



Media Release

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Wodonga Doctor Wins Award

Wodonga doctor John Moran was honoured for his outstanding service to the Victorian rural community at the prestigious, Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV) 2008 Victorian Rural Doctors' Awards, on Friday night in Melbourne.

Victorian rural doctors were nominated by their peers, patients and local community members in two categories, *35 Years of Service to Rural Communities* or *Outstanding Contribution to Rural Communities*.

Dr Moran was one of 10 recipients of the *Outstanding Service to Rural Communities* award.

Minister for Rural & Regional Development, the Hon. Jacinta Allan presented the doctors and their families with the awards at a gala dinner in the National Gallery of Victoria's Great Hall.

Rural Workforce Agency Victoria's (RWAV) Chairman and Mildura General Practitioner, Dr Philip Webster commends the doctors and their families for their commitment to rural Victorians.

"Our annual awards are significant as they're an opportunity to publicly acknowledge and honour our doctors for their dedication to rural Victorians," Dr Webster said.

"More importantly, the doctors provide terrific role models that will inspire and enthuse our medical students to seriously consider a career as a rural GP."

The Awards were attended by 200 guests that included Award recipients and their families, health professionals from all disciplines and medical school students.

Other doctors who received an award herald from Apollo Bay, Ballarat, Mansfield, Colac, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Orbost, Foster, Bendigo, Kerang, Portland, Mildura, Hamilton and Omeo.

An awards panel comprising Australian College of Rural & Remote Medicine (ACCRM), RWAV, Rural Medical Family Network (RMFN), Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), Committee of Chairmen of Victorian State Committees of Medical Colleges, Rural Doctors Association of Victoria (RDAV) and Australian Medical Association Vic (AMA) representatives assessed each of the nominees against the criteria for each of the categories.

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Background information

Dr John Moran

Dr John Moran and his wife Pamela moved from Melbourne to Wodonga in 1974.

John Moran joined the Stanley Street Medical Practice and despite operating a busy solo practice John has never closed his appointment book to new arrivals in town and frequently makes after hours house calls to elderly and terminally ill patients. John has been a passionate believer in the future of Wodonga over 30 years. He is clearly committed to seeing Wodonga recognized as an outstanding Australian regional city.

He is also the Regional Medical Displan Coordinator for North East Victoria and the city of Wodonga. John s commitment to the Border and North East Region of Victoria is evident in the many voluntary positions held throughout three decades of serving the community. His contributions to Wodonga include: Medical Officer to Victoria Police in Wodonga, which involves visiting prisoners in cells (often in the evenings), Medical Health Officer, City of Wodonga for 15 years and Medical Officer to Winton Motor Raceway meetings for 10 years.

John was a board member of the Wodonga District Hospital for 27 years.