

Diversional and Recreation Therapy Australia (DRTA) is committed to promoting, fostering and advancing the development of the profession in Australia and internationally. Its mission is to ensure that the practice of Diversional and Recreation Therapy continues to be viable and relevant, contributing to the wellbeing of clients and the community, while encouraging education, professional and personal development in its members.

## **OBJECTIVE**

To recognise a DRTA member who has exhibited excellence in DRT practice, in a viable and relevant manner, which has contributed to the wellbeing of the individual and the organisation/facility or community environment, whilst also encouraging personal professional development.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Any financial member of Diversional and Recreation Therapy Australia.

## **CRITERIA**

Design, implement and evaluate a diversional or recreation therapy project or special event

This will include-

- Documentation of each step within the process (plan/design, review, implement, evaluate). The plan should offer detailed analysis of the reasoning behind the development of the event/project, and the proposed impact to the stakeholders involved.
- The evaluation process to include reference to measurable outcomes and opportunities for future improvement. Ideally, the evaluation would include some graphics and discussion on the data offered within that graphic process, consistent with quantitative research.
- The evaluation process may also include interview or survey results, consistent with qualitative research.
- Reference to the underpinning theory or models of care and discussion on how that theory or model relates to the project. The theoretical basis must have a DRT focus.
- Reference to the regulatory compliance specific to the author's field of practice.
- Discussion to include how the project has informed the applicant's own professional development and the resultant impact on the organisation or community environment. Also discuss how the project has impacted on the author; what changes might be adopted as a result of this project, how might future practice be informed as a result.
- This section may include input from Management, Board, External Authorities (e.g. Aged Care and Standards Accreditation Agency) and community figures.
- To be presented in an electronic document, and supported by a variety of evidence, e.g. photos, video, power-point, personal testimonies.
- Word count to be approximately 2000-2500 words (not including references).
- A 3 slide PowerPoint to be created with the following themed slides suggested:
  - Name and description of event/project
  - Summary of identified need/plan/process/implementation/client input with quantitative and qualitative outcomes for clients
  - Recommendations for further development with Key learnings for the Diversional and Recreation profession

Submission of the application indicates the applicant agrees to allow the Powerpoint to be displayed at DRTA Conference, on DRTA website and in other DRTA media.

**TEMPLATE for applications**

- Presentation to be written as a report, with title page, index, specific headings and responses.
- Title page to identify project title, name and contact details of the author and word count.
- Report to be written in 12 point font and forwarded via electronic means to DRTA office.
- Header on each page identifying the author’s name, and contact phone number.
- Each page should be numbered within the footer.
- The email should be titled DRTA Award for Excellence Entry (your surname) 2019.
- The entry should also be accompanied by a nomination form (attached).
- Entries with no official supporter will be considered.
- **The entry must be submitted to [enquiries@diversionaltherapy.org.au](mailto:enquiries@diversionaltherapy.org.au) to be received by 5pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2019.**
- **The decisions of the DRTA Board will be final.**
- Feedback from judges available on request from applicant.

**DRTA Award for Excellence 2019**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**Nominee details**

Name: .....

Address .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

I, (print name) ..... nominate for the  
DRTA Award for Excellence 2019 for the Project (insert project title) .....

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Signed: ..... Date: .....

**Supporter details**

Place of Employment (or place of report generation): .....

Organisation Contact Person: .....

Organisation Address: .....

Organisation Phone: .....

Organisation Email: .....

I, (insert name) ..... support the above  
nomination for the DRTA Award for Excellence 2019.

Signed: ..... Date: .....