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Melissa Murdoch Burns Nursing Award 2026

Terms and Conditions

1. Award Overview

1.1 The Melissa Murdoch Burns Nursing Award was established in 2025 in loving memory of Melissa Murdoch, a highly respected nurse who dedicated her career to caring for children with burn injuries at Princess Margaret Hospital and Perth Children's Hospital (PCH).

1.2 The Award recognises a nurse employed at Perth Children's Hospital who demonstrates the values Melissa upheld throughout her career, including friendship, teamwork, clinical excellence, mentorship and a commitment to education in healthcare.

2. Award Details

2.1 The recipient of the Melissa Murdoch Burns Nursing Award will receive:

- Recognition through the engraving of their name on the perpetual plaque displayed at the PCH Burns Clinic.
- A $500 wellbeing prize, proudly supported by the Fiona Wood Foundation, to support activities that promote personal health and wellbeing. Examples include sporting event registrations, massage or relaxation treatments, wellbeing programs, Pilates, yoga or other activities that support physical and mental wellbeing.

2.2 The recipient will be selected by a panel comprising representatives of the Fiona Wood Foundation.

2.3 The recipient will be announced at the Fiona Wood Foundation Research Impact Event on Tuesday, 10 November 2026.

3. Nomination Process

3.1 Eligibility to Nominate

Nominations are open to Perth Children's Hospital staff who wish to recognise an eligible nurse.

3.2 Submission Requirements

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Nominations must include the following information, with responses limited to a maximum of 300 words:

- The nominated nurse's name, position and unit or area of specialty.
- An explanation of why the nominee deserves recognition, including specific examples demonstrating Melissa's values of friendship, teamwork, clinical excellence and mentorship.
- Examples of the nominee's positive impact on patients, families, nursing teams or the broader hospital community.
- Details of significant achievements or contributions in areas such as clinical practice, research, education, patient care, advocacy, teamwork or leadership.

Nominations may be submitted anonymously, provided sufficient information is included to allow the selection panel to assess the nominee.

3.3 Submission Deadline

Nominations close at 5.00 pm (AWST) on Monday, 2 November 2026.

All nominations must be submitted through the online nomination form, accessible via the QR code on the official award poster.

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1 Nominees must be nurses employed at Perth Children's Hospital.

4.2 Nominees must demonstrate values consistent with those upheld by Melissa Murdoch, including:

- A commitment to teamwork and clinical excellence.
- Positive contributions to patient care, education and mentorship.
- Compassion, professionalism and a willingness to support others.
- Actions that improve the experiences or outcomes of patients, families, nursing teams or the broader hospital community.

5. Assessment and Selection Process

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5.1 The selection panel, comprising representatives of the Fiona Wood Foundation, will assess eligible nominations against the following criteria:

- Alignment with Melissa Murdoch's values and professional legacy.
- Demonstrated contributions to nursing practice, patient care, education or mentorship.
- Evidence of a positive impact on patients, families, nursing teams or the broader hospital community.

5.2 The selection panel will consider the information and examples provided in each nomination when determining the recipient.

5.3 The selection panel's decision will be final.

6. General Conditions

6.1 The Fiona Wood Foundation reserves the right to amend the Terms and Conditions or withdraw the Award where reasonably necessary due to unforeseen circumstances, subject to applicable laws.

6.2 The wellbeing prize is non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.

6.3 By submitting a nomination, nominators acknowledge and agree to these Terms and Conditions.

7. Privacy and Confidentiality

7.1 Personal information collected through the nomination process will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy legislation and relevant organisational privacy policies.

7.2 Information provided will be used for the administration, assessment and presentation of the Award.

7.3 Nominations may be submitted anonymously. However, sufficient information must be provided to enable the selection panel to assess the nominee against the eligibility and selection criteria.

7.4 Nomination information will only be accessible to authorised individuals involved in administering and assessing the Award, except where disclosure is required or authorised by law.

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