



The Barnes-Hutson Medal

Background

This medal is being established by the Medical Staff Association [MSA] to mark the outstanding contribution by Graeme Barnes [Gastroenterology] and John Hutson [General Surgery and Urology] to the Royal Children's Hospital [RCH].

Both were excellent clinicians who served their department and the children of Victoria with distinction. They have significantly added to the role of being a great "all round clinician" by embracing clinical and laboratory research, education and mentorship where each has individually made enormous contributions.

In the 150th year of the RCH we feel that it is fitting through such an award to recognise their outstanding contribution to the fabric of the RCH.

Purpose

To acknowledge the substantial contribution by a Senior Medical/Dental member of staff as a clinician, researcher, educator and mentor made over an extended period of time. This award is a recognition by peers of this sustained contribution.

Selection

A letter[s] of support addressing the selection criteria is essential and it would be preferable that these are from more than one source.

Criteria: Excellence of clinical care: A proactive, compassionate and selfless contribution to patient care is essential. With measurable outcomes of this contribution

Clinical or Basic science research- Evidence of academic leadership and contribution to a particular field of their expertise

Education- Contribution to teaching at a department, campus wide and wider community

Mentorship- contribution to the wellbeing and training of future specialists within the field of the nominee's expertise

Current member of Senior Medical Staff at RCH

Nomination: By members of the RCH MSA

Nominations to be called for by secretary of MSA 2 months before presentation

Selection committee: Executive committee of the MSA

Frequency of award

Ordinarily annual, however, need not be awarded.

Presentation

Medal and certificate to be presented at the annual dinner of MSA.

Funding

From MSA subscriptions.

The Process:

Once nominations are received by the MSA Secretary these will be distributed to a sub-committee [Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary and One other person from the Executive].

The sub-committee will determine who would be suitable for the award. Those who are deemed as such [short list of 2-4] will have the nomination distributed to the executive and the entire group will be given timeline to rank the nominees and return their vote to the MSA secretary. Following this, results will be collated and will be the subject of discussion at the last MSA meeting before the "End of Year" dinner to make a final decision.