

Dietitians Australia General Policy and Procedure Manual

Awards

Outstanding Contribution Award

RATIONALE AND PURPOSE OF AWARD

This award recognises major, sustained contributions to the profession **and** Dietitians Australia **within the past three years** at the **National level** given to a current Full Member* of Dietitians Australia.

It is not necessary for awards to be made every year, if it is considered that there are no appropriate candidates. The number of awards in any year is not limited.

*[Full Member](#) is a member in the 'Full' membership type

FORM OF THE AWARD

The successful nominee will receive:

- The award presented at the Dietitians Australia Awards Ceremony
- A framed *Outstanding Contribution* certificate
- Their name and photo published in the Annual Report together with a short outline of the reason for their award
- 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)

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must be a current '[Full Member](#)' of Dietitians Australia.

Members are eligible to receive more than one *Outstanding Contribution Award*, on different occasions, for a different contribution. A member may also be nominated again for the same body of work after a 5-year period. However, if nominated this way, the contribution must be significantly new and different from that of their previous award.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To be eligible for an *Outstanding Contribution Award*, the following criteria must be addressed and met.

The contribution must:

1. be sustained, impactful and far reaching and may include an impactful contribution for First Nations dietitians, peoples or communities.
2. fall within the past three years, occurring over a significant timeframe (e.g. 2 years).
3. relate to the development, recognition, or work of Dietitians Australia including the Reconciliation Action Plan **and** the dietetic profession.

To support the nomination, demonstrated evidence in **one or more** of the following domains must be provided:

Domain	Evidence (<i>EXAMPLE ONLY</i>)
Advances the profession of nutrition and dietetics	Demonstrated influence in progression of dietetics.
Engages in personal and professional development of self and of others	Innovative contribution to teaching and supporting the professional development of dietitians
Engages in quality learning and teaching, training/supervision	Demonstrates effectiveness in transfer of skills and knowledge to others
Effectively implements change	Demonstrating innovation / excellence in practice which advances the profession at a national level
Recognised as an expert resource and advocate	Leadership in an area of nutrition and dietetics in Australia. Dietitians Australia Board member, National Interest Group Convener, Dietitians Australia Representative at National Level
Evaluates and disseminates practice and evaluation, research or quality improvement outcomes widely	A consistent track record of peer reviewed articles in the national and international literature in relation to nutrition and dietetics
Manages complex problems effectively in ways that enhance outcomes while navigating service requirements and stakeholder relationships	Contribution to the growth of the profession within Australia, and to its recognition by involvement with other organisations and authorities

NOMINATION PROCESS

The Board of Directors, Committees, Branch Committees, Interest Groups and members may nominate annually any number of candidates for an *Outstanding Contribution 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 (members of Dietitians Australia - proposer and seconder) must be provided on 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 for selection.
- ARAC may request further information to support the nomination.

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.
- The successful nominee will need to submit a high-resolution professional photo for publishing in Dietitians Australia awards promotions and Annual Report.