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AIDA 2018 Award winners announced

The 2018 Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) Conference gala dinner was held on Friday, 28 September, at Crown Perth in Western Australia, with the award winners announced by AIDA Patron, Mr Phil Truskett.

The award for the 2018 Indigenous Doctor of the Year went to Professor Helen Milroy. Professor Milroy is a descendant of the Palyku people of the Pilbara region of Western Australia. She is a current Commissioner for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and has provided many services to a variety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Professor Milroy is an AIDA life member, supporting AIDA and its members since inception. She has been an exemplary role model within the medical profession, within Indigenous health and within our communities.

The 2018 Indigenous Medical Student Award went to Miss Rachel Pugh from Griffith University. Miss Pugh was awarded for her work in the Indigenous community, currently mentoring Indigenous Doctor of Medicine students at Griffith University.

Miss Pugh is an active volunteer for the Police Citizens Youth Club and the Palm Island Community Company Children and Family Centre helping run the local playgroup, women's yarnning circle and Chillin' in the Park community program.

Professor David Paul received the 2018 Associate Member of the Year Award for being a long serving and active medical practitioner, educator, researcher, mentor and community member in the field of Aboriginal health. His focus over the past 35 years has been to contribute to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Professor Paul is the current Associate Dean (Aboriginal Health), at the University of Notre Dame where he supports many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in achieving their dreams, by providing them with both academic and personal support.

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