

## Best Paper of the Year Award Judging Criteria

Submissions for the Best Paper of the Year Award will be judged in two stages.

- The first phase will involve a shortlisting phase. Papers will be given a score between 1 and 10 against scoring criteria 1. The top 4 scoring submissions will be invited to present their paper at the Barwon Health Research Symposium.
- The second phase will involve judging the presentation at the Barwon Health Research Symposium on Tuesday 19 November. Paper presentations will be assessed against scoring criteria 2.

The shortlisting and the presentation scores will be combined for an overall score. The winner is the paper with the highest overall score and will be announced at the conclusion of the Barwon Health Research Symposium on Tuesday 19 November 2024.

<b>SCORING CRITERIA 1</b> • examples of things to consider	Score									
	Poor			Good				Excellent		
<b>Quality of Journal</b> • Relative to speciality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Introduction and Methods</b> • Explanation of research question/aim/hypothesis • Research put in context • Recent references cited • Explanation of procedures • Methods/design/procedures suitable to answer the aim • Appropriate sampling population, sample • Proper use of Statistical/Data analysis or validation of project	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Results</b> • Relate to objectives • Presented clearly • Appropriate use of graphs, tables, diagrams etc	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Discussion and Conclusions</b> • Follow from results • Address the aim/hypothesis • Inform research question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Significance of Research</b> • Contribution to scientific/ industry/ professional research field	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>SCORING CRITERIA 2</b> • examples of things to consider	Poor			Good				Excellent		
<b>Audience Engagement (finalist presentations)</b> • Speaker engaged the interest of the audience • Speaker addressed questions appropriately • Use of visual aids	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Presentation Technique (finalist presentations)</b> • Quality of slides • Clarity of speech • Within time limit • Engaging voice • Appropriateness of Slides • Style of Presentation Delivery	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Grand Total Score /70</b>										

