



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Why is COMPASS not happening alongside the Health Professional of the Year Awards?**

A: NT PHN has made the decision to host COMPASS as a biennial event (every 2 years). This decision is a result of careful consideration on the costs and resources required. NT PHN also conducted a survey of health professionals following the Compass event in 2022 where many respondents indicated their preference for a biennial event given their busy work schedules. The Health Professional of the Year Awards, however, will remain an annual event to allow us to recognise exceptional Health Professionals each year.

**COMPASS dates for 2024 have been set and will be held from Thursday 15 August 2024 to Sunday 18 August 2024.**

### **Q: How can I buy a ticket to attend the Health Professional of the Year Awards 2023?**

A: To buy tickets for the Health Professional of the Year Awards, please visit our website [ntphn.org.au/hpoy](http://ntphn.org.au/hpoy). There, you will find a registration form that needs to be completed with the required details. Kindly note that a nominal registration fee applies this year to cover some of the event expenses. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation email.

### **Q: What does my ticket cover?**

A: Upon arrival, guests will be welcomed with a complimentary drink. They will be treated to a two-course dining experience finished with a delicious dessert table. The venue is the picturesque Pee Wees at East Point. The evening will be filled with entertainment, creating a festive atmosphere as we come together to honour our outstanding finalists and celebrate the strength and dedication of our healthcare community.

**Q: What is the dress code for the evening?**

A: Formal attire. Please note this event will be held on grass and stiletto heels are not recommended.

**Q: How many people are seated per table?**

A: Each table seats 9 people. If you would like to book a table of 9, you are able to access the discounted price of \$550 per table.

**Q: Can I sit next to people I know if I buy an individual ticket?**

A: When you buy your ticket, you will be prompted to request a seating preference. We will try our best to accommodate these requests.

**Q: Who is eligible to participate in the Health Professional of the Year Awards 2023?**

A: The Health Professional of the Year Awards is open to all health professionals working in the Northern Territory in the primary care sector. This includes doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, Aboriginal health practitioners, teams, and other individuals involved in the delivery of primary health care services. We encourage professionals from various disciplines and sectors to nominate their deserving colleagues who have made a significant impact in their respective fields.

**Q: Can I nominate someone for multiple award categories?**

A: Yes, you can nominate someone for multiple award categories as long as they meet the specific criteria for each category. Please ensure that you provide relevant details and supporting information for each nomination to give the judges a comprehensive understanding of the nominee's achievements in each respective area. Each nomination will be evaluated separately for the award category it is submitted under.

**Q: Can I nominate myself?**

No. Self-nominations will not be considered.

**Q: What is the deadline for submitting nominations?**

A: The deadline for submitting nominations for the Health Professional of the Year Awards 2023 is midnight on **Monday 31 July 2023**. Please make sure to submit your nominations before this date to ensure they are considered. Late nominations may not be accepted.

**Q: How are the winners selected?**

A: The winners of the Health Professional of the Year Awards are selected through a rigorous evaluation process. Once the nomination period ends, an expert panel of judges carefully reviews all the nominations received. The judges consider factors such as the nominee's contributions, impact, innovation, leadership, and dedication to their field. The judging process involves a thorough assessment of the information provided. The final decision is based on the judges' collective expertise and consensus.

**Q: Can I attend the Health Professional of the Year Awards without being a nominee or friend/family of the nominee?**

A: Yes. This event is a fantastic opportunity for the sector to come together, network and connect. We encourage people to attend regardless of if they are nominated or know someone who is.

**Q: What is the Administrator's Medal, and how will it be awarded to the overall Health Professional or Health Professionals of the Year?**

A: The Administrator's Medal is a special recognition within the Health Professional of the Year Awards, honouring exceptional individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication, and contribution to the field of health care in the Northern Territory. This prestigious medal is awarded by the Administrator of the Northern Territory.

In previous years, the Administrators Medal has been presented to individual health professionals. However, this year, there is an exciting change in the award format. The Administrator's Medal will be awarded to the overall Health Professional or Health Professionals of the Year. This means that the finalists from our individuals or a group of health professionals will be eligible for this esteemed recognition.

The introduction of the Administrator's Medal for the overall Health Professional(s) of the Year emphasises the significance of collaborative efforts and acknowledges the collective impact of exceptional health professionals in enhancing primary health care in the Northern Territory.

**Q: How will the winner of the Administrators Medal be selected?**

The selection process for the Administrators Medal will involve a thorough evaluation of the finalists of the Health Professional of the Year Awards. The judges will consider the nominees' exemplary achievements, leadership qualities, impact on the community, and commitment to improving health outcomes. The recipient(s) of the Administrators Medal will be announced and presented with this distinguished honour during the awards gala dinner, alongside the category winners.

**Q: How can I contact the event organisers for further inquiries or assistance?**

A: For any additional inquiries or assistance regarding the Health Professional of the Year Awards 2022, you can contact the event organisers at [hello@belonggroup.com.au](mailto:hello@belonggroup.com.au). They will be more than happy to provide you with the necessary information and address any concerns you may have.

Please allow a reasonable time for a response, as they receive a high volume of inquiries during the event period.

**Q: Why is there a nominal fee for tickets?**

A: Hosting an event of this scale involves various expenses such as venue rental, event production, catering, and logistical arrangements. To ensure the sustainability of the awards program and its ability to recognise the outstanding achievements of health professionals, a nominal registration fee has been introduced. This fee helps cover a small portion of the event costs while allowing NT PHN/Rural Workforce Agency to continue its vital work in supporting primary health care in the community.