**Description:**
The Mark Sheldon Prize was established in 2000 by the family, friends and colleagues of the late Dr Mark Sheldon, a pioneer psychiatrist who until his death in 1998 strove to provide psychiatric services to remote Aboriginal communities.

Dr Mark Sheldon was devoted to the welfare of Indigenous people in remote communities, and was interested in original research to further their welfare. The prize named in his honour recognises noteworthy contributions (which might include service provision or research) to Indigenous mental health in either Australia or New Zealand.

**Eligibility Criteria:**
The Mark Sheldon Prize is awarded by nomination. It recognises noteworthy contributions (which might include service provision or research) to Indigenous mental health in either Australia or New Zealand.

The Prize may be given to RANZCP trainees or early career psychiatrists (eg for meritorious work or research in Indigenous mental health undertaken as part of the RANZCP training program), and trainees and recent Fellows are encouraged to apply / nominate. The Prize is also open to more senior RANZCP Fellows, and eminent community members who have made significant contributions to Indigenous mental health.

The following criteria may be considered when judging a nomination for the Prize:

- Merit;
- Overall contribution to psychiatry;
- Focus on psychiatric aspects of health of an Indigenous population;
- Overall contribution to the wellbeing of an Indigenous population.

**Form of Award:**
The Mark Sheldon Prize will be in the form of a medallion and certificate presented to the successful nominee, together with a bound copy of Mark Sheldon’s dissertation. The recipient is invited to attend the College Address at the RANZCP Congress where the award will be presented.

The recipient of the Mark Sheldon Prize will be invited to present at the RANZCP Congress, and the cost of Congress registration is also covered within the award.

**Frequency:**
The Prize is presented annually.
Application / Nomination Process:
The Mark Sheldon Prize is given by nomination only. Nominations may be made by any member of the RANZCP, and must set out the reasons for the nomination. Nominations must be in writing to:

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Enquiries may also be directed to awards@ranzcp.org.

Nominations close: 30 November each year.

Selection Panel Composition:
The Immediate Past President of the College will chair the Selection Panel. The Selection Panel should also include the Chairs and at least one other member from both the RANZCP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Committee, and Te Kaunihera.

A majority of the Selection Panel will need to agree that one of the submitted nominations is sufficiently meritorious, for the Prize to be awarded that year. If necessary, the Chair shall have both a deliberative and casting vote.

Previous Recipients:
The Mark Sheldon Prize was first presented in 2001.

2001  Dr Helen Milroy (WA)
2002  Dr Ann Harrison (ACT)
2003  Dr Neil Phillips (NSW)
2004  Professor Ernest Hunter (QLD)
2005  Mrs Pat Delaney
2006  Dr David Cutts (NT)
2007  Dr Robert Parker (NT)
2008  Professor Mason Durie (NZ)
2009  Mr Andy Tjilari and Mr Rupert Peters (SA)
2010  Mr Arama Pirika (NZ)
2011  Dr Jason Lee (QLD)
2012  Dr Michael Duke (VIC)

Approved: October 2012 (RANZCP Manager, Membership Services)

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