



## **2005 Awards**

### **FOR INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE**

The **Primary and Community Health Network** announced the winners of the 2005 Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Primary Health Care at a Presentation Dinner on Thursday October 6.

The Awards recognise innovation and excellence in primary health care. They have a significant profile in and are highly valued by the primary and community health sector and are an important opportunity for the field to showcase the quality of work being undertaken. This was the sixth round of awards since their introduction in 1993, with four Award categories: Health Promotion; Direct Care; Organisational Development and Innovation; and Outstanding Contribution in Primary and Community Health. Nominations were received from a diverse range of services from across rural, city, and suburban Victoria, reflecting the state's commitment to a strong community health network — from organisations such as women's health; city council and community health services; youth and family services; crisis centres and mental health services; and rural health alliances and partnerships.

The Awards, announced and presented by Parliamentary Secretary for Health Daniel Andrews MP, are organised by the **Primary and Community Health Network**. The Network is an alliance established with the aim of promoting debate and influencing policy development about issues relevant to primary and community health in Victoria. The Primary and Community Health Branch of the Department of Human Services, Victoria, has provided the main sponsorship for the Awards, with additional funds coming from the following organisations: the Victorian Community Health Association; Community Health Victoria (VHA); the Australian Institute for Primary Care, La Trobe University; Quality Improvement Program Planning System (QIPPS); General Practice Divisions – Victoria; BDO Chartered Accountants and Advisors; Hesta Super Fund, and Primary Health Care in Action.

#### **The winners for 2005 are:**

**COMMUNITY ASTHMA PROJECT**, from Dianella Community Health, **Glenroy** – Direct Care category

**SUSTAINABLE FARM FAMILIES – the human resource in the triple bottom line**, from Western District Health Service, **Hamilton** – Health Promotion category

**SERVICE COORDINATION**, from Whitehorse Community Health Service, **Box Hill** – Organisation Development category

**ROD WILSON AND TEAM FOR THE MEDICARE CAMPAIGN, Victoria - Outstanding Contribution to Primary and Community Health**

Finalists for 2005 are:

**Direct Care category**

La Trobe Communication Clinic stuttering program, from School of Human Communication Sciences, La Trobe University, Bundoora

Homeless and Drug Dependency Trial, from Salvation Army, Hanover Welfare Services, St Vincent de Paul Aged Care and Community Services, South Melbourne

**Health Promotion category**

Same Sex Attracted Young People's Support Project, from Nillumbik Community Health Service, Eltham

Our Rainbow Place, from Inner South Community Health Service, South Melbourne

Community Kitchens, from Frankston Community Health Service, Frankston

**Organisational Development & Innovation category:**

Combined Services After Hours Project, from Ballarat Health Services, Ballarat

The implementation of single session work in the community health counselling/casework team, from Nillumbik Community Health Service, Eltham

CHANGE – Community Health and Growth Enhancement Project, from Upper Hume Community Health Service, Wodonga

[See a full list of nominees.](#)

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