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AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND FORENSIC SCIENCE AWARDS: OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

The Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA) today announced the launch of the 2018 John Harber Phillips Award for excellence in the forensic sciences. The Award is presented to a person who has made a long-lasting contribution to forensic science in Australia and New Zealand.

Director of the ANZPAA National Institute of Forensic Science (ANZPAA NIFS), Dr Linzi Wilson-Wilde OAM, said that the Award is unique in Australia and New Zealand as it is ranked by expert peer reviewers and promotes continuous improvement and innovation in the field of forensic sciences.

“The award recognises an individual’s innovative leadership and outstanding contributions to the advancement of knowledge in the field of forensic science. The Award is peer reviewed by expert judges across the industry and carries the weight of acknowledgment by colleagues and the profession. It also identifies the important role forensic science plays in ensuring community safety and the vital standing it has within law enforcement across Australia and New Zealand.”

“The Award is a symbol of commitment, leadership, diligence, hard work and pioneering in the field of forensic science. Central to the purpose of the award is recognition and support of outstanding contributions of one of our colleagues (both former and current) to the advancement of the forensic sciences in Australia and New Zealand. It is the only award in Australia and New Zealand awarded to forensic scientists that consistently strive for excellence in the profession and urge others to do the same,” says Dr Wilson-Wilde.

ANZPAA Chief Executive Officer Katherine Van Gorp encourages forensic scientists from both Australia and New Zealand to nominate their colleagues for the 2018 John Harber Phillips Award.

“I’d like to encourage everybody who knows an individual doing inspiring work in the forensic sciences nominate them for an Award,” said ANZPAA Chief Executive Officer Katherine Van Gorp.

“We encourage the forensic science community to nominate their peers where they feel this recognition is deserved. The Award is a tribute to achievements in the forensic sciences across Australia and New Zealand and inspires new forensic scientists entering the field,” said Ms Van Gorp.

Launched in 2010, the Award aims to facilitate and promote continuous improvement and reward excellence and innovation in the forensic sciences and to encourage future generations to enter the profession.

Previous award recipients include Mr Wayne Chisnall (recipient in 2010 from New Zealand), Professor Hilton Kobus (recipient in 2011 from Australia) Dr John Buckleton (recipient in 2012 from New Zealand), Dr Tony Raymond (recipient in 2014 from Australia) and Mr Alastair Ross (recipient in 2016 from Australia).

Nominations for this prestigious award open today, 1 March 2018 and close on 15 June 2018. Nomination forms can be downloaded from www.nifs.org.au.

The winner will be announced on 13 September 2018.

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