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Is your rural doc ‘Simply the Best’? Rock their day with a nomination for RDAA’s annual Awards!

Nominations now open for RDAA’s 2024 Awards

Awards in three categories:

- **Rural Doctor of the Year**
- **Rural Doctor in Training of the Year**
- **Medical Student of the Year**

Individuals, community groups and health sector colleagues across rural and remote Australia are being urged to nominate deserving rural doctors, doctors in training and medical students for the Rural Doctors Association of Australia’s (RDAA’s) annual Awards for 2024.

Entries for the Awards close at midnight on Sunday 21 July.

RDAA’s Annual Awards provide important national recognition of the exceptional commitment shown by rural doctors, doctors in training and medical students to rural and remote healthcare, and as such they are a prestigious event on the rural health sector’s annual calendar.

Recipients of this year’s Awards will be announced at the official conference dinner of the Rural Medicine Australia 2024 (RMA24) conference, to be held in Garramilla (Darwin, NT) in October.

RDAA’s Awards are offered in the following categories:

- RDAA Rural Doctor of the Year *(supported by Rural Doctors Foundation)*
- RDAA Rural Doctor in Training of the Year
- RDAA Medical Student of the Year

“There are hundreds of doctors and doctors in training across rural and remote Australia who are incredibly dedicated to their patients, communities and colleagues” **RDAA President, Dr RT Lewandowski, said.**

“Our Awards aim to recognise those doctors who have gone above and beyond the call in serving their community, advancing the provision of rural healthcare more broadly, or advancing Rural Medicine as a profession.

“We are excited to again this year be offering the award of Rural Doctor in Training, as there are many great junior doctors working in our rural hospitals, health services and practices who are making a huge contribution to their rural communities.

“We are also looking forward to receiving nominations for medical students who have shown significant dedication to the rural health sector or to a rural community through a health-related initiative they have undertaken, shown a significant commitment to becoming a rural doctor, or been active in promoting Rural Medicine as a career.



“Together with other health professionals, rural doctors are the backbone of local healthcare in the bush, with many working in both general practices and local hospitals to deliver a wide range of health services to their towns.

“Our Awards recognise just some of the amazing rural doctors, doctors in training and medical students who have made a significant impact in their communities.

“Many rural doctors have also devoted much of their free time to represent the rural health sector at the highest levels of government, to fight for better access to healthcare for rural patients and to keep rural hospitals open.

“We strongly encourage rural patients, rural communities, health colleagues and others to nominate a deserving rural doctor, doctor in training or medical student for our prestigious Awards in 2024.”

More information and nominate – rdaa.com.au (About > Awards)

Photo – [Dr RT Lewandowski](#)

Photo – [Dr RT Lewandowski and Dr Richard Mackinnon \(RDAA Rural Doctor of the Year 2023\)](#)

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