



TONI MEDCALF COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Toni Medcalf Community Service Award is an annual award which recognises the outstanding personal contribution of a female Provisional or Advanced trainee towards improving health outcomes for a rural community. The award highlights the importance of voluntary service which is the cornerstone of the ACEM philosophy and seeks to celebrate the significant achievements of an ACEM trainee in a rural¹ setting.

2. BACKGROUND

Toni Medcalf was a trainee of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM/the College) with a passionate interest in education. She was an active participant in Advanced Paediatric Life Support, Paediatric Life Support and Instructor courses and volunteered her time extensively in regional and rural settings across Australia and the Pacific. Toni made a significant contribution to improving the health outcomes of the community through her work at Canberra Hospital, where she was a well-respected and well-liked emergency medicine trainee.

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1 Nature of Award

The award consists of a medal and one full registration for the International Conference on Emergency Medicine (held in June each year) and a certificate attesting to the award.

3.2 Eligibility

Nominees must be a currently registered female ACEM Provisional or Advanced trainee in good standing with the College and based in a rural setting.

3.3 Nomination Process

- (a) A trainee may be nominated for the award by:
- a Fellow or trainee of the College
 - a member of the public.
- (b) Nominations are to be made on the appropriate form, which must be signed by the nominator and two referees.

¹ The Modified Monash Model (MMM) categorises metropolitan, regional, rural and remote areas according to both geographical remoteness and town size and was developed to recognise the challenges in attracting health workers to more remote and smaller communities. The Modified Monash Model uses the ASGS-RA as a base, and further differentiates areas in Inner and Outer Regional Australia based on local town size.

Department of Health, 2018. *Modified Monash Model*. [Online] Australian Government, Canberra can be viewed here at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/modified-monash-model>

3.4 Selection Process

- (a) The nominations shall be reviewed by a panel of adjudicators from the Public Health Committee, which shall submit its recommendations to the ACEM Foundation Board for decision.
- (b) The nomination must include evidence of a significant impact made by the nominee's voluntary contribution to a rural community/community organisation within Australia or New Zealand in which they are involved. Evidence of this impact may include but is not limited to:
- demonstrating that the voluntary contribution has led to positive health outcomes for the community or community organisation involved
 - verification by members of the agency, organisation or body for which the trainees volunteers their time.
- (c) The ACEM Foundation Board reserves the right not to make an award in any particular year if it sees fit.

3.5 Presentation of Award

The award will be presented to the recipient at the annual ACEM College Ceremony.

4. DOCUMENT REVIEW

Timeframe for review: every two (2) years, or earlier if required.

4.1 Responsibilities

Document authorisation: ACEM Foundation
 Document implementation: ACEM Foundation and Public Health and Disaster Committee
 Document maintenance: ACEM Foundation Coordinator

4.2 Revision History

Version	Date of Version	Pages revised / Brief Explanation of Revision
v1	16/3/2015	New Policy Approved
v2	5/3/2019	Amendment of clauses 1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 4.1