

Media Release

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St John of God Health Care chief named WA Citizen of the Year

St John of God Health Care's Group Chief Executive Officer Dr Michael Stanford has won the WA Citizen of the Year Award in the Industry and Commerce category.

The award is in recognition of his work over the past eight years when he has been instrumental in the group's significant organic and merger/acquisition growth locally, nationally and internationally, all with the aim of improving the health of individuals and society in general.

The growth in revenue – more than double – in this time has significantly increased the group's ability to redevelop facilities as well as expand its Social Outreach and Advocacy program, the latter particularly being a key differential to publicly listed healthcare groups.

Over the last five years, he has overseen the reinvestment of \$330M in redeveloping and refurbishing services – representing 25% of Australia's capital expenditure on private hospitals despite operating only 8% of the nation's bed stock. Over this same period, turnover has increased by over 50%.

Dr Stanford said: "Winning this award marks a significant personal milestone, but I want to share the recognition with everyone who has contributed to growing our Mission during this time. Due to our concerted efforts, we have been able to operate strategically and provide excellent health care to an increasing number of people.

"It confirms that St John of God Health Care has taken the pulse of community need and responded by providing appropriate services, often where significant gaps exist. I am confident of our continued success in both existing and new areas of health care."

In the past year alone, the group has launched a community nursing services division, acquired a second New Zealand-based disability service and a home nursing service in Victoria, and integrated the St John of God Foundation and its Horizon House program for homeless youth into the organisation.

Pictured: Dr Michael Stanford, right, receiving his award from the Chairperson of the WA Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Peter Hood.

