

Canterbury-Bankstown torch



Doctor thrilled with award for dedication to patients

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A DOCTOR acclaimed for her dedication to patients, has been presented with the Geoff Walker Award for the most outstanding junior medical officer at Canterbury Hospital in 2013.

Dr Charmere Coon (pictured) in the third year of her medical training at Concord Hospital, was thrilled to receive the award.

"I was very pleased to just be nominated," she said.

"Any sort of recognition is an honour."

Dr Coon was one of seven junior medical officers nominated for the award by specialists on the medical staff council.

The award acknowledges excellence in the performance of Prevocational Training Medical Officers.

It is named in honour of Dr Geoff Walker, the first physician to work at Canterbury Hospital and establish a specialist practice outside of Macquarie Street, making it easier for patients to access specialist medical services. Throughout his 30-year career at the hospital, he was renowned for his compassion, dedication and care for his patients.

Canterbury Hospital medical services deputy director Greg Watters said Dr Coon's dedication to her patients made her the clear winner.

"She has a great ability to communicate with her patients, is prepared to do extra research into her patients' conditions and has first-rate time management skills," he said.

"She will make an excellent physician."

The ceremony marked the second year the Geoff Walker Award has been presented. It was attended by the General Manager of Canterbury Hospital, Ann Kelly, and a large group of specialists and colleagues. Dr Coon's name was added to the Geoff Walker Award plaque, which is permanently on display in the hospital's foyer.