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## NUTRITION INNOVATION WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Mr Roy Price, Accredited Practising Dietitian, from the Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services, has been awarded the Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) President's Award for Innovation in Honour of the Memory of Josephine Rogers AM, for the *Flour-Drum Stove*, an innovative cooking device for healthy outdoor meal preparation in Indigenous communities.

DAA President, Julie Hulcombe, said, 'The *Flour-Drum Stove* is a basic but effective tool to promote healthy cooking and eating in Indigenous communities as it helps overcome some of the economic and infrastructure barriers to preparing healthy meals'.

The low level of income in Indigenous communities means there are limited funds to purchase power for conventional ovens and cooking equipment. Local food produce is also often very limited, overpriced and of poor quality. These factors reduce the demand for fresh foods such as vegetables and increase the reliance on convenience foods. As the name suggests, the *Flour-Drum Stove* is constructed from empty 10kg flour drums which are readily available, providing a simple, practical and cost effective way to prepare tasty, healthy meals, using affordable and accessible fuel sources and familiar cooking methods.

Accepting his award, Mr Price, said, 'It is a real honour to receive this award and be recognised by my peers. While the solutions to poor health in remote Indigenous communities include a long-term commitment to improving the quality of the food supply, and improving living standards I hope the *Flour-Drum Stove* will provide a short-term remedy to some of the lesser-known obstacles to preparing healthy meals in remote Indigenous communities'.

**For further information or to organise an interview contact**

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**Note to Editors:** The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) is the professional body representing dietitians nationally. Dietitians are experts in nutrition and a public guarantee of this expertise is provided through the Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) program – a national system for recognition of professionals who have the qualifications and expertise to provide expert nutrition and dietary advice.

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