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## Excellence In Age Services Finalists For NSW/ACT Announced

The age services industry in New South Wales and the ACT will showcase its outstanding organisations, teams and individuals when the LASA Excellence in Age Services Awards are announced at LASA's NSW/ACT State Conference in Sydney next **Tuesday evening, 7 May**.

The awards promote and recognise excellence across the diverse and dynamic fields of endeavour in the age services sector and celebrate the passion and achievements of organisations, teams and individuals in the service of older Australians.

LASA CEO Sean Rooney said the entries demonstrate some of the best and most innovative provision of care and services being delivered to older Australians and their families both in metropolitan and regional areas.

"These individuals and teams who are doing so much to help older Australians, their families and the communities they serve represent the best our sector has to offer."

Categories include Organisation, Team, Individual, and for the first time, Rising Star, which recognises an individual with less than five years industry experience who has made an outstanding contribution to age services.

Mr Rooney said LASA is particularly proud to have initiated a 'rising star' award for 2019 "in keeping with our future focus for the industry and nurturing the next generation of age services staff and leaders."

The awards will be judged at a state level across the four categories with each of the state winners progressing to the national awards to be presented at LASA's National Congress on 27-29 October.

### **LASA congratulates the following NSW/ACT finalists:**

**Individual:** Justin Dover (Vietnam Veterans Keith Payne VC Hostel Limited), Ada Cheng (Australian Nursing Home Foundation), Nigisty Belay (Cranbrook Care - Bayswater Gardens).

**Rising Star:** Kate Jakins (Peninsula Village Ltd), Luke Brown (Psychologist - IRT Illawarra Aged Care Centres), Novica Blazeski (Home Instead Senior Care Wollongong).

**Organisation:** Carrington Care, Bolton Clarke, Whiddon.

**Team:** Mental Health Team (Bolton Clarke), The Wellness Club (Carrington Community Care), IRT Nameste Team – Sydney (IRT Group).

## **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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