**AHPA WA Branch Annual Awards – 2023 Nomination Form**

**The Awards**

This year the Australian Health Promotion Association is presenting two (2) awards to West Australians who have shown exceptional commitment and innovation in their health promotion practice.

The awards provide an opportunity for the winners to showcase their efforts and be recognised by colleagues and peers.

The awards are announced at the AHPA WA Branch General Meeting and Awards Night each year. This year’s AGM is **Friday 23rd June 2023, 5:30pm-7:30pm.**

**Categories**

In 2023 AHPA will present one award in each of the following categories;

**1. Leadership in Health Promotion (Individual)**

An individual who inspires through their actions or has guided others in their practice. This definition is not restricted by age or length of time in the health promotion field.

**2. Early Career in Health Promotion (Individual)**

An induvial who has made outstanding achievements within the first five years of their career in the health promotion field. Career interruptions will be taken into consideration, including maternity or parental leave, medical condition, carer’s responsibilities and unemployment.

**Nomination Themes**

AHPA recognises the following four themes as integral for excellence in health promotion. The themes are explained in more detail below of the nomination form. At least two themes must be addressed within each award nomination.

**LEAP Themes**

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| **Leadership** | **Excellence** | **Advocacy** | **Partnerships** |

**Winners**

The winner for each category receives a 12-month AHPA membership valued at $220.

*Please note: If the award recipient has recently paid their 12-month membership, recipients may negotiate with the AHPA (WA Branch) to receive reimbursement or payment of the subsequent annual membership fee.*

**Application details**

HOW TO APPLY

*The Nominator (this includes someone who is nominating themselves) should complete the enclosed Award Nomination Form, including responses against the specific criteria to support the nomination (adhering to the specified word count).*

*The award winners are announced at the WA Branch General Meeting and Award Night. Nominees are asked to attend the event or send a representative to accept the award on their behalf.*

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

*Previous award winners are not eligible to win in the same award category.*

*Nominees and nominators do not need to be AHPA members to be eligible. However, we do encourage both to become AHPA members, if they aren’t already.*

*Late applications will not be considered. Forms that are not fully or correctly completed will not be considered.*

JUDGING PROCESS

*A panel will be convened to assess received applications.*

*The panel comprises up to five individuals, three from the AHPA (WA Branch) Leadership Group and two additional members (nominated at the discretion of the committee).*

*The panel will use the award criteria to assess the nominations.*

*The panel may only nominate one winner for each category (unless no nominations are received for one category). The panel may also decide to change the nominated award category if they believe the application aligns more strongly with another category. Nominees will be notified if there is a change. The panel may decide to make no award depending on the merit of the nominations.*

**Award Nomination Form**

1. Please select the award category you are nominating for:

• Leadership in Health Promotion (individual nomination)

• Early Career in Health Promotion (individual nomination)

2. Please complete the contact details below:

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| **Individual Nominee Details** |
| Nominee Name: |
| Nominee Position: |
| Nominee Organisation: |
| Nominee Contact number: |
| Nominee Email address: |
| **Nominator details (you)** |
| Nominator Name: |
| Nominator Relationship to Nominee: |
| Nominator AHPA Membership Number: |
| Nominator Position: |
| Nominator Organisation: |
| Nominator Contact Number: |
| If you are nominating yourself or your own program for an award, please provide a seconder or referee. Referee name: |
| Referee contact number: |

3. In 300 words or less please describe why you are nominating this person for the relevant award category. In your explanation, please use *at least two* of the LEAP themes as described at the end of this nomination form. Please note we will contact shortlisted nominees for further detail and collateral if required.

*-End of application-*

**LEAP themes**

**Leadership**

Leadership in health promotion, as defined by the AHPA (WA Branch), means providing direction, guidance and governance on achieving equity in health. Health promotion action aims at reducing differences in current health status and ensuring equal opportunities and resources to enable all people to achieve their fullest health potential. Leadership includes securing a foundation in supportive environments, improving access to information, developing life skills and creating opportunities for making healthy choices, essentially, allowing control over the determinants of health.

**Excellence**

Excellence in health promotion, as defined by the AHPA (WA Branch), means using a quality process to enable people to increase control over, and to improve, their health. In order to reach a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, an individual or group must be able to identify and to realise aspirations, to satisfy needs, and to change or cope with the environment. Excellence is developing innovative, brilliant and superior strategies to allow people to realise their health goals.

**Advocacy**

Advocacy in health promotion, as defined by the AHPA (WA Branch), means to focus on good health as a major resource for social, economic and personal development and an important dimension of quality of life. Political, economic, social, cultural, environmental, behavioural

and biological factors can all favour health or be harmful to it. Health promotion action aims at making these conditions favourable through advocacy for health.

**Partnerships**

Partnerships in health promotion, as defined by the AHPA (WA Branch), mean to meet the prerequisites and prospects for health because health cannot be ensured by the health sector alone. Partnerships address the coordinated action required by governments, by health and other social and economic sectors, by non-government and voluntary organisations, by local authorities, by professional and social groups, by industry and by the media, as well as individuals, families and communities. Health promotion professionals hold the responsibility to mediate between differing interests in society for the pursuit of health.