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Excellence recognised in Age Services Awards

The outstanding achievements of the age services industry in Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and the Northern Territory have been recognised at LASA's Excellence in Age Services Awards, presented at the 2019 Tri-State Conference in Albury.

LASA CEO Sean Rooney said the achievements by organisations, teams and individuals highlight the dedication of an industry passionate about providing quality care for older Australians.

"Our industry has countless passionate professionals, volunteers and organisations who don't generally look for thanks or praise. It is their dedication and professionalism that make up the backbone of our industry," Mr Rooney said.

"I congratulate all the nominees, finalists and winners of LASA's 2019 Excellence in Care Awards for their outstanding efforts and the contributions they make daily, not only to our industry, but to the lives of the older Australians they care for," Mr Rooney said.

Sponsored by HESTA, LASA's 2019 Excellence in Age Services Awards have promoted and recognised excellence across all fields of age services in Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and the Northern Territory. The state award winners will now progress as finalists to the national awards, to be presented at LASA's National Congress in Adelaide from 27-29 October.

Award winners in VIC/TAS are:

Organisation Award – Old Colonists Association of Victoria.

Team Award – Wellness and Reablement Team, Bolton Clarke.

Individual Award – Ryan Rodrigues (CraigCare).

Rising Star - Matiu Bush (Bolton Clarke).

Award winners in SA/NT are:

Organisation Award – Uniting Communities.

Team Award – Port Lincoln Home & Community Aged Care team.

Individual Award – Moti Naral (My Care Solution).

Rising Star - Bill Papazafirooulos (Ridleyton Greek Home for the Aged).

Congratulations also to the following **Vic/Tas and SA/NT** finalists:

Vic/Tas – Individual: Khoryon 'Tut' Nyuon (Fronditha Care), Jo Laker (Benetas).

Vic/Tas – Organisation: Cooina, Martin Luther Homes – Boronia.

Vic/Tas – Team: Fronditha Care Lifestyle & Activities Team, Fronditha Aged Care, Sharing the caring: Lyndoch's Care pilot Team, Lyndoch Living.

Vic/Tas – Rising Star: Eva Panouspoulos (Martin Luther Homes).

SA/NT – Individual: Jessica Coyne (Murray Mudge Aged Care),

SA/NT – Organisation: ECH, the Willochra Home, Uniting Communities.

SA/NT – Team: LGBTI Connect, ECH, St Pauls Clinical Team, St Paul’s Lutheran Homes, Occupational Therapy & Assistive Technology Team, The Royal Society for the Blind.
SA/NT – Rising Star: Hariz Sulaiman (Helping Hand), Marianthi Kosmarikou (Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia Community Care Services),

LASA’s 2019 Excellence in Care Award nominations were reviewed by a panel of industry experts. LASA would like to thank all the judges for their time and dedication and a special thanks to **HESTA** for making the awards possible.

About Leading Age Services Australia (LASA)

LASA is the national peak body representing and supporting providers of age services across residential care, home care and retirement living. Our purpose is to enable a high performing, respected, and sustainable age services industry delivering accessible, affordable, quality care and services for older Australians.

We represent providers of age services of all types and sizes located across Australia’s metropolitan, regional and rural areas. Consistent with the overall industry profile, 57% of our Members are not-for-profit providers, 33% are for-profit providers and 10% are government providers.

Our diverse and representative membership gives LASA the ability to speak with credibility and authority on issues of importance to older Australians and the age services industry.

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