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Local nurse selected as finalist in industry awards for excellence

Amana Living nurse and Mandurah resident Charmaine Greenslade has been selected as a finalist in the Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards for 2009, which recognizes excellence in the nursing sector.

Charmaine, who works at Amana Living's Wearne House residential facility in Mandurah, has reached the finals in the Residential and Aged Care Enrolled Nurse category, after residents asked the centre's care manager, Sharon Maitland, to nominate her.

"Charmaine has a contagious laugh and a great sense of humour, and we all know that she is close by as the sounds of laughter fills the hallways," said Sharon.

"She really is as good as they come. She is always willing to go above and beyond the call of duty and her absolute priority is our residents, who think she is absolutely fantastic and were adamant that she should be nominated for this award."

Charmaine has worked at Wearne House for over seven years, initially starting out in a caring role before being given the opportunity to train as an Enrolled Nurse whilst continuing to work for Amana Living.

After completing a rigorous three year training program whilst working full time, she continues to work at Wearne House where she helps to care for the facility's X residents.

Following an interview with the Nurse's and Midwives Board of WA in June, Charmaine was selected as a finalist for the awards at the start of July. Winners are due to be announced at the gala dinner on Saturday 29 August at the Burswood Entertainment Complex.

Chief Executive Officer of Amana Living, Ray Glickman, says Charmaine is an incredibly valued member of the Amana Living team.

"Charmaine is entirely deserving of this award nomination, she is a truly wonderful nurse and a real unsung hero of the community," he said.

Amana Living delivers a diverse range of services and accommodation to over 800 residents living in five high care centres (nursing homes), 10 low care centres (hostels) and two dementia specific centres with co-located respite centres.

The service provider also offers a range of community services to support those who choose to remain in their own home, and operates 17 retirement villages.

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