



## DTA Award for Excellence

2016

Diversional Therapy Australia is committed to promoting, fostering and advancing the development of the profession of Diversional Therapy in Australia and internationally. Its mission is to ensure that the practice of Diversional 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 DTA member who has exhibited excellence in DT 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 Therapy Australia.

### CRITERIA

Design, implement and evaluate a diversional therapy special event

This will include-

- Documentation of each step within the process (plan/design, review, implement, evaluate). The plan should also offer detailed analysis of the reasoning behind the development of the event, and the proposed impact to the stakeholders involved.
- The evaluation process to include reference to measureable outcomes, and opportunities for future improvement (continuous improvement). Ideally, the evaluation would also include some graphics and discussion on the data offered within that graphic process, consistent with quantitative research.
- The evaluation process might 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 Diversional Therapy focus.
- Reference to the regulatory compliance specific to the author's field of practice.
- Discussion to include how the project has informed your own professional development and the impact to the organisation, facility or community environment as a result of the project. The judging committee will be interested to learn 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 of the project.
- This section may include input from Management, Board, External Authorities (e.g. Aged Care and Standards Accreditation Agency) and community figures.
- Project evaluation might also review and discuss the value of the project findings to the Diversional Therapy field.
- To be presented in an electronic document, and supported by a variety of evidence, e.g. photos, video, power-point, personal testimonies.
- The word length would be 2000-2500 words (not including references).

### TEMPLATE

- The presentation should be written up as a report, with title page, index, specific headings and responses.

- The title page should identify the title of the project, the name and contact details of the author and the word count.
- The report should be written in Arial 12 font, using double spaced lines, and should be forwarded via electronic means to the DTA office.
- The header on each page should identify the author's name, and contact phone number.
- Each page should be numbered within the footer.
- The email should be titled DTA Award for Excellence Entry (your surname) 2016.
- The entry should also be accompanied by a nomination form (attached).
- **The entry must be submitted to [enquiries@diversionaltherapy.org.au](mailto:enquiries@diversionaltherapy.org.au) to be received by 5pm on Friday 12th August 2016.**
- **In addition to the nomination form, the full report (inclusive of all supporting documentation) must be submitted by that date.**
- **The decisions of the DTA Board will be final.**

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NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name: .....

Address .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

I, (insert name) ..... nominate for the  
DTA Award for Excellence 2016 for the Project (insert project title) .....

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

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

Organisation/Facility Contact Person: .....

Organisation/Facility Address: .....

Organisation/Facility Phone: .....

Organisation/Facility Email: .....

I, (insert name) ..... support the above  
nomination for the DTA Award for Excellence 2016.

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