



Baxter 2006 NSW Health Awards Sponsorships

Background

The NSW Institute of Rural Clinical Services and Teaching provided funding to rural and remote staff in order to sponsor individuals from across rural NSW to attend the Baxter presentations in Sydney.

In 2006 the Baxter NSW Health Awards celebrated eight years of excellent healthcare achievements and expanded to be a two day expo on 19-20 October 2006.

The annual NSW Health Awards is a key event on the NSW Health calendar and provides an enormous opportunity for sharing lessons learnt across NSW. The Awards continue to acknowledge health professionals' invaluable contribution to the healthcare system by collaboratively working towards improved patient safety, clinical quality and health system performance.

The ability to attend the Expo is limited for our rural and remote workforce and yet exposure to the presentations gives the potential for learning and new ideas to be cascaded through the state.

The NSW Institute of Rural Clinical Services and Teaching offered the opportunity for 40 rural health workers from a range of disciplines and backgrounds to attend the Expo in Sydney. Sponsored staff met with the Institute's Executive Director Ms. Linda Cutler to give feedback on what they have identified as potentially transferable to their workplace.

Travel and Accommodation

Sponsorship included the cost of travel to Sydney, accommodation and breakfast being met by the Institute. A network of those attending the expo will be formed via email to provide ongoing progress on improvements implemented in their own workplace.

Each individual will be expected to report back to their own teams on their experience and identify a potential improvement project for their workplace.

This initiative is intended to enhance future quality improvement activities in rural and remote New South Wales as well as fostering additional entries to the Baxter's in the years ahead from our rural workplaces.