Aboriginal Health Workers Recognised

More Aboriginal Health Workers will be recognised for their dedication and professionalism with a new category in this year’s industry awards.

The Health Minister Chris Burns said the New Practitioner section has been added to the Rotary Club of Darwin Sunrise 2007 Aboriginal Health Worker Excellence Awards.

“The extra category reflects the widening recognition of the important work undertaken by Aboriginal Health Workers,” Dr Burns said.

“This section of our health workforce plays a pivotal role in the delivery of health care services. They are also involved in many other important and necessary aspects of health care, such as research, education and community development.

“The awards are an excellent opportunity to recognise the unique and vital contribution of Aboriginal Health Workers to the health of Territorians.”

This year’s Aboriginal Health Worker Excellence Awards will be held at Parliament House on Friday evening.

The award categories are: Remote, Urban, Specialised, and New Practitioner.

The winner of the New Practitioner award will receive a $1200 study bursary, while winners of the remaining three categories will each receive a $1500 study bursary.

All category winners are automatically nominated for the overall Excellence Award, which is worth an additional $3000 study bursary.

This year’s finalists are:

New Practitioner
- Emma Baylis – Angurugu Health Centre
- Veronica King – Wurl Wurlinjang Health Service

Remote
- Bruce Herbert – Robinson River Health Centre
- Casimira Munkara – Nguiu Health Centre
- Betty Laurie – Bulla Health Centre
- Alberta Puruntatameri – Pirlangimi Health Centre
Specialised
- Sumaria Corpus – Diabetes Education and Hyperbaric Unit RDH
- Patricia Bamal Gamanangga – Royal Darwin Hospital
- Rosemary Hoffman – Nightcliff Renal Unit

Urban
- Gwenda Lawton Gless – Wurli Wurlinjang Health Service
- Doris Campbell – Angingingi Health Aboriginal Corporation
- Debbie Smith – Palmerston Community Care Centre

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