

Dietitians Australia General Policy and Procedure Manual

Awards

Early Career Dietitian Award in memory of Dr Joan Mary Woodhill OBE

RATIONALE AND PURPOSE OF AWARD

The purpose of this award is to encourage early career members of the profession to join and actively participate in Dietitians Australia's activities and to foster future leaders. It will recognise service and excellence. This award honours the memory of the late Dr Joan Woodhill OBE who was the first dietitian trained in New South Wales and who made an outstanding contribution to the profession at state level, nationally and internationally.

FORM OF THE AWARD

The successful nominee will receive:

- The award presented at the Dietitians Australia Awards Ceremony
- A framed *Early Career Dietitian Award* certificate
- \$1,000 will accompany 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)
- Complimentary registration to the Dietitians Australia Conference
- Some support toward travel, accommodation or other expenses where funds are available

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominees must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Member of Dietitians Australia for at least three years.
2. Less than 10 years from graduation at 1 March. Note: Consideration will be made for members who have taken parental or carers' leave during this time.
3. Active participation in the National, or Branch activities, or other groups which contribute to the work of Dietitians Australia.

4. Not previously selected as a recipient of the Dietitians Australia *Early Career Dietitian Award* (previously known as the Young Achiever Award).
5. Achievement in promoting optimal health and nutritional status of the population through: excellence of practice, publications, speaking at conferences, organising workshops, academia.
6. Excellence of practice or service in nutrition and dietetics
7. Demonstrated high level communication skills.
8. Demonstrated commitment and contribution to the profession.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The Board of Directors, Committees, Branch Convenors and members may nominate annually any number of candidates for the Dietitians Australia *Early Career Dietitian Award*.

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

Nomination documentation 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 Dietitians Australia *Early Career Dietitian 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, and invited to give a short oration.
- The successful nominee will need to submit a high-resolution professional photo for publishing in Dietitians Australia awards promotions and Annual Report.