFERY OFFICER,
WA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

It gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome you to the 2024 WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards Gala Ball. Following a couple of years of disruption, I am delighted this event has returned to coincide with the week in which we celebrate the International Day of the Midwife and International Nurses Day.

Tonight, I am honoured to shine light not only on the amazing 2024 WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards finalists, but the larger teams in which our finalists work and the wider professions of nursing and midwifery who support them daily.

As professions, nurses and midwives compose the largest number in our health system workforce and demonstrate the vast and varied roles and functions necessary to provide both frontline and behind the scenes healthcare. Working tirelessly, they ensure our State is equipped to care for our communities regardless of location. As the Chief Nursing and Midwifery

Officer, I am grateful for the achievements and advancements made by our professions, and for the selfless and compassionate dedication shown to those requiring care. I am very proud of our professions.

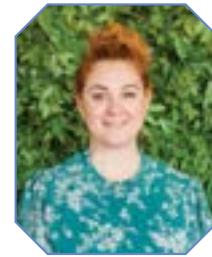
Our finalists' nominations were once again remarkable, being submitted by their peers, colleagues, and consumers. Each story showcased an inspirational nurse, midwife or team who exemplified the finest in our professions. The finalists have undergone a robust and competitive shortlisting and judging process across 14 categories, and each truly deserves to be here tonight. I thank the shortlisting and judging panels for the hard tasks they encountered. The winner from one of these categories will also be named the 2024 WA Nurse/Midwife of the Year in recognition of their outstanding contribution to our professions and the community they serve.

A highlight of this evening will be the induction of a nurse or midwife onto the prestigious Lifetime

Achievement Honour roll. This award recognises the exceptional service provided by the individual to their profession throughout their career and acknowledges their sustained and significant contribution to the wellbeing of others on a local, national and global scale.

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone attending tonight as we recognise and celebrate the achievements of our finalists and Lifetime Achievement recipients. Events like this cannot and would not happen without the generous support of yourselves, and of course, our sponsors, thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2023 NURSE OF THE YEAR



SANDRA VINCIGUERRA
2023 WA NURSE OF THE YEAR

Friday 6th October, 2023, will I'm sure be the highlight of my entire Nursing career. Receiving such a prestigious accolade of WANMEA Nurse of the Year for my involvement in providing COVID-19 vaccinations to our Indigenous homeless members of the community, was a double blessing.

I truly loved every minute I got to spend immersing myself in Indigenous culture, partaking in meaningful yarns, earning the trust and respect from the most vulnerable members of our community, and with that, being able to impart education on COVID-19 and the associated vaccinations. This enabled me to single-handedly provide over 600 individual vaccinations to this most amazing cohort of fellow humans. I became their Deadly Wadjela or Deadly Nyarlu.

To say I feel truly blessed to have made such a huge impact on the health and well-being of our most vulnerable is an understatement, and has been the most rewarding of any nursing role of mine to date. So to receive such a special accolade as WANMEA Nurse of the Year recognising my work in this space, was an extra special blessing indeed.

Nursing is such a wonderful profession which provides so much diversity and opportunity. Although my time providing education and vaccinations came to a natural end with the decline of COVID-19 cases, I returned to my much-loved substantive role at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, caring for the chronically ill, a role I have worked in for 13 years.

I am so, so proud to call myself a nurse. I feel truly blessed every day caring for

my patients, many of whom return for weekly, fortnightly or monthly infusions, who see my colleagues and I as part of their extended family. It is truly an honour to care for them.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Western Australian Nursing and Midwifery Office, and all the sponsors of these awards for the recognition they bring to our wonderful profession.

I offer my heart felt congratulations to all of the 2024 finalists across all categories. You should be extremely proud of being here tonight. Bask in the glory of being nominated by your peers for your excellence, and enjoy the celebrations.

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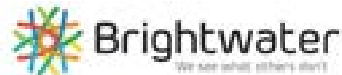
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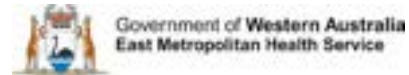
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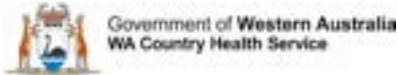
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EXCELLENCE IN
PERSON CENTRED CARE
TEAM AWARD



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2024 EXCELLENCE IN
MIDWIFERY



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2024 EXCELLENCE IN
ABORIGINAL
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RURAL AND REMOTE
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ENROLLED
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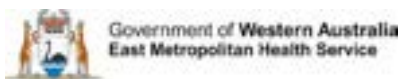
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CONSUMER
APPRECIATION AWARD



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EDUCATION



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2024 EXCELLENCE IN
RESEARCH



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2024 EXCELLENCE IN
PRIMARY, PUBLIC AND
COMMUNITY NURSING



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Cardiac Cath Lab,
East Metropolitan
Health Service

Breast Centre,
North Metropolitan
Health Service

Babbingur Mia,
South Coastal Health and
Community Services

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Claire Easter

Lesley Forrester

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Judith Brand

Lorelle Palmer

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Sarah Halligan

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Dorothy Ziyebangwa

EXCELLENCE IN MIDWIFERY

Fiona Watson

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Dr Alannah Cooper

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