Oral Health Clinic finalist in national award

The Aboriginal Oral Health Clinic of the Sydney Dental Hospital (SDH) has been selected as a finalist in a nation-wide awards program that recognises outstanding contribution to Aboriginal health - The Deadlys.

Keira Green and her colleagues at the Clinic developed a unique Aboriginal Oral Health outreach initiative that has been recognised in the category of “Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education”.

The Project is a Close the Gap initiative under the National Partnership Agreement with the Australian Government.

Ms Green said the project involved the establishment of a ‘Hub’ – a two-chair dental clinic based at SDH designated for Aboriginal patients - and the development of ‘Spokes’ - outreach clinics - where clinical services were provided to Aboriginal communities in rural NSW.

Rural clinical rotations were also run in partnership with local Aboriginal Medical Services and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. To date, rotations have been completed in Coonamble, Wellington, Moree, Coffs Harbour and Orange, with rotations currently underway at Dubbo and Broken Hill.

“The success of the Hub and Spoke project has come from working with the community at a grass roots level and creating effective partnerships between the District, metropolitan, rural and remote AMS Clinics, along with strong support and hard work from a dedicated AOH team,” SDH General Manager Lavena Ramdutt said.

The Deadly Awards recognise the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to their community and to Australian society and provide identifiable national and local role models to inspire all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

You are invited to vote for the Sydney Dental Hospital (SDH) Aboriginal Oral Health Project (AOHP) in the 2012 Deadly Awards.

Please click on the link below to access the voting page. Voting closes on 9 September and winners will be announced at the Deadly Awards on Tuesday 25th September 2012 at the Sydney Opera House.