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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Winners announced for Nurses Awards

It was an exciting week for aged care facilities across the State as the five winners of the Benetas and Radio 3AW Aged Care Nurses Appreciation Awards were announced.

Starting on Monday 21 June, one winner was announced each day and invited in to the 3AW studios in Melbourne to meet the Afternoons team and be interviewed by 3AW personality Jane Holmes.

The Awards are initiative of Benetas and 3AW in an effort to increase recognition for the vital and often under-valued work of nurses in the aged care industry.

Nurses were nominated by colleagues, friends, clients and more. To be eligible each nurse had to demonstrate exceptional dedication to the care of older Victorians. Nominations were posted on an interactive forum on the 3AW website and members of the public were encouraged to write about their experiences, stories and thoughts on the nurses who dedicate themselves to caring for the older members of our communities.

The winners were judged by 3AW and received a Sharp LCD television worth \$999, kindly donated by Sharp.

The 2010 winners were:

Lee Neal of Walsley Village in Kilsyth

Lauren Todorovich of Regis Shenley Manor in Camberwell

Joan Murphy from Ageing Together at Scotchman's Creek

Jo Hunter from the ANZAC Hostel in Brighton

Samantha Gomara of Benetas St George's in Altona Meadows

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