

# Fremantle Hospital and Health Service



## Congratulations Mary

Fremantle Hospital's Director of Nursing, A/Professor Ruth Letts has praised Clinical Nurse Consultant, Mary Ivey, as the 2009 Metropolitan Registered Nurse of the Year.

"I congratulate Mary on her achievement which is so well deserved and further demonstrates the quality and professionalism of nursing at Fremantle Hospital," Ms Letts said.

The award honoured Mary's work in implementing the Residential Care Line (RCL) Outreach Service for Fremantle and Rockingham in 2008.



*Clinical Nurse Consultant Mary Ivey*

The RCL Outreach Service allows Residential Aged Care Facility patients to receive a quality service at home while freeing up hospital beds and staff to treat patients with more serious ailments.

Mary was at the Burswood Grand Ballroom when the prestigious award was announced as part of the 2009 Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards.

*ABOVE: Mary Ivey (centre) with her colleagues from the Emergency Department. From left: Sarah Leppard, Malcolm Hare, Penny Dwyer, Jarrad Dorey, Jacqueline Shaw and Shayne Mullins.*

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“It is such an honour to be nominated for this award by my colleagues. It demonstrates that they really value my work,” Mary said.

“It validates that what we are doing is worthwhile for our patients.

“Winning this award makes me want to work even harder to maintain the high level of service we provide.”

Mary began working as a nurse in 1990, and says the award is a career highlight.

“I really enjoy my job,” Mary said. “Nothing is cut and dry, and I get to think on my feet and work with GP’s, which has allowed me to establish good working relationships.”

Critical Care Nursing Director Adam Coleman congratulated Mary on her incredible achievement.

“Mary is a very deserving recipient of this prestigious award. We are very proud of her and the excellent work she does that has seen

her earn this important recognition State-wide.”

Mary wanted to be a nurse since she was ten years of age, when she had her appendix removed.

“The nursing staff at the hospital were so gentle and caring, I knew I would enjoy being a nurse when I grew up,” she said.

Mary was turned away several times when she applied for hospital trainee nursing positions.

She was told she did not have the ‘aptitude’ to be a nurse. Not to be discouraged, she decided to complete further tertiary training, which enabled her to study registered nursing at university.

Mary was nominated for this award by her colleague in the Emergency Department, Clinical Nurse Specialist Sarah Leppard.

*BELOW: Mary Ivey was presented with her award at the 2009 Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards. Pictured with Judith Tunncliffe, Sarah Leppard and Susan Halliday.*

