



Dietitian recognised for contribution to the nutrition profession

Leading Brisbane-based dietitian Julie Hulcombe has been named a recipient of the Dietitians Association of Australia's (DAA) prestigious Outstanding Contribution Award.

The national award recognises service to the dietetics profession at the highest level.

Ms Hulcombe, who has been called a 'quiet achiever with courage and vision', will be presented with the award this month at the DAA National Conference in Melbourne.

Julie was a member of the DAA Board between 2003 and 2009, and President of the Association for the last four years of her term on the Board.

According to current DAA President Julie Dundon, Julie was instrumental in leading the Board in developing a new strategic direction for the Association.

'Julie's leadership and vision guided the Association through times of huge change, such as the restructure of the DAA Board and changes to the Association's constitution.

'She raised the profile of DAA such that the Association's recognition by the Government and the public as the leading nutrition authority in Australia has never been greater. And Julie's leadership has progressed DAA to a level where other health professions in Australia and overseas aspire to meet our standards of competence, governance and professionalism,' said Ms Dundon.

'It is a great honour to receive this award. DAA is a dynamic and progressive association. My leadership was built on the great work of previous Presidents and the ongoing effort of many contributors including the Board and DAA staff. They are also recognised through this award.

'I will remember my time on the Board and as President with fond memories. I learnt a lot personally from this experience and thank DAA for this award,' said Ms Hulcombe.

Julie is an Accredited Practising Dietitian and currently heads Queensland Health's Allied Health Workforce Advice and Coordination Unit. She holds a Bachelor of Science, Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics, Masters of Health Planning and a Graduate Diploma in Health Education.

**For further information or to organise an interview contact Maree Garside,
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Note to Editors: The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) is the professional body representing dietitians nationally. Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) is the only national credential recognised by the Australian Government, Medicare, the Department of Veterans Affairs and most private health funds as the quality standard for nutrition and dietetics services in Australia. For more information visit www.daa.asn.au

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- The DAA National Conference is being held from May 27-29 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. For more information and program details, visit the conference link on the DAA website at www.daa.asn.au