



Professional Association of Nurses in
Developmental Disability Australia Inc.

BOB WEAVER PANDDA AWARD

For the presentation voted as the one with most promise
by a novice presenter at the 2022 PANDDA Conference

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Alison Devitt

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Virginia Howie
Convenor Awards Committee

25 November 2022

Bob Weaver has worked in the area of Developmental/Intellectual Disability Nursing since 1975 as a clinician, lecturer, leader and manager. He is known for his strong advocacy for people with disabilities through his work on the Guardianship Tribunal, the establishment of a disability recreation project in the Blue Mountains, the devolution of an accommodation service, membership of various committees, and action on behalf of individuals. He holds a Diploma of Administration (Nursing) and Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Disability). Bob is a Member of the NSW Council for Intellectual Disability and is a Foundation Fellow and Life member of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses an organisation in which he held positions at both state and national levels through the late 80s and 90s and early 2000.

Bob has served as PANDDA President, Vice President, Executive member and Conference Convenor for 19 of the 23 Annual Conferences. It is in this latter role that Bob is known for his encouragement of Nurses to present their knowledge and experiences to others. Bob also convened the working party that developed PANDDA's Standards for Professional Practice. Bob represents PANDDA on both state and national committees and has, over the past 23 years, often been the sole voice on these committees advocating for the recognition of the role Nurses play in supporting people with developmental/intellectual disability. Bob remains passionate about the right of people with intellectual disabilities to live their lives to their fullest potential and the professional role that Nurses play in supporting them to achieve their goals.