

Dedication to burns

A PASSION for burns management combined with a medical career spanning more than 37 years has led to State Adult Burns Service clinical nurse consultant Sharon Rowe being honoured for excellence.

The Palmyra resident was recently awarded the South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS) Board Award at the inaugural SMHS Excellence Awards for her commitment to ensuring West Australians receive safe and accessible health care services.

Mrs Rowe has been instrumental in ensuring patients receive high quality care in both rural and remote areas.

"I am so very humbled by the recognition but this award is an acknowledgment of all the work done by the adult burns team at Fiona Stanley Hospital," she said.

"On a personal level this means that I am on the right track to ensuring that no matter who you are or where you live, we are working so that you receive



Sharon Rowe (second from right) with BD Country vice president David Zilm, SMHS Board acting chairwoman Professor Robyn Collins and SMHS chief executive Paul Forden.

timely and appropriate burn care."

Her vision for change has seen the Adult Burns Service create a lasting relationship with the Department of Corrective Services to facilitate educational burns care seminars for nurses across WA.

"The burns team works hard to be accessible, build relationships and educate the community so that everyone in WA gets the best possible evidence-

based burns care," she said.

SMHS chief executive Paul Forden said Mrs Rowe exemplified the values of the organisation and was continually impressed by the achievements of staff.

"Sharon's work is one of many countless examples within our organisation of staff demonstrating exceptional care and exemplifying our values of care, integrity, respect, excellence and teamwork," he said.