



## **ACM Celebrates Outstanding Midwives**

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**Winners of the ACM Annual Awards had their honours bestowed upon them at The Arts Centre Melbourne on Friday night. It was an exciting night of celebration with finalists recognised for their exceptional contribution to midwifery and to mothers and babies.**

Outstanding Midwifery Students Anita Fowler and Eleanor Shenton were jointly acknowledged for going above and beyond their course requirements, while being active members of ACM.

Virginia Schmied from Western Sydney University won the award for Excellence in Midwifery Education for her work supporting midwifery and nursing students to care for women experiencing complex psychosocial situations.

Jane Warland received the award for Excellence in Bereavement Care, recognising a career of ensuring women and families experiencing perinatal loss receive the best possible care.

The award for Excellence in Clinical Practice went to Jennifer Granger, a passionate midwife who feels a Christmas morning kind of joy at the prospect of going to work every day!

The award for Innovative Maternity Service went to the Calvary Public Hospital Bruce Maternity Unit who work collaboratively with women and their families to provide quality maternity care and promote continuity of care.

ACM's new award, Excellence in Managing Workplace Culture, went to Michelle Bombardieri who manages the Mareeba Maternity and Paediatric Unit, which is the oldest Midwifery Group Practice (MGP) in Australia. This award recognises a midwifery manager who is actively engaged in enacting a cultural shift.

Paula Medway, Marjorie Atchan, Elizabeth Wood and Yvonne Hauck all received the honour of ACM Fellow and Sue McDonald was named ACM Life Member in recognition of a phenomenal career and contribution to the profession of midwifery and ACM.

UTS, La Trobe University, Sands, ANMAC, AUSMED, Nurse and Midwife Support and Elsevier proudly supported the event, sponsoring individual awards and demonstrating their commitment to the promotion of midwifery.

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**Additional information: The Australian College of Midwives**

The Australian College of Midwives (ACM) is the peak professional body for midwives in Australia who are registered with, and regulated by, the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). ACM's position is that women be attended during pregnancy, birth and postnatally by a midwife who is registered with the NMBA.