



Westpac RDAA Rural Doctor of the Year and Westpac RDAA/ACRRM Rural Registrar of the Year Awards

Know a rural doctor or rural registrar who deserves to be recognized for their dedication to the community or rural health? Nominate them for the Westpac RDAA Rural Doctor of the Year and Westpac RDAA/ACRRM Rural Registrar of the Year Awards

Selection process

Members of the health community are invited to nominate deserving rural doctors for the Westpac RDAA Rural Doctor of Year Award and the Westpac RDAA/ACRRM Rural Registrar of the Year Award.

Entries close at 4pm on Friday **18 September 2009**.

Nominations must be supported by a brief written response (up to 250 words) to the criterion listed below.

A small sub-committee of the RDAA and ACRRM boards will decide the winner.

The award

Winners will be announced at the Rural Medicine Australia Conference in Melbourne in October.

The recipient of each award will receive a plaque, a framed citation and \$2000. They will also be recognised in RDAA's member magazine, *Rural Pulse*.

The selection criteria

1. The nominee must be a member the RDAA (via a state Rural Doctors Association) or ACRRM .
2. The nominee must have worked 'above and beyond' the call of duty and demonstrated leadership in rural practice in one or more of the following:
 - improving access to quality healthcare for their community; or
 - improving the viability of their local hospital or medical service; or
 - improving access to quality healthcare for an Indigenous community; or
 - improving opportunities for education and training in rural health; or
 - improving the recruitment and retention of GPs and specialists, and/or GP/specialist services, in their area; or
 - promoting and helping achieve sustainable, rural multidisciplinary team approaches to care; or
 - contributed in any other way that is considered 'above and beyond' the call of duty in ensuring a strong future for the rural medical workforce and/or rural medical services, or ensuring or improving access to quality medical care in a rural setting.

Entries should be sent to Patrick Daley at RDAA by email: media@rdaa.com.au or by mail: PO Box 5361, Kingston, ACT, 2604