



## **GUIDELINES FOR FRAN MORRIS AWARD-MCH NURSE 2026**

This Award is named after Fran Morris, in recognition of her contribution to and promotion of maternal and child health nursing in Victoria.

### **Purpose:**

- To recognise continued outstanding contributions to maternal and child health nursing practice by a maternal and child health nurse.
- To promote maternal and child health nursing practice.
- To encourage student maternal and child health nurses to aspire to a career in maternal and child health nursing practice.

**Criteria:** The annual prize of \$500 is awarded to the maternal and child health nurse who has clearly demonstrated a commitment to promoting the professional, educational, economic or social interests of maternal and child health nurses.

Nominations will be accepted for maternal and child health nurses practicing in Victoria and maternal and child health nurses who have recently retired (during the previous year 2025).

The nominee must be a current financial member of the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses Inc

**Eligible Nominations:** are by written submission by one or more of the nominee's colleagues.

Nominations must be made on the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses 'Fran Morris Award Nomination Form' and be received by the designated closing date.

Late nominations will not be considered.

**Submissions** are to address the above criteria and should be no more than 500 words. Submissions will not be returned, please keep a copy.

Selection Criteria Assessment and selection of the winner/s will be made by the VAMCHN Inc Executive Committee based on how well the submission meets the criteria.

The decision of VAMCHN Inc Executive Committee will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

If the Executive Committee believes there are no suitable nominees, the prize will be held over until the following year.

**CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The winner/s of the award will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13 May 2026 commencing at 6PM at ANMF House, 535 Elizabeth St, Melbourne VIC 3000.