

## **The Louie Blundell Prize**

### **Closing date: 5pm EST last Friday in May**

The prize is awarded for the best neuroscience nursing paper by a student submitted to the Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association (ANNA) by the designated date each year. The monetary value of the prize is \$500 AUD.

Candidates must be, or have been, students in a pre or post registration course as deemed appropriate by the ANNA Executive committee during the preceding academic year and if they have completed their course must have graduated no more than six (6) months prior to submission of the paper. Types of papers that will be considered include case studies, reviews of literature, and research reports.

Each candidate for the prize must be the sole author of the paper and may only submit one paper for the Best **Neuroscience** Nursing Student Paper Prize.

Candidates should not have had a previous publication as a solo author.

The Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association reserves the right not to award the prize if no paper is of a satisfactory standard. The decision of the ANNA Executives is final. All candidates will be notified of the outcome in early August.

A minimum of 3 judges will be appointed by the Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association to judge the papers and report to the ANNA Executive Committee

The award will be made based on the standard of scholarship of the paper. The qualities that the judges will be looking for are:

- Originality of the work
- The relevance and importance of the topic to current neuroscience nursing practice and issues
- Evidence of use of reflection consistent with the level of the student
- Comprehensiveness, clarity and conciseness
- Conformity to the guidelines for authors, as specified in the Australasian Journal of Neuroscience

The author of the winning paper is required to submit the paper for publication in the Australasian Journal of Neuroscience and encouraged to present the paper at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The judging process will form part of the peer review process for publication and as such recommendations may be made to the author prior to publication.

At the discretion of the Journal Editor applicants may be encouraged to submit their paper for publication. Oral or poster presentation at the Annual Scientific meeting is an option for all applicants regardless of outcome. Registration, accommodation and travel arrangements are at the individuals expense and application for scholarships from ANNA and other organisations is encouraged.

Electronic submission of the paper is to be made to [anna@pams.org.au](mailto:anna@pams.org.au)  
Further information is available on the web site [www.anna.asn.au](http://www.anna.asn.au)