

# Australia health care leaders recognised in the Value-Based Health Care Awards 2023

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Australian leaders in value-based health care have been recognised with the announcement of the 2023 Value-Based Health Care (VBHC) Awards at the Value-Based Health Care Congress in Brisbane.

- The Value-Based Health Care Equity Award, sponsored by the Transport Accident Commission, recognising results in reducing health inequities and improving outcomes for a priority population, has been awarded to *Western Queensland Primary Health Network*, for its project Healthy Outback Communities – Transforming health and wellbeing for vulnerable and isolated communities.
- The Value-Based Health Care Transformation Award, sponsored by the Navigator Group, which highlights successful engagement across teams, sectors or disciplines for sustained improvement or scalability, has been awarded to *The West Australian Eating Disorders Outreach and Consultation Service* for the West Australian Eating Disorders Specialist Services (WAEDSS) Collaborative Model.
- The Value-Based Health Care Innovation Award, sponsored by Telstra Health, which recognises projects that are significantly innovative, either in the start-up phases of development or an established project demonstrating results, has been awarded to *GenesisCare* for their Breast Cancer Bundle of Care.

The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) would like to congratulate the 2023 Award winners.

Presenting the Awards AHHA Board Chair Jillian Skinner acknowledged, 'There is so much work across Australia directed at improving the care that people receive, and we feel very privileged to be able to share some of it through our VBHC Awards Program. The recipients of the awards were stand outs in demonstrating that critical feature of VBHC – that is, the outcomes that matter to people and communities.'

AHHA Chief Executive Kylie Woolcock highlighted the growth in the adoption of VBHC approaches in Australia stating, 'The breadth and depth of applications we have seen this year have been outstanding. VBHC provides a framework for bringing all parts of the healthcare system together to focus on the outcomes that matter to people and communities, and we are thrilled to see its increasing adoption in Australia. I would like to congratulate our 2023 winners and we look forward to showcasing the learnings from these leading VBHC projects in the coming months.'

In the lead-up to the Congress the health sector was also encouraged to vote for their favourite virtual poster in the People's Choice Poster Prize. This year's winner was Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC), New Zealand. All award winners and selected applicants are currently featured on the VBHC Congress [Virtual Poster Showcase](#).

The Value-Based Health Care Awards are run annually through the Australian Centre for Value-Based Health Care within AHHA. To find out more, [subscribe](#) to our mailing list or visit the [AHHA website](#).

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## AWARD WINNERS

***Healthy Outback Communities – Transforming health and wellbeing for vulnerable and isolated communities***, Western Queensland Primary Health Network.

Healthy Outback Communities (HOC) is a new, collaborative model of health and social care that aims to improve health access, equity, and outcomes in the very remote Western Queensland shires of Boulia, Diamantina and Barcoo. The model focuses on improving health equity and outcomes by engaging locally to establish the HOC Alliance, to collectively co-design and deliver a community-driven, place-based approach to health and wellbeing engagement, navigation, and access. View the Healthy Outback Communities [Virtual Poster](#).

***West Australian Eating Disorders Specialist Services (WAEDSS) Collaborative Model***, West Australian Eating Disorders Outreach and Consultation Service.

The model demonstrates a state-wide approach to eating disorders service reform that endeavours to ensure equitable access to a 'joined-up' system without overwhelming any one service with unmet demand. Three hubs have been established delivering a range of step-up, step-down services integrating with existing hospital and community services across North, South and East Metropolitan Health catchments. View the West Australian Eating Disorders Specialist Services (WAEDSS) Collaborative Model [Virtual Poster](#).

***Breast Cancer Bundle of Care***, Genesis Care, in partnership with University Technology Sydney, University of Western Australian and the University of Melbourne.

The aim of this early-stage breast cancer bundle pilot is to deliver a 'joined up', holistic 12-month package of care that supports best practice care for people newly diagnosed with breast cancer undertaking treatment in the private health system, providing upfront transparency in fees with measurable outcomes. The key objectives of the bundle are to improve patient experience, create financial transparency and certainty, improve patient outcomes and to create a sustainable scalable model. View the Breast Cancer Bundle of Care [Virtual Poster](#).

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