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### **ACHS Launches Healthcare's newest symbol of recognition for high performing systems - The EXEMPLAR AWARD**

ACHS is proud to have launched **The EXEMPLAR AWARD**, the much-awaited new program designed to showcase high-performing systems or services in healthcare organisations, in Sydney.

The new program allows for high-level recognition of systems or services in healthcare organisations that have achieved and sustained high performance results.

"For a number of years now, ACHS has been working towards delivering a program that recognises exemplary effort at an industry-leading level," said ACHS President, Professor Len Notaras AM.

"We have had numerous requests from our high performing member organisations who have been keen to seek recognition beyond the meeting of accreditation standards. We understand the need for recognition can be a driving force in attaining high-performance results that translate to high quality consumer / patient outcomes.

"The Board of ACHS are strongly confident that the introduction of **The EXEMPLAR AWARD** will be an industry-defining moment in healthcare as the recognition it provides will be the benchmark by which all exemplary projects and services are judged.

"The early feedback we have received from some of our members has been a strong sense of excitement that there is now an award that recognises exemplary innovation, appropriately judged against seven key factors of high performance," said Prof Notaras.

There are four distinct application phases starting with an expression of interest phase, documented application, submission and assessed by an assessment team.

Importantly, all submissions are required to qualitatively and quantitatively demonstrate their achievements.

To learn more, download **The EXEMPLAR AWARD** brochure from the ACHS website, or to speak with The Exemplar Award Liaison Officer directly, please contact Dr Mark Burgess on +61 2 9281 9955, or [mburgess@achs.org.au](mailto:mburgess@achs.org.au).

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