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TOP DOC WINS TOP AWARD

Royal Darwin Hospital Medical Superintendent Len Notaras has won the prestigious Australian Medical Association Best Individual Contribution to Healthcare in Australia Award.

Health Minister Dr Peter Toyne said Dr Notaras’ award recognised his commitment to providing the best possible healthcare to Territorians.

“Dr Notaras is a fine example of what Territorians can rely on in our health system,” Dr Toyne said.

“He is a tireless worker and a man who has been deeply involved in developing high quality medical care to Territorians.

“Dr Notaras' unstinting efforts during the RDH’s key role in the Bali bombing – for which he was awarded an Order of Australia - and the Asian tsunami has defined his and his hospital’s role as being at the leading edge of health response to not only the Territory but the South-East Asian region.

“I congratulate Dr Notaras on this most deserved achievement.”

Dr Notaras has been the RDH medical superintendent since 1994, was also general manager of the hospital for two years, has degrees in Medicine, Law, Arts (with Honours) and Commerce as well as Masters in History and Hospital Management.

He is also currently Director of Medical Administration and Clinical Services NT Network as well as being a long-term member of the NT Disaster Response Team.

Dr Notaras has had a diverse career, which involves medicine, law enforcement, the military and private enterprise. Over the past few years he has personally driven changes and developments in senior medical staffing in the Northern Territory.

He and was directly involved in the 1989 Newcastle earthquake response, and subsequently was directly involved in the post earthquake reconfiguration of the Royal Newcastle Hospital.

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