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RDNS HONOURED AT MINISTER'S AWARDS

Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS) has been recognised at the 2009 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Aged Care, winning one major award and receiving two 'High Commendations'.

The awards were announced on Thursday, 3 December by Federal Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliot.

The awards program is a prestigious annual scheme that acknowledges best practice and innovation in residential and community aged care.

RDNS won the 'Excellence in Training and Staff Development' award, which honoured the successful execution of an education and training program to support the employment and integration of Division 2 Registered Nurses at RDNS.

In addition, RDNS received a 'High Commendation' in the 'Innovation in Information Technology' category for work in field-based computing and information technology to develop the RDNS Customer Service Centre.

RDNS Cultural Liaison Coordinator, Jaklina Michael was acknowledged with a 'High Commendation' in the individual 'Leadership and Achievement' category for her commitment to ensuring that RDNS' services and products are equitable and accessible to people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Delighted RDNS CEO Dan Romanis said the results are testament to the outstanding achievements of staff across all areas at RDNS.

"These awards recognise the commitment and hard work of our staff and tangibly acknowledge their passion and dedication to improving community healthcare," Mr Romanis said.

"The Minister's Awards for Excellence recognise aged care staff and providers who provide exemplary care to older Australians," Minister Elliot said at the awards ceremony in Sydney.

"Nurses, personal carers and allied health workers are the backbone of Australia's aged and community care system. It is important that their efforts are recognised and applauded," she said.

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