



# **WA NURSING & MIDWIFERY EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

**How to nominate**

# Be part of something special



# About the awards

- Established in 2003 by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Western Australia
- With the move to national registration the WA Minister for Health delegated coordination of the awards to the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office
- All Western Australian Ahpra registered nurses and midwives working in a healthcare setting in WA are eligible for nomination

# Why nominate?

- To publicly recognise:
  - Excellence in the nursing and midwifery professions
  - The valuable work of WA nurses and midwives
  - Role models and their impact on current and future nurses and midwives
- To shed light on:
  - Individuals who excel and do amazing things
  - The professions – raising awareness in the community gaining positive exposure

# Recognition

- Finalists will be
  - invited to attend the WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards Gala Ball and will receive a free ticket to attend
  - recognised at the WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards
  - listed in a media statement and may be contacted for a media interview
- Excellence category winners and the Nurse/Midwife of the year will be
  - announced in a media statement following the Gala Ball and may be contacted by media for interview



# What are the categories?

- **Consumer Appreciation Award** – for consumers and significant others to nominate a nurse and/or midwife
- **12 General Excellence Categories** – for health care colleagues to nominate their peers in various nursing and midwifery streams or practice environments
- **Lifetime Achievement Honour** – nominate a nurse or midwife who has had a highly impactful career to be inducted to the Lifetime Achievement Honour Roll

# Consumer Appreciation Award

In 250 words or less per question, describe

- What made the nurse or midwife stand out, including highlighting their specific qualities and actions that made you nominate them. How this nurse or midwife promoted health, safety and wellbeing in the community or service you attended? Include a brief description of the context of them working with you.
- How this nurse or midwife demonstrates unwavering commitment for their profession. What do they do that goes above and beyond what you would normally expect? What makes them stand out from other nurses or midwives to make a difference to patients, coworkers, or the wider community or service.
- What meaningful impact did this nurse or midwife have on your experiences with them? How did they affect the experience of your health care? How did they make you feel like a partner in your health care?

# General Categories

- Excellence in Aboriginal Health
- Excellence in Education
- Excellence in Enrolled Nursing
- Excellence in Leadership – Emerging
- Excellence in Leadership - Established
- Excellence in Midwifery
- Excellence in Primary, Public and Community Care
- Excellence in Registered Nursing
- Excellence in Research
- Excellence in Rural and Remote Health
- Excellence in Residential Care
- Graduate of the Year

Check the **Nominations Explained** section on our website for more information



## General Categories cont...

Provide a comprehensive and compelling response to each of the selection criteria, including specific examples to illustrate the nominee's achievements and impact.

- Briefly describe the nominee's role and associated responsibilities
- Explain how the nurse or midwife **displays excellence** and **stands out** by using the following headings (strict 250-word limit per question)
  - Advancing the professions
  - Partnerships
  - Making a difference

# Lifetime Achievement Honour

- The Lifetime Achievement Honour is not a category of the awards
- The Lifetime Achievement Honour is an induction onto an honour roll at the annual WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards Gala Ball
- Nominate a nurse or midwife who has had a highly impactful career and has changed the profession's landscape in Western Australia, nationally and/or internationally
- This is a confidential nomination

# Nominate a Lifetime Achievement Honour

- You will need to provide a strong and detailed statement that highlights the exceptional professional contributions the nominee has made.
- As a guide, consider the following questions:
  - In what role(s) or domain(s) has the nominee consistently excelled?
  - How has the nominee demonstrated outstanding services that merit recognition?
  - What tangible effects has the nominee's work had on the nursing and/or midwifery professions, or on the broader community in WA, nationally and/or internationally?
  - Describe the scope and significance of the nominee's influence within their profession or community.
  - Over what duration has the nominee shown sustained dedication and leadership?
  - Has the nominee's work been acknowledged through media coverage, awards, professional associations, or government bodies?
  - What makes this individual truly stand out? Why do you find them inspiring?
- You will need to provide up to 4 referees for the investigating panel to contact to undertake research

# Assessment Process

## Consumer Appreciation and General Categories

- Short-listing
  - All nominations within an individual category are assessed by 3 panel members
  - The panel discuss and agree on rankings to ascertain finalists using the nominator statement
- Judging
  - The judging panel discuss and rank the finalists using nominator, nominee and referee statements, as well as a short 5-minute interview
  - The judging panel agree on a winner of each category
  - Each category winner is then considered by the judging panel to determine who will be named overall WA Nurse/Midwife of the Year

# Assessment Process for Lifetime Achievement Honour

- The WA Nursing and Midwifery Lifetime Achievement Council (the Council) meets to consider all nominations
- The Council includes respected senior nurses and midwives from WA and interstate, a consumer representative and a representative from the Gold Sponsor
- The degree and value of the contribution of service, rather than length of service, is the primary focus of consideration
- An independent research officer investigates and collects evidence from the nominator and provided referees to produce a confidential referee report for all nominees

