

Nominations now open!



Dr Cheryl McIntyre –
RDAA Rural Doctor
of the Year 2025

RURAL DOCTOR OF
THE YEAR AWARD

MEDICAL STUDENT OF
THE YEAR AWARD

RURAL DOCTOR IN TRAINING
OF THE YEAR AWARD



Eiryn Twidale –
RDAA Medical Student
of the Year 2025



Dr Jess Littlewood –
RDAA Rural Doctor in
Training of the Year 2025



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Not all superheroes wear capes: Some wear stethoscopes!

Nominate *your* Super-doc for an RDAA Award

Less than two weeks remaining to nominate for RDAA's 2026 Awards (closing 28 June)

Awards in three categories:

- Rural Doctor of the Year (supported by [Rural Doctors Foundation](#))
- Rural Doctor in Training of the Year
- Medical Student of the Year

Rural and remote patients, healthcare colleagues and communities across Australia are being urged to nominate a deserving local doctor, doctor-in-training or medical student for prestigious annual Awards being offered by the Rural Doctors Association of Australia (RDAA).

There are just under two weeks remaining to nominate someone for the RDAA 2026 Awards, with nominations closing at midnight on Sunday 28 June.

"Your local doc may not be able to hold up the Empire State Building with one hand or bring Lex Luther to his knees, but they may be a Super-doc in a multitude of other ways – including by regularly going 'above and beyond the call' to assist patients, expanding the range of health services available in your town or region, or simply providing exceptional healthcare in your community" **RDAA President, Dr Sarah Chalmers, said.**

"Likewise, there are many medical students who are very committed to rural and remote healthcare and are doing incredible things in the rural health sector, including in the rural and remote communities where they have undertaken some of their training or were raised.

"We welcome nominations for the Awards from everybody – from patients and other individuals in rural and remote communities, to healthcare colleagues, community groups, community leaders and more.

"The great news is that nominating someone for our Awards has become quicker and easier!

"We have streamlined our nominations process and made it fully online, with no attachments required.



“This means you can easily nominate a deserving doctor, doctor-in-training or medical student using your mobile phone or tablet... and you won’t lose your whole evening doing so!

“Please consider nominating that doctor, doctor-in-training or medical student who deserves to be recognised for their incredible efforts and commitment to rural and remote healthcare and their community.”

More information and nominate – rdaa.com.au (go to Membership > Awards & Bursaries > Awards)

Downloadable promotion tiles – high resolution and free to use:

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Downloadable photo of Dr Chalmers – [click here](#)

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