

JOAN LAWRENCE QUEENSLAND MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Synopsis

The Queensland Branch Committee deems it appropriate to recognise the **Joan Lawrence Queensland Meritorious Service Award** ('the Award'), which may be presented on an annual basis to a Fellow of the RANZCP ('the College') in Queensland.

In addition, an agency or individual who is not a College Member, but who has made significant, sustained and distinguished service and/or an outstanding contribution to the practice of psychiatry in a clinical, academic, or administrative capacity in Queensland, may also be recognised and receive an Award.

The Queensland Branch Committee is responsible for this award. The Award shall comprise an engraved medallion and certificate presented at the Bostock Oration event of the Queensland Branch by the Chair of the Branch.

Criteria

A) A Fellow of the College in Queensland who has provided significant, sustained and distinguished service and/or an outstanding contribution to the practice of psychiatry in any one or more of the following areas:

- Clinical care in the public or private sectors
- Teaching, training, supervising or mentoring junior doctors, medical students or other mental health clinicians
- Participation in College Queensland Branch activities such as examinations, Branch Committee roles or administrative roles for the College Queensland Branch
- Research in psychiatry pertaining to Queensland
- Administrative roles within Mental Health in Queensland
- Advocacy for consumers or carers within the Queensland mental health system
- Activities that enhance the public image of psychiatry or improve public understanding of mental disorders

B) The nominee's achievements have been conducted substantially in Queensland; and

C) The nominee has not already received significant public recognition for their achievements (although this does not preclude nomination); and

D) The award should always be made to a Fellow of the College based in Queensland. However, on occasion when deemed appropriate, an additional award may be presented to an agency or individual who is not a College member, but who has made a significant, sustained and distinguished and/or outstanding contribution to the improvement of the practice of psychiatry or mental health in Queensland.

Process of Nominating for the Award

The Award is to be given upon review of written nominations received from Branch membership, and the following process is to be adopted:

1. A call for nominations for the Award is made using appropriate communication methods to reach Queensland Branch members, such as the Queensland Branch Newsletter and eBulletin emails.
 2. The call for nominations includes information about the Award—its aims, criteria, key dates, and access to a nomination form.
 3. Nominators must include reasons for nominating, detailing the nature and significance of the nominee's contribution to psychiatry and mental health in Queensland.
 4. An abridged CV of the nominee must be submitted with the nomination form.
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Process for Assessing Nominations

1. The Award subcommittee, made up of Queensland Branch Committee members who are not themselves nominators or nominees, assesses all nominations.
 2. The subcommittee assesses nominations based initially on written submissions but may seek additional information from nominators or other sources. Nominees are not ordinarily contacted unless deemed appropriate.
 3. The Queensland Branch Committee must ratify the recommendation of the subcommittee.
 4. If the Committee does not ratify the recommendation or if no suitable nominations are received, no Award will be made that year.
 5. If the selected recipient declines the award, no award will be made or announced that year.
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Process for Making the Award

1. The recipient of the Award is formally announced in the lead-up to the Queensland Branch Bostock Oration meeting, where it is presented by the Queensland Branch Chair (typically in November).
 2. The identities of unsuccessful nominees remain confidential.
 3. The Award consists of a College medallion engraved with the words:
RANZCP Joan Lawrence Queensland Meritorious Service Award 20XX Awarded to
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And a certificate with the wording:

RANZCP Joan Lawrence Queensland Meritorious Service Award

(Year)

awarded to

Recipient Name

In recognition of significant, sustained and distinguished service and outstanding contribution to the improvement of mental health in Queensland.

Signature

Chair, RANZCP Queensland Branch

Date