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## Queensland doctors honoured by AMA

Three exemplary Queensland doctors have been honoured in the 2025 Australian Medical Association Awards for their professional dedication, leadership and advocacy.

Senior gastroenterologist Adjunct Professor Tony Rahman has been awarded the AMA's Excellence in Healthcare Award.

Based at Prince Charles Hospital, Adjunct Professor Rahman was inaugural Chair of the Queensland Gastroenterology Network, which improved bowel cancer detection for all Queenslanders.

He has also been fiercely committed to help the homeless, remote and marginalised communities, refugees, and those experiencing mental illness to access public health care.

The Women's Health Award was given to Mater Mothers' Hospital obstetrician Dr Dominic Edwards in recognition of his work to improve birth and post-partum outcomes for women in Australia and overseas.

Dr Edwards has worked in Uganda and Cambodia providing care and education for women affected by fistula and pelvic floor trauma.

Brisbane GP Dr Maria Boulton was added to the AMA Roll of Fellows, recognising her contribution to the medical profession and the association itself.

As AMA Queensland President 2023-24, Dr Boulton drove the campaign to secure a payroll tax exemption for general practice, as well as advocating for free public health measures such as expanded flu vaccinations and improving working conditions for doctors.

AMA President Dr Nick Yim praised the award recipients.

"Adjunct Professor Rahman, Dr Edwards and Dr Boulton exemplify the humanity, compassion and curiosity great doctors possess.

"We are proud to see them recognised on a national level for the positive contributions they have made to the individuals they treat, and the broader impact they have had on public health."

Dr Yim also congratulated Myles McKenzie, a Barundji Aboriginal man and third-year medical student at James Cook University, on receiving an AMA Indigenous Medical Scholarship.

Mr McKenzie will receive \$11,000 a year for the remainder of his studies, as recognition for the need to increase our First Nations medical workforce.

He hopes to pursue psychiatry to address the gaps in mental health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.