

## Changing of the guard

This issue also represents a changing of the guard at the *Health Promotion Journal of Australia*. Your new Editors will continue to follow the mandate given to us to publish a top quality health promotion journal. In particular we will emphasise rigor in methodology and analysis. Health promotion is under siege and to mount an effective counter attack we need information of quality. Please continue to submit your articles that will help in the evaluation and strengthening of the implementation of health promotion programs in Australia.

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## Ray James Award 2012 awarded to Justine Leavy, Jane Heyworth, Aves Middleton, Michael Rosenberg and Magdalene Woloszyn

**James Smith**

*Chair, Health Promotion Journal of Australia Committee*

In 2009, the Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA) established the Ray James Memorial Award.

Ray, pictured, contributed to health promotion at a local, national and international level, while being based in Western Australia. He was founder of the *Health Promotion Journal of Australia*; awarded Life Membership of AHPA; an advocate for health promotion action; a key driver of research for health promotion competencies, and a mentor to new and seasoned health promoters alike. He was an inspirational leader loved by all.



The Ray James Award is presented to an AHPA member for excellent and innovative health promotion research that has been published during the previous year in the *Health Promotion Journal of Australia*. The award includes a cheque for \$1,000.00 to be used to reinvest in further health promotion research.

This year the Ray James Memorial Award was presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Population Congress held in Adelaide. The deserving recipients were Justine Leavy, Jane Heyworth, Aves Middleton, Michael Rosenberg and Magdalene Woloszyn for their article entitled *Tap into Good teeth – a Western Australian pilot study of children's drinking patterns*. Justine Leavy accepted the award on behalf of the authorship team. A special commendation was also awarded to Chris Rissel and colleagues for their article entitled *Research to practice: Application of an evidence building framework to a childhood obesity prevention initiative in New South Wales, Australia*.

The HPJA Committee and AHPA Board extend hearty congratulations to Justine, Chris and their respective authorship teams.