

Media Release

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CELEBRATING VICTORIA'S VERY OWN HEALTHCARE HEROES

Victoria's dedicated healthcare workers and volunteers have been recognised for their passion and dedication for helping Victorians at the annual Victorian Public Healthcare Awards.

Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas and Minister for Mental Health Ingrid Stitt last night announced the winners of this year's awards – acknowledging the care, compassion and outstanding contributions being across Victoria's world class health system.

The awards shine a spotlight on the dedicated nurses, midwives, doctors, allied health workers, volunteers and organisations who change and save Victorian lives every day.

Each year, professionals working in the sector are invited to be judges, including previous award winners and those with specific experience or expertise.

DPVHealth took out the coveted *Premier's Primary Healthcare Service of the Year Award* for their services across Melbourne's northern suburbs, including mental health, children's, disability and aged care support.

Great Ocean Health won the *Premier's Small Health Service of the Year Award*, nominated for their approach to patient care at their Lorne and Apollo Bay campuses.

The *Premier's Large Health Service of the Year Award* went to Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, who have been providing specialist cancer care to Victorians for more than 70 years.

For excellence in Aboriginal health and wellbeing, The Beautiful Shawl Project came out on top, which works with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to design shawls to provide coverage during breast screens that is both culturally safe and empowering.

Across the 19 general categories, the awards celebrate innovative solutions which align with the Allan Labor Government's healthcare priorities, including care closer to home, mental health support, and care for key community groups, such as women's and Aboriginal health and wellbeing as well as LGBTIQ+ Victorians.

A complete list of this year's finalists and winners can be found at health.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-healthcare-awards.

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

"Victoria has one of the most talented and dedicated health workforces anywhere in the world, and this year's nominees and award winners are just a sample of the outstanding care being delivered across the state – I congratulate them for their incredible work."

Quote attributable to Minister for Mental Health Ingrid Stitt

"Victorians deserve a supportive and accessible mental health system, and these awards are an opportunity to acknowledge the care and compassion of our mental health workers and volunteers right across the state."

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