



# the MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AWARDS

OF AUSTRALIA  
AND NEW ZEALAND

**2018**

**TheMHS Awards for Achievement in Mental Health**

**Now Open**

[Expressions of Interest](#) are now open for the highly regarded TheMHS Awards – The Mental Health Service Awards of Australia and New Zealand, which recognise and celebrate great work in mental health service delivery throughout Australia and New Zealand. TheMHS Award winners have demonstrated excellence and innovation in mental health programs, services, research, individual achievement, and media reporting across Australia and New Zealand over the last 27 years.

Mental Health First Aid Australia (MHFA), whose mission is to provide high quality, evidence-based mental health first aid education, was the recipient of the 2017 TheMHS MEDAL for Mental Health, presented to them by the Honourable Greg Hunt MP. Betty Kitchener AM, co-founder of MHFA, states that being awarded TheMHS Medal is an honour and a “fitting acknowledgment of the hard work of the staff of MHFA Australia and of the thousands of instructors across the world, who have trained more than two million people as mental health first aiders.”

Each year, winners are selected by panels of independent experts from Australia and New Zealand, so the contribution of innovative, well-evaluated work in mental health is acclaimed and rewarded, sharing important ideas and sound practices with the whole mental health community.

**Key Dates for the 2018 TheMHS Awards for Service, Program, Research, Outstanding Contribution for an Individual and Media Awards are as follows:**

Expressions of Interest open:	Currently Open
Submissions for Service, Program, Research, Outstanding Contribution for an Individual Awards Open:	16 November 2017
Media Awards Submissions Open:	17 January 2018

Submission information can be found at [www.themhs.org](http://www.themhs.org)

### **Prizes for Award Winners**

**Win an all-expenses paid trip to the 2018 host city Adelaide!**

- All travel expenses paid: air, train, car etc.

- Three nights' accommodation
- All meals included (dinner on receipt up to \$100 per night)
- Free registration to TheMHS Conference (worth around \$1,350)
- All transfers paid

2018 winners will be presented at TheMHS Conference in Adelaide at the Adelaide Convention Centre on 29 August 2018. TheMHS Awards program is supported by funding from the Australian and New Zealand Governments. For more information, please contact TheMHS Learning Network at [awards@themhs.org](mailto:awards@themhs.org).