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## **MARGARET TOBIN CHALLENGE AWARD REGULATION**

### **1.0 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.

The Margaret Tobin Challenge Award is presented to the highest calibre Candidate presentation (12 minutes) aligned to the conference theme or sub themes.

### **2.0 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.

### **3.0 CRITERIA**

3.1 The criteria for the Margaret Tobin Challenge 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 and analyses material relevant and topical to the conference theme(s) to provide insights;
- 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 Leadership; and
- the Candidate adequately addressing each point of a question.

3.2 The judging panel will determine in their opinion, which Candidate presentation best meets the award criteria. The panel consists of:

- the Censor in Chief;
- the Chair of the Education and Training Committee;
- a RACMA Fellow and Board Member that is appointed by the RACMA Chief Executive who is from a differing Jurisdiction to that of the Censor in Chief and Chair, Education and Training Committee.
- either the Chair, Continuing Professional Development Committee or a member of the Conference Committee is to be the moderator of the session.

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#### **4.0 NOMINATIONS**

- 4.1 The College Office will seek a nomination (one candidate only) annually from Jurisdictional Committees.
- 4.2 State/Territory/Aotearoa New Zealand Committees are asked to encourage Candidate representatives to present a paper for the award.
- 4.3 State/Territory/Aotearoa 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 (AUD) monetary prize.

#### **5.0 ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for nomination for the Margaret Tobin Challenge Award, the Candidate must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be a RACMA Candidate at the time of nomination;
- be a RACMA Candidate who has been formally declared by a Jurisdiction as a nominee to the College office;
- present a topic aligned 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.

#### **6.0 MEMEBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

All nominees must be in good standing with the College.

#### **7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE AWARD**

Expenses incurred by the nominees and recipient to present their topic for this award will not be reimbursed by RACMA.

The successful recipient will receive a money prize of \$1,500 (AUD) in addition to the award.

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