



“IRVING BUZZARD MIDWIFERY PRIZE – 2012”

76th Year

NOMINATION PACKAGE

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The Nomination Package contains:

- Information about the Irving Buzzard Prize
- Irving Buzzard Prize Criteria
- Irving Buzzard Prize Nomination Form

The Irving Buzzard Midwifery Prize

Dr Irving Buzzard commenced his medical training in 1913 at Melbourne University. His training was interrupted during World War I, when he enlisted and was private second class on the Australian hospital ship from 1915-1916. He served in Gallipoli where he was wounded and subsequently transferred to England where he continued to tend to the wounded.

During 1917 he was recalled to Australia and was discharged to finish his medical training. In 1922 he graduated from Melbourne University.

Dr Buzzard spent the early part of his medical career in the areas of Broken Hill, Swan Reach and Victor Harbour. He commenced his practice in Warrnambool in 1929. He was an Honorary Gynaecologist and Obstetrician for the Warrnambool Base Hospital, Medical Officer for the Shire of Warrnambool and Chairman of the British Medical Association, South-West Subdivision.

Throughout his life, Dr Buzzard expressed an enormous interest in the development and continual improvement in the standard of midwifery theory and practice in the State of Victoria. In an effort to promote midwifery and assist hospitals to recruit and retain suitably qualified midwives, in 1935 Dr Buzzard inaugurated The Irving Buzzard Obstetric Prize, which has since been re-named The Irving Buzzard Midwifery Prize.

Dr Irving Buzzard passed away on the 4th June 1981. The ANF (Vic Branch), in conjunction with the Australian College of Midwives, currently implements the Prize under the auspice of the Australian Nursing Federation (Vic Branch) to whom the fund is entrusted.

The Irving Buzzard Midwifery Prize is a pre-eminent Australian midwifery award acknowledging clinical and theoretical excellence in Midwifery.

The winning candidate will receive the coveted Irving Buzzard Prize badge along with \$1,000.00 cash.

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CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Open to all midwives who meet all of the following:

1. A current practising Victorian midwife registered / endorsed with the appropriate registering body
2. Has at least 12 months experience as a midwife
3. Employed at not higher than Grade 3 according to the relevant of Award / Agreement
4. A current member of at least one of the following bodies:
 - Australian College of Midwives Incorporated
 - Australian Nursing Federation (Vic Branch)
 - Maternity Coalition
5. A midwife who has not previously been the recipient of the Irving Buzzard Midwifery Prize

The Selection Committee's decision will be final.

The nomination form Part A and Part B are to be forwarded by **Friday 21 September 2012** to:

Trish O'Hara
Irving Buzzard Prize Secretariat
c/- Australian Nursing Federation (Vic Branch)
Box 12600 A'Beckett Street PO
MELBOURNE VIC 8006

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NOMINATION FORM

Part A – nominator to complete

I _____ of _____

wish to nominate _____ for the 2012 Irving Buzzard Midwifery Prize.

She / He has worked as a midwife for _____ years since obtaining his / her midwifery qualification.

She / He is currently a practising midwife working at _____

Her / His grading / classification level, according to the relevant of Agreement / Award is _____

She / He is a current member of the following professional bodies:

She / He has not won the Irving Buzzard Midwifery Prize previously.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Part B - Nominated midwife to provide the following information with the application

Your contact details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

1. CONTACT DETAILS OF PROFESSIONAL REFEREE:

I offer _____ as a professional nursing / midwifery referee.
This person can confirm my general standing and grading / classification level according to the appropriate Award / Agreement. She / He can be contacted on:

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

2. A copy of current NBV practising certificate
3. A current curriculum vitae
4. A brief summary of (1 page) in support of your application