



# Gwen Leavesley Award

## Selection Criteria

**Sexual**  
**Health**  
**Quarters**

Sexual Health Quarters (SHQ) wishes to celebrate the life of Dr Gwen Leavesley and her contribution to the Family Planning movement in Western Australia.

Gwen was instrumental in the founding of the Family Planning Association of Western Australia in 1972, and continued to be involved with the organisation for over 30 years. She was appointed the organisation's first Medical Director in 1975 and was responsible for expanding and improving clinical services in sexual and reproductive health for WA women. Gwen had significant influence on the development of medical training in sexuality and reproductive health issues, and was a strong supporter of the role of nurses as independent practitioners.

**The Gwen Leavesley Award recognises the outstanding commitment and contribution of a Western Australian to sexual health, respectful relationships, and the rights of the WA community.**

As the Award is for outstanding service it may not be awarded every year. Outstanding service is considered when at least one of the following criteria have been met by a nomination:

1. They have made a significant contribution to community knowledge and education on sexual and reproductive health and respectful relationships.
2. They have worked to increase linkages and foster productive collaborative partnerships across the sexual health sector.
3. Through their work, they have significantly contributed to the improvement and innovation of sexual and reproductive health services and respectful relationships education for Western Australians.
4. The nominee has demonstrated excellent leadership skills.
5. Their work has broadened the community's perception and understanding of SHQ.

These criteria are not exhaustive, and the Awards Committee will consider other examples of outstanding contribution to the sexual health and well-being of Western Australians in considering a nomination. The Committee will be comprised of three SHQ Board members.

Selection criteria and a nomination form is available from the SHQ website [shq.org.au](https://shq.org.au). The deadline for nominations is **Friday 16 October 2026**. Nominations are to be sent to the CEO via [ceo@shq.org.au](mailto:ceo@shq.org.au), who will work with the Awards Committee.

Further information about the Award can be obtained by emailing [ceo@shq.org.au](mailto:ceo@shq.org.au) or contacting the CEO of SHQ on 9227 6177.

The Award nominees will be notified and invited to attend the SHQ 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Presentation of the award will take place following the formalities of the AGM.

The winning recipient will receive \$500 to go towards furthering their professional development and skills within the field of sexual and reproductive health. The nominees and winner will also be announced through our social media and website, recognising their contribution to the sector.

# Nomination Form

The Gwen Leavesley Award recognises the outstanding commitment and contribution of a Western Australian to sexual health, respectful relationships, and the rights of the WA community.

Name of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details of nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Association with SHQ \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination and how the nominee's contribution to sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing for Western Australians has been outstanding (maximum 500 words)

How the nominees contribution meets one or more of the criteria (maximum 500 words)

Any other information for consideration (maximum 500 words)

Please return completed form to [ceo@shq.org.au](mailto:ceo@shq.org.au)