

2010 Awards Night and Dinner Dance



## Two of the best

# 2010 AMA(WA) awards recognise outstanding achievements



AMA(WA)'s Awards Night and Charity Dinner, hosted at Burswood Grand Ballroom on July 31, was a night of celebrating outstanding contributions by those in both the field of medicine and in community endeavours. More than 350 members, health professionals and

guests saw four awards presented, including two AMA(WA) Awards, affectionately known as Hippo's, and the inaugural AMA(WA) Dr Camille Michener Legacy Award – Junior Doctor of the Year 2010, named in honour of Dr Camille Michener, who was tragically killed in a

## Dr Ian (Val) Lishman



Dr Ian (Val) Lishman (left), a retired Bunbury surgeon acknowledged for his outstanding service to surgery in regional WA and overseas, was presented with an AMA(WA) Award.

Dr Lishman who migrated to WA from the UK in 1965, was described as an amazing practitioner who used his wide range of skills to meet

the challenges of rural medicine in WA and as far abroad as South Vietnam, Nepal and the Antarctic.

Although he officially retired from his practice in 1997, he continued working as a locum in the north of the state.

Dr Lishman still has a keen interest in medicine and remains an active teacher of surgical trainees and a worthy recipient of the award.

## Prof Bruce Robinson



Prof Bruce Robinson (right), a respiratory physician who has achieved international recognition for his work in the field of asbestos-induced cancer and the early detection of mesothelioma, was also presented with the AMA(WA) Award. Prof Robinson is not only an outstanding and internationally recognised scientist but has proven to

be a wonderful humanitarian. After the Boxing Day Tsunami struck Aceh in 2004, Prof Robinson quickly learnt conversational Indonesian and spent two weeks volunteering his services in the remote town of Meulaboh, where 40,000 of its 150,000 inhabitants were killed. This experience lead Prof Robinson to found the Institute for Skills Training in Health along with the University of WA partnering the University of Indonesia. The AMA(WA) Award honoured Prof Robinson for his outstanding contribution to medicine and humanity.

## Junior Doctor of the Year Award



AMA(WA) President A/Prof David Mountain with Junior Doctor of the Year finalists Dr Ruth Blackman, Dr Michael O'Sullivan, Dr James Anderson and Dr Emma Allanson

This year's awards saw the presentation of the inaugural AMA(WA) Camille Michener – Junior Doctor of the Year award.

The AMA received a significant number of nominations, from a broad cross section of young doctors and the selection panel had a tough task reviewing each nomination.

Dr James Anderson, a Resident Medical Officer at Fremantle Hospital, was this year's recipient.

He received a beautiful, internationally renowned Monza art glass trophy and a \$3000 grant to go towards professional development.

It is important that we also acknowledge the three other finalists for the Junior Doctor of the Year award.

They were:

**Dr Ruth Blackham** - a General Surgery Registrar, past chair of the Doctors In Training Committee and currently very active with the Royal Australian College of Surgical Training Association;

**Dr Michael O'Sullivan** - presently working as an Immunology Registrar and a Junior Doctor who has had a long and influential involvement with the Doctors In Training Committee, of which he is currently Co-Chair.

**Dr Emma Allanson** - currently at Osborne Park Hospital working in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Emma has been an active DIT Committee member and was Co-Chair of the JMO Forum in 2009.

Although Camille's parents, Norm and Helen Michener, were not able to be present for the evening they sent a touching message, which was read on the evening.

Here is an extract from that message:

"We would like to congratulate all the nominees for this award. So many people, including many of you here tonight, have told us how they were touched by Camille - and we thank you."

# AMA AWARDS

## MEDICAL PROFESSION *celebrates*

### NIGHT OF NIGHTS



Craig Stephenson and Janet Armarego



Tony Stewart, Jan Smallgood, Erika Molnar and Dr Albert Ho



Kaye Sewell and Dr Richard Lugg



Sally Stanford



Heather and Jim McGinty, Prof Bruce Robinson and Jacqui Robinson



Emily Jasper, Emily Jude, Johannah Scaffidi, Phoebe Power



Dr Richard Bessell-Browne and Maggie Cleary

Saturday July 31 saw more than 350 members, health professionals and guests people make their way to Burswood's Grand Ballroom for the medical profession's night of nights - 2010 AMA Charity Dinner and Awards night.

Special guests included Health Minister Kim Hames, Senator Mathias Cormann, Shadow Health Minister Roger Cook, chair of Health Workforce Australia and former Health Minister Jim McGinty, chair of Rural Health West Ian Taylor, Healthway chair and former Federal President of the AMA A/Prof Rosanna Capolingua, chair of the AMA Foundation and Past Federal

President of the AMA Dr Keith Woollard and Dr Michael Stanford, 2010 WA Citizen of the Year recipient.

On the evening, AMA(WA) Foundation Medical Director A/Prof Capolingua spoke passionately about the Dr YES program. She highlighted the immense distance the medical students cover in order to speak to high school students about important health issues.

Throughout the evening guests were treated to a delicious three course meal - and exquisite Killerby wines.

Once the formalities were over, it was time to let loose on the