# Assessment Process for Lifetime Achievement Honour

- After assessing the nominations and referee reports the Council recommends a recipient(s) for induction to the Lifetime Achievement Honour Roll
- The successful recipient(s) are advised of their nomination prior to the Gala Ball
- Nominees remain anonymous
- Unsuccessful nominees are not announced and should never know they were nominated



# Tips from the Short-listing Panel

- Ensure your nomination addresses **ALL** the questions and selection criteria in detail
- Provide examples of how your nominee stands out from other nurses and midwives when addressing the criteria
- Proofread your nomination before submitting
- Provide a strong nominee statement

# How to nominate

- You can nominate at [WANMEA Nomination 2026](#)



# The Advert

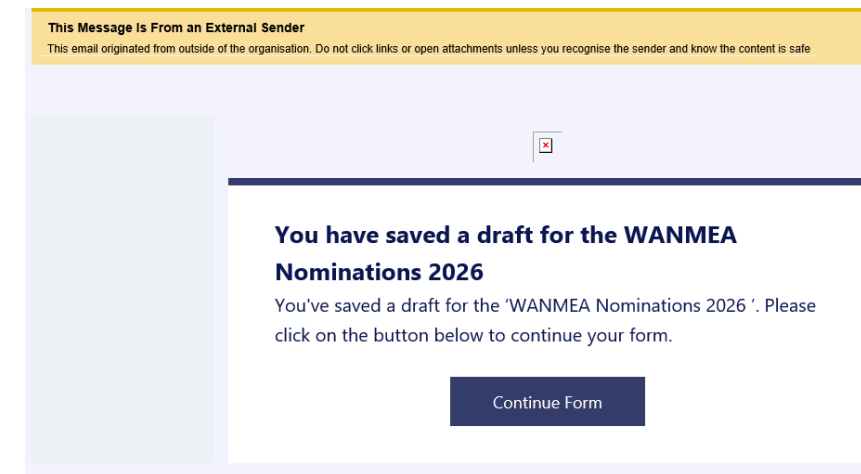
- Please read through the advert
- This provides information about what is required within the nomination including the selection criteria to address
- Choose ‘Next’ and complete all fields within the nomination
- TIP – compile your nomination on a Word document and then paste into the submission form



The screenshot shows the WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards nomination form. At the top left is the logo. To its right, the text reads "WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards" and "Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office". The main body of the form contains the following text: "Nominations for the 2026 WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards are now open. To start this application, simply click the 'Next' button and answer the questions. You will be asked to select the nomination category. You can save your answers by clicking the 'Save' button. You will receive an email with a link to continue the application at a later stage. Please refer to the [Nomination Page](#) for more information regarding the nomination process and categories. For further questions regarding nominations, please contact [wanmea@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:wanmea@health.wa.gov.au). Nominations will close 4pm, 24 November 2025." At the bottom right, there are two buttons: a light blue "Save" button and a green "Next" button.

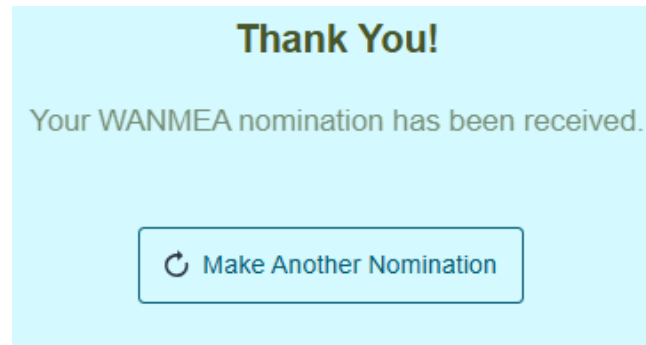
# Edit and Save

- The system may time-out without warning if you have been logged in longer than an hour
- It is recommended to **'Save'** your work frequently
- If you wish to exit your nomination at any stage **'save'** your work
- You will receive an email with a link to continue the application at a later stage.



# Useful Tips

- Do not leave your nomination until the last day
- Late submissions **CAN NOT** and **WILL NOT** be considered
- You will receive an email to confirm the receipt of your nomination. If you do not receive this, your nomination has not been received
- To submit another nomination – click ‘**Make Another Nomination**’



## Some More Tips

- All questions are mandatory fields
- If a field is unknown please type '**unknown**'
- You can '**save**' your nomination and return later to complete the rest of the nomination
- Click '**next**' to continue through the nomination
- On the final page '**tick**' the box to accept you have read and understood the terms and conditions
- Click '**submit**'



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