

## MARGARET TOBIN CHALLENGE AWARD

### 1. PURPOSE

The Challenge Award was renamed to the Margaret Tobin Challenge Award in December 2002. The renaming of the award was to recognise the late Dr Margaret Tobin's contribution to RACMA and for her passion in developing leadership in the field of mental health.

This Challenge award is presented to the highest calibre Candidate presentation (12 minutes) aligned to the conference theme or sub themes.

### 2. BACKGROUND

Dr Tobin, a psychiatrist, worked in the policy unit of the Victorian Health Department and was the Area Mental Health Director for Southern Sydney Area Health Services, and South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service. Following this appointment, she held the role of South Australia's Director of Mental Health Services, where she led one of the most complex reforms of mental health in Australia and New Zealand. Margaret's work in the field, was widely published in national and international journals.

### 3. CRITERIA FOR AWARD

**3.1** The criteria of the award is a 12 minute Candidate presentation (with a further three minutes allocated to questions), which is based on:

- relevance of a topic that aligns to the conference themes or sub themes;
- a presentation which is clear and concise content delivered in a non 'jargonistic' manner;
- a presentation which is well structured, well communicated and engages the audience;
- the Candidates impact and originality, which contributes to the theory and practice of Medical Management; and
- the Candidate adequately addressing each point of a question.

**3.2** The judging panel will determine in their opinion, which Candidate presents the highest quality presentation paper. The panel consists of:

- the Censor in Chief;
- the Chair of the Continuing Education Program Committee; and
- the Chair of the Education and Training Committee.

#### **4. NOMINATIONS**

- 4.1** The College Office will seek a nomination (one candidate only) annually from Jurisdictional Committees.
- 4.2** State/Territory/New Zealand Committees are asked to encourage Candidates representatives to present a paper for the award.
- 4.3** State/Territory/New Zealand Committees must declare nominations to the College office.
- 4.4** The presentations are judged at the annual conference.
- 4.5** The award will be presented to the recipient at the closing of the annual conference.
- 4.6** In addition to receiving the award, the winning Candidate will also receive a \$1,500 money prize.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for nomination of the Margaret Tobin award, the following must be met:

be a person who is a RACMA Candidate and who has been formally declared as a nominee to the College office;

align a topic to the conference theme or sub theme;

have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to RACMA; and

have demonstrated leadership in an area that promotes College activities.

#### **6. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

All nominees must be in good standing with the College.

#### **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE AWARD**

Expenses incurred by the recipient to receive the award are not reimbursed. The successful recipient will receive a money prize of \$1500 in addition to the award.