

# Nick Logan's Pharmacy wins national award

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Nick Logan and the staff at Nick Logan Pharmacist Advice were recently named overall winner of the Australian 2009 Pharmacy of the Year award. Having won the category for Small Pharmacy, for pharmacies with fewer than eight full-time equivalent staff, they then took out the overall national award.

In announcing the award, Judge Graham Perl said that "excellence and innovation are clearly seen in every aspect of its executions, including the deep understanding of the local demography and creative ideas for the expansion of the business."

For those in the local community that already know Nick and his staff, the award probably comes as no surprise. Since joining as Pharmacy Manager in 1995, and continuing through his ownership since 2003, Nick has consistently evolved and improved 'forward dispensing' - sitting with the pharmacist during dispensing - for the benefit of his customers. But it is the diverse and outstanding links with the local community that really puts the pharmacy in a class of its own, with involvement in a range of activities as broad as the health information stall at the Artarmon Fair, drug and alcohol talks to Artarmon Primary School, kids health presentations to Jelly Tots play group, 'Infection Disease Minimisation' presentations to local child care centres, OH&S supplies and management for local businesses,



*Nick Logan & staff celebrate their award win*

and medication blister packing for the Assertive Outreach Team at Royal North Shore Hospital who support adults on the lower north shore with mental illness.

The pharmacy has been awarded life membership of 'The Housing Connection', a group which provides support services to adults with a disability, and has produced three 'Young Australian Pharmacists of the Year' from

graduates in the last decade. Pharmacy staff are dedicated to promoting health care but also to their own education, including studying for media and business degrees.

The Gazette and the Artarmon Community congratulate Nick and the staff on their well-deserved award, and we also thank them for their continued support of our work in the local community. ■