



MEDIA RELEASE

Recognising Melbourne's aged care nurses with 3AW

Victoria's aged care nurses continue to dedicate their time, energy and passion to caring for older people - many of them without the recognition they deserve for this invaluable service.

One of Victoria's leading providers of aged care is working with Melbourne's favourite radio station to rectify the situation.

The second annual Benetas and 3AW Aged Care Nurses Awards kick off on **Monday 7 June** to recognise Division 1 and Division 2 nurses working in the aged care industry who demonstrate **exceptional dedication to the care of older Victorians**.

Over two weeks (**7 - 18 June**) Victorians are being asked to nominate their favourite aged care nurse by visiting www.3aw.com.au. Nominations must address the judging criteria on 3AW's website and be made and endorsed by two people, including one non-family member of the nominee. Nominees will be shortlisted and judged by 3AW.

The 3AW website will be home to an interactive forum for Victorians to write about their experiences, stories and thoughts on the nurses who dedicate themselves to caring for the older members of our communities.

Five awards will be presented in 2010, with one winner being announced and profiled each day during the Afternoons program on 3AW the week starting **Monday 21 June**. One of the five awards will be given to a nurse who is 'New to Aged Care' having worked in aged care for less than 12 months.

Award winners will receive a Sharp LCD television worth \$999.00, kindly donated by Sharp, and will be invited into the 3AW studio to meet the Afternoons team and be interviewed.

We encourage the community to get involved and recognise these valuable caregivers! Visit www.3aw.com.au for judging criteria and make a nomination from 7 June.

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Benetas is a not-for-profit organisation, founded by the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne in 1948. Benetas provides quality aged care services for more than 2,000 older Victorians within its 12 residential care facilities and through its extensive community care programs that enable older people to stay at home with support. Benetas is also one of the leading providers of dedicated day and overnight respite services in Victoria.