

## Dietitians Australia General Policy and Procedure Manual

### Awards

# Barbara Chester Memorial Award (Queensland Branch)

## RATIONALE AND PURPOSE OF AWARD

This award honours the contributions of the late Barbara Chester who was the driving force behind establishing the Dietitians Australia Queensland Branch. She was one of the first three dietitians employed in the major Queensland hospitals and assisted in developing the dietetic course at Queensland Institute of Technology. Barbara played a leading role in the training of new graduates in the 1970s. The *Barbara Chester Memorial Award* is a fitting tribute to her life and dedication to her work.

## FORM OF THE AWARD

The successful nominee will receive:

- The award presented at the Dietitians Australia Awards Ceremony
- A framed *Barbara Chester Memorial Award* certificate
- \$500 prize accompanies the award
- Their name and photo published in the Dietitians Australia Annual Report along with a short outline of the service for which the award is given
- Their name listed in the Awards section of the Dietitians Australia website
- Their name promoted through various member communication channels as part of overall award promotions (i.e., social media, Share Plate and/or direct email)

## SPONSORS OF THE AWARD

The *Barbara Chester Memorial Award* (BCMA) has been funded by the Queensland Health Director General since 2004 in recognition of outstanding contribution to the profession of dietetics in Queensland.

## ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must:

- Be a current Dietitians Australia member,
- Be a current member of the Queensland Branch, and

- Not be a previously selected recipient of the Dietitians Australia Barbara Chester Memorial Award.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

When submitting a nomination please address all criteria that are appropriate and, in enough detail, so the response can be scored. The following criteria will be considered when nominating Queensland Branch (current) members for this award.

The candidates must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Outstanding contribution to the profession of dietetics in Queensland; and
2. **One or more** of the following:
  - Recognised leadership role in nutrition and dietetics within the profession or within the community.
  - Has improved the profile of dietitian-nutritionists within the community.
  - Has contributed significantly to Dietitians Australia activities without financial reward.
  - Has initiated the introduction of a policy in nutrition or dietetics at governments or industry level.
  - Is sought by the media as an expert in nutrition matters.
  - Has demonstrated innovative thoughts and excellence in practice, or has published in a new area of research.
  - Has contributed significantly to high quality student training.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

Queensland Branch members may nominate annually any number of candidates for the Barbara Chester Memorial Award.

1. Nominations must be submitted via the Nomination Form on the [Awards Portal](#).
2. Nominations and supporting documentation must address the selection criteria on the Nomination Form.
3. Names of nominators (proposer and seconder) must be supplied on the Nomination Form.

Nominations must be submitted by the closing date. See Awards Program [timeline](#) for key dates.

**Late nominations will not be accepted.**

## METHOD OF SELECTION

- The Awards and Recognition Advisory Committee (ARAC) will be responsible for the selection and report to the Board on their award recipient recommendation.
- ARAC will consider nominations in accordance with the selection criteria and interviews may be used as a mechanism in selection.
- Only one Barbara Chester Memorial Award may be awarded in any one year.

## NOTIFICATION AND AWARD PRESENTATION

- The successful nominees and the member/s who made nominations will be notified of the award outcomes. See Awards Program [timeline](#) for key dates.
- The successful nominee will receive the award in an official presentation at the Dietitians Australia Annual Conference or Queensland Branch Annual Meeting (or other appropriate ceremony), whichever is applicable.
- The successful nominee will need to submit a high-resolution professional photo for publishing in Dietitians Australia awards promotions and Annual Report.