Dietitians Australia General Policy and Procedure Manual

Awards

Young Achiever Award in memory of Dr Joan Mary Woodhill OBE

# Rationale and Purpose of Award

The purpose of this award is to encourage junior members of the profession to join and actively participate in Dietitians Australia’s activities and to foster future leaders. It will also recognise leadership and service. 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 willreceive:

* The award presented at the Dietitians Australia Awards Ceremony
* A framed *Young Achiever 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 five years.
2. Less than 10 years from graduation at 1 March.
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 *Young Achievers 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 leadership in nutrition and dietetics through one of the following: legislation, research, education and professional training, clinical dietetics, public health, career guidance, public relations, community nutrition, management, etc. either in Dietitians Australia or employment.
7. Demonstrated high level communication skills.
8. Demonstrated commitment and contribution beyond usual practice.

# Nomination Process

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

1. Nominations must be submitted on the official Nomination Form (Appendix 1).
2. Nominations and supporting documentation must be in electronic form and in Word format for the preparation of reports.
3. Save this document in a different name: that of the person being nominated (eg: JONES\_Mary – 2023 Young Achiever Award).
4. Nominations and any supporting documentation must address the selection criteria.
5. Names of nominators (members of Dietitians Australia - proposer and seconder) must be provided on Nomination Form.
6. Add electronic signature where available. Where not available, a signed copy will need to be scanned and emailed to the Award and Recognition Advisory Committee (ARAC) Secretariat with the nomination submission.

Nomination documentation as outlined above must be submitted to the ARAC Secretariat, [awards@dietitiansaustralia.org.au](mailto:awards@dietitiansaustralia.org.au?subject=2022%20Young%20Achiever%20Award%20application) by **COB Monday 16 January 2023.**

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

# Method of Selection

* The ARAC will be responsible for the selection.
* The ARAC will consider nominations in accordance with the selection criteria and interviews may be used as a mechanism in selection.
* Only one Dietitians Australia *Young Achiever 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 in March 2023 of the ARAC’s decisions regarding their particular nominations.
* The successful nominee will receive the award in an official presentation at the Dietitians Australia Awards Ceremony at the Conference Dinner in July 2023, 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.

## Appendix

1. Young Achiever Award Nomination Form

# APPENDIX 1: Young Achiever Award Nomination Form

**Nominations will only be considered if submitted on this Form**

Nominee’s Title and Name:

Nominee’s Employer (organisation):

Nominee’s Manager’s Name:

Describe how the nominee has met the criteria:

Provide a brief (maximum 200 words) citation **suitable for publishing in the Annual Report** summarising the nominee’s relevant achievements.

Provide a short biography (maximum 200 words) **suitable for publishing in the Annual Report**.

Proposer’s name (1): Seconder’s name (2):

Employment Position: Employment Position:

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Signed by:

Proposer: Seconder:

Date: Date:

Email completed application forms to: ARAC Secretariat [awards@dietitiansaustralia.org.au](mailto:awards@dietitiansaustralia.org.au?subject=2022%20Young%20Achiever%20Award%20Nomination)

**Completed forms must be received at the National Office by 5pm AEDT Monday 16 January 2023**