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Accolades for NT Nurses and Midwives

The top achievers in Northern Territory nursing and midwifery were recognised at an award ceremony at Parliament House in Darwin tonight.

The Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards have been held annually since 2004 to recognise the skill and contribution of the Nurses and Midwives – now totalling more than 2000 – who are employed across the Territory in areas ranging from maternity to aged and disability care, hospitals and community health.

All category winners receive $500. The winners for 2009 are:

**Acute Care**
- Jenny Phillips
  - Acute Pain Service Royal Darwin Hospital

**Aged Care**
- Marysia Kalcher
  - Terrace Gardens Frontier Services

**Community Health**
- Cathy Hammonds
  - NT Hearing Services Katherine

**Enrolled Nurse**
- Jonty Godwin
  - Paediatric Unit Alice Springs Hospital

**Enrolled Nurse (Graduate)**
- Bronwyn Chesworth
  - Royal Darwin Hospital

**General Practice**
- Susan Mark
  - Wurli Wurlinjang Katherine

**Living Legend**
- Patricia Magee
  - Jabiru Health Centre Top End Remote Services

**Mental Health**
- Amanda Worrall
  - Community Health Team Central Australia Mental Health Service

**Midwifery**
- Jane Holland
  - Jabiru Ward Darwin Private Hospital

**Registered Nurse (Graduate)**
- Jessica Myram
  - Jabiru Health Centre Top End Remote Services

**Remote Health**
- Amanda Harneiss
  - Gunyangara Miwatj
  - Vivienne Latham
Cathy Hammonds received an additional accolade - the award of overall Nurse/Midwife of the Year and the trophy and $2000 prize that goes with it.

NT Minister for Families and Children, Malarndirri McCarthy, represented Health Minister Kon Vatskalis at the event, calling it a memorable night in the company of such professional staff.

“I’d like to personally thank all nurses and midwives for their ongoing wonderful contributions to the health and wellbeing of all Territorians,” Ms McCarthy said

“These dedicated people are there for the rest of us at a time when we are in greatest need of help and care. They provide vital support, kindness and assistance as part of their day-to-day work.

“The Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards recognise and demonstrate the appreciation of patients, colleagues and the health system at large to a group who deliver quality services to Territory communities,” she said.

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