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Excellence in NSW/ACT age services recognised

The best age services providers in New South Wales and the ACT have been recognised at LASA's Excellence in Age Services Awards, presented at the 2019 State Conference in Sydney last night.

The award winners are:

Organisation Award – Carrington Care.

Team Award – IRT Namaste Team - Sydney.

Individual Award – Justin Dover (Vietnam Veterans Keith Payne VC Hostel Limited).

Rising Star – Novica Blazeski (Home Instead Senior Care Wollongong).

“The outstanding achievements of the winners, and indeed all our finalists, shows once again that our sector is passionate about providing quality care for older Australians,” LASA CEO Sean Rooney said.

“It's also great to see a diverse range of winners – from care givers to CEOs delivering excellence in age services in regional and metropolitan settings.

“There are countless other passionate professionals, volunteers and organisations whose dedication and professionalism make up the backbone of our sector.

“I congratulate all the NSW and ACT 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 NSW and the ACT. 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.

Congratulations also to the following finalists:

Individual: Ada Cheng (Australian Nursing Home Foundation), Nigisty Belay (Cranbrook Care - Bayswater Gardens).

Organisation: Bolton Clarke, Whiddon.

Team: Mental Health Team (Bolton Clarke), The Wellness Club (Carrington Community Care).

Rising Star: Kate Jakins (Peninsula Village Ltd), Luke Brown (Psychologist - IRT Illawarra Aged Care Centres).

LASA's 2019 Excellence in Age Services 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.

(Note to Editors: Photos of the winners will be available early on Wednesday 8 May.)

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