




## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MEDICINE ASSOCIATION

### POLICY DOCUMENT

#### PD 4 – AWARDS AND PRIZES

This **Policy** adopted by  
the Council of the **Australian Military Medicine Association**  
at a meeting held

on the seventeenth day of October 2003

  
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**Secretary**

  
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**President**

#### INTRODUCTION

Clause 1, Statement of Purposes, of the Constitution of the Australian Military Medical Association's (the "Association") includes, *inter alia*, the purposes and powers:

- 1(a) (ii) to promote and facilitate the study of all aspects of military medicine.
- (ix) to promote research in the field of military medicine.
- 1(b) (xix) [to] establish bursaries, prizes, scholarships and awards as may be deemed proper to further the aims of the association.

Council has determined to make available certain monetary Awards, Prizes and Grants in support of these aims of advancing and promoting the advancement and study of military medicine.

#### POLICY

The Association will award the following Awards, Prizes and Grants:

- a. Weary Dunlop Award;
- b. Patron's Prize;
- c. Journal Editor's Prize;

- d. Essay Prize; and
- e. Research Grant.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Criteria for and management of the Awards, Prizes and Grants will be as follows.

### **Weary Dunlop Award**

The Weary Dunlop Award is named in honour of the Australian surgeon and war hero, Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop. Weary Dunlop was one of the Association's first three Life Members, being elected in August 1992. He passed away on 02 July 1993, and Lady Dunlop approved the naming of the Award in his honour and memory. The Award was first presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Conference in August 1993.

The Award is for the best original paper presented at the Annual Scientific Conference by a Member of the Association. The Award is recognised by the presentation of a Certificate, and a monetary prize of \$500.

Membership of the Association is a requirement for the granting of the Award.

The Award will be judged by a panel of former winners of the Award nominated by the Conference Convening Committee, and will be announced at the conclusion of the Annual Scientific Conference.

### **Patron's Prize**

The Patron's Prize is awarded by the Association's Patron for the best paper written by a Member of the Association published in a peer review journal during each financial year. The Prize is \$250.

To be eligible for the Prize, the Member must be the principal author of the paper.

Authors of papers are required to provide details to the Secretariat to allow their consideration.

The Patron's Prize will be announced at the conclusion of the Annual Scientific Conference.

### **Journal Editor's Prize**

The Journal Editor's Prize is awarded by the Editor of the Association Journal for the best paper published in the Journal in each financial year. The Prize is \$750.

Membership of the Association is/is not a requirement for the granting of the Award.

### **AMMA Essay Prize**

The AMMA Essay Prize is awarded by Council for the best paper written on a topic nominated by Council.

The topic of the Essay will be announced at the conclusion of the Annual Scientific Conference.

Closing dates for submission of papers is 30 June. Judging will be by Council and the Prize will be announced at the conclusion of the Annual Scientific Conference.

### **Research Grant**

The Research Grant is provided to assist in research being undertaken by a Member of the Association in aspects of military health.

The Grant totals \$1,000 and may be awarded in full, in part or divided between several applicants.

Closing dates for submission of applications for Research Grants is 30 June. Judging will be by Council and the Grant will be announced at the conclusion of the Annual Scientific Conference.

#### Conditions for Research Grants

The principal researcher is to be a Member of the Association.

There must be a commitment to publish the principal results of the research in the Association's Journal. Publishing of the principal results in another journal will be at the discretion of Council.

Grants will be made preferentially to projects that would not proceed without the Association's funding.

Grants will not be made to projects that have sources of funding other than the researchers themselves.

#### Requirements for Proposals

Proposals for projects that require ethics approval (through the Australian Defence Medical Ethics Committee or other ethics body) are to provide evidence of such approval with the application.

Proposals for projects that do not require ethics approval are to include the following information:

- a. principal researcher's publication history;
- b. synopsis of proposed research (100—250 words);
- c. brief review of the subject (250 words);
- d. timeframe for research; and
- e. details of other researchers.

All proposals are to submit:

- a. resource requirements and the proposed source of these requirements;  
and
- b. resources requested and the amount of the requested grant.

The principal researcher is to provide six-monthly reports of progress to Council.

#### **ADMINISTRATION OF AWARDS, PRIZES AND GRANTS**

The administration of Awards, Prizes and Grants is under the direction of the Association's Professional Development Officer, assisted by the Association's Secretariat.

Details in relation to applications for all Awards, Prizes and Grants are to be published as required, and specifically in the Association's Journal, the Programme of the Annual Scientific Conference, and as otherwise required to promote them.