



Summary:

- COH Staff Excellence Awards nominations

Message feedback



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Dear Team

I am very excited to announce the nominees for the 2025 Community and Oral Health Staff Excellence Awards.

And, I hope everyone has their reading glasses on as they are quite a few deserving nominations!

We received 125 separate nominations from across the directorate for some of our great teams, staff, service lines and groups. This included the nominations from the monthly COH Connecting Care Champion awards.



Thank you to all the thoughtful and considerate individuals who took the time to nominate your colleagues. Congratulations to all of our nominees!

People Focus

- Mukesh Sharma, Registered Nurse, Halwyn Centre
- Caboolture Satellite Dental team – Administration officers, clinicians, clinical assistants and technicians
- Cassandra Rennie-Hynes, Acting Senior Dental Assistant, GPOHS
- Denielle Beattie, Consumer Liaison Officer, Safety and Quality
- Kirsten Howie, Patient Access and Flow Nurse Navigator
- Elizabeth Lyons, Clinical Lead, Aged Care Assessment Team
- Lee Riley, HP4, Aged Care Assessment Team

- Shannaen Gilbert, Nurse Unit Manager, Interim Care and A/Nursing Director, Rehabilitation
- Heather Dwane, Social Worker, Community Based Rehabilitation Team - North Lakes
- Dr Roxana Molina, Senior Dentist, Caboolture Satellite Dental Clinic
- Ellen Grant, HP5 Occupational Therapist, Community Based Rehabilitation Team
- Andrea Rapolthy-Beck, Clinical Lead, Anna Tremschnig, BICS Coordinator, and Catherine Kei, BICS Coordinator - Brain Injury Community Integration Service (BICS) Coordinators
- Consumer Liaison Officers - Safety and Quality
- Kerrie Bartlett, Clinical Nurse, Ebbtide House
- Sue Cawley, Duty Nurse Manager, Workforce and Innovation
- Kym Shelford, Duty Nurse Manager, Workforce and Innovation
- Paramjit Kaur, RAN Nurse Navigator Frail and Older Person
- Roberta Dickson, Senior Allied Health Assistant, Hospital in the Home and GEMITH
- Rebecca Young, Recreation Officer, Residential Transition Care Program
- Rick Harden, Senior Dentist, Redcliffe Dental Clinic

Excellence in Innovation, Research or Clinical Improvement

- Brain Injury Community Integration Service, Occupational Therapists
- Brianna Barber, Speech Pathologist, Interim Care/Aged Care
- April Chan, Assistant Director, Pharmacy
- Hannah Findsen, Physiotherapist, Community Transition Care Program
- Brighton Geriatric Evaluation and Management Service

Excellence in Performance

- Trent Donnelly, A/Team Leader Chronic Complex Disease Team
- Nadine Ruthenberg, ESM System Administrator, Information Systems Management Team
- Kathleen Poutsma, Administrative Officer, Central Referral Unit
- Coral Teys, Administrative Officer, Central Referral Unit
- Jayne Stevenson, Senior Director, Clinical Operations
- Post Acute Care Service - North Lakes
- Monique Raven, Senior Social Worker, Kallangur HAART
- Brianna Sonter, Clinical Assistant, Community Based Rehabilitation Team - Redcliffe
- Cass Bradley, Assistant Business Manager, Finance
- Lauren Harris, Senior Speech Pathologist, Brighton Rehabilitation Unit
- Stephanie Gettens, Safety and Quality Coordinator, Safety and Quality
- Faith Chidzikwe, Registered Nurse, Ebbtide House, Rehabilitation
- COH Workforce Team
- GEMITH - Geriatric Evaluation and Management in the Home
- Sarah Dillon, Acting Clinical Nurse Consultant, HITH - Home Hospital
- Ravi Patel, Acting Clinical Nurse Consultant, HITH - Home Hospital
- Peter Casperson, Minor Works Coordinator, Building, Engineering and Management Service
- Diabetes Service
- Karly Missenden, Principal Finance Officer, COH

Leadership

- Kerry Feilding, Director of Pharmacy, COH
- Robyn Simeon, Senior Finance Officer, COH Finance
- Dr June Chia, Clinical Director General and Geriatric Medicine
- Kate Hacking, Director of Speech Pathology, COH
- Zeljko Bisak, Clinical Assistant, Community Based Rehabilitation Team – Caboolture
- Vicki Thompson, A/Service Manager, Call Centre and Patient Access Team

- Simon Freestone, Allied Health Team Leader / Advanced Physiotherapist, Hospital in the Home - Home Hospital
- Vicki Thompson, A/Service Manager, Call Centre and Patient Access Team
- Maddison Goodwin, Acting Director, Occupational Therapy COH
- Louise Lynch, Director of Social Work, COH
- Veronica Thomsett, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Interim Care
- Shannaen Gilbert, Acting Nursing Director, Rehabilitation

Supporting excellence in care

- Gary Brown, Elliott Perryman, Ben Dutton - Administration team at Kallangur HAART
- Sophie Chan, Recreational Officer, Interim Care
- Sandra Hurst, Principal Data Analyst, Service Operations and Performance
- Larissa Visco, Senior Social Worker, Hospital in the Home
- Veronica Thomsett, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Interim Care
- Shannaen Gilbert, Acting Nursing Director, Rehabilitation

Values in Action

- Michelle Raine, Assistant Business Manager, COH Finance
- Mareena Mathew, New Graduate Speech Pathologist, Brighton Rehabilitation Unit
- Memory Chitagu, Oral Health Therapist Senior, School Dental Service
- Tasman Rogers, A/Executive Support Officer, Medical Services
- Rachael Sullivan, Advanced Social Worker, Brighton Rehabilitation Unit
- Mathew Ng, Speech Pathologist, Community Based Rehabilitation Team -Chermside
- Kerrie Bartlett, Clinical Nurse, Ebbside House / Brighton GEM
- Cara Von Dohren, Senior Leisure Therapist, Community Based Rehabilitation Team
- Rachael Sullivan, Clinical Lead Social Worker, Brighton Rehabilitation Unit
- Pablito Muncal, Clinical Nurse, Hospital in the Home - Home Hospital
- Ann Rahmann, Advanced Physiotherapist CBRT, Research Coordinator, Innovation and Research Team
- Community Transition Care Program
- Rick Harden, Senior Dentist, Redcliffe Dental Clinic

Improving First Nations Health

- Deearne Dodd, Senior Community Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Liaison Worker, COH Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Team

In addition, we had 53 nominations for the COH Connecting Care Champion Award throughout the year, which will be considered for the annual award.

It is clear, that our judges have their work in front of them choosing finalists from all these great nominations.

Please keep an eye out for the awards presentations which will be held at the various locations across the service, including the Oral Health Professional Development Day next month.

Thank you for nominating!

Glynis Schultz
Executive Director



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