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Dr Rohan Grimley a true stroke champion

Queensland geriatrician and stroke physician Dr Rohan Grimley has been recognised as the 2015 Stroke Care Champion for his outstanding dedication and commitment to the field of stroke.

The Nambour General Hospital based Chair of the Statewide Stroke Clinical Network, is a dedicated and an inspiring advocate for stroke patients. Dr Grimley has been pivotal in shaping acute stroke services across Queensland.

Dr Grimley was announced as the 2015 Stroke Care Champion at [Stroke 2015](#): The 26th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Stroke Society of Australasia and 11th Australian Nursing and Allied Health Stroke Conference SMART STROKES.

National Stroke Foundation Chief Executive Officer Dr Erin Lalor said it was a pleasure to recognise Dr Grimley with this award, recognising his outstanding and ongoing commitment to improving the state of stroke in Queensland and nationally for more than a decade.

“Dr Grimley’s enthusiasm and energy for improving stroke services in Queensland hospitals has been boundless and visionary, with patient centred care always at its core,” Dr Lalor said.

“A leading clinician recognised locally and nationally for his expertise and advocacy for improved stroke services, Dr Grimley was integral in increasing stroke unit access and quality care in his state.

“It has been great honour, in conjunction with the Stroke Society of Australasia, to present Dr Grimley the 2015 Stroke Care Champion Award and we thank him for his dedication to changing the state of stroke in Australia.”

Dr Grimley was among 12 health professionals put forward by their peers due to their commitment to improving the state of stroke in Australia. Dr Lalor said each nominee was a true champion of stroke and deserved to be commended.

The 2015 Stroke Awards recognise Australia’s unsung heroes of stroke. More than 60 people were nominated for an award this year across four diverse categories including; improving life after stroke, creative, fundraising and stroke care. Run in conjunction with the Stroke Society of Australasia, the Stroke Care Champion award aims to recognise formidable health professionals in the field of stroke.

The Stroke Care Champion award finalists were:

- **Dr Rohan Grimley**, Director of Geriatrics and Rehabilitation Southern Cluster Sunshine Coast Wide Bay District Health Service (Queensland)
- **Rachel Peake**, Stroke Care Coordinator, Tamworth Base Hospital (New South Wales)
- **Barbara Wolfenden**, Postgraduate Researcher (PhD), LaTrobe University & The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health (Victoria)
- **Dr Lavinia Codd**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Queensland Brain Institute (Queensland)
- **Sarah Kuhle**, Clinical Nurse/Clinical Nurse Consultant, Redcliffe Hospital (Queensland)
- **Alisha Anderson**, Senior Physiotherapist, Fiona Stanley Hospital (Western Australia)
- **Larissa Andriske**, Occupational Therapist, Barwon Health (Victoria)

The judging committees across categories were made up of health professionals, industry experts and media personalities. Judges were unanimous in commending all those nominated.

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