MINISTER FOR HEALTH

AWARDS TO RECOGNISE INDIGENOUS HEALTH WORKERS

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The search is on again for the Territory’s outstanding Indigenous health practitioners with nominations now open for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner Awards.

Minister for Health Robyn Lambley said anyone who knows of, has been treated by or worked with an outstanding Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander health practitioner, can nominate them in one of four categories.

“We are looking for practitioners who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen field of practice and who have shown a great commitment to their profession,” Mrs Lambley said.

Awards are presented across four categories, including:

- Remote – living and working in a remote community.
- Urban – working in or from an urban location.
- Specialised – practicing in a specialised field.
- New Practitioner – in their initial years of work after qualifying.

“There is also the additional honour of the ‘Legend Award’ for the overall winner from the four categories,” Mrs Lambley said.

To be eligible for an award, the person must:

- Hold current registration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia and be a resident of the NT.
- Be recognised as a role model within their profession and community.
- Provide positive direction and guidance within the profession.
- Deliver outstanding service or practice including length of service.
- Promote the Aboriginal Health Worker profession at an extremely high standard.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners who have been nominated in the past can be nominated again this year.

“Good luck to all who are nominated for this year’s awards and I look forward to meeting finalists and hosting the ATSIHP Awards at Parliament House on 22 November,” Mrs Lambley said.

Nomination forms can be found at www.nt.gov.au/health/atsihp or by calling 8922 7902.

Nominations close 8 November.

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