

Student Awarded ONA WA Best Student Prize for 2008



Picture: Deb Decker is awarded the Orthopaedic Nurses Association of Western Australia (ONA WA) Best Student Prize for 2008 by Rosalyn Aspinall past President ONA WA and Stream Tutor (Orthopaedic) Post Graduate Nursing ECU

Master of Clinical Nursing student at ECU Deb Decker was awarded the Orthopaedic Nurses Association of Western Australia (ONA WA) Best Student Prize for 2008. At the Association's AGM in March this year, Deb received her certificate, a cheque for \$100 and a years membership to the ONA WA. The ONA WA also provided funding for its members to undertake postgraduate studies, attend conferences and study days as well as providing the best student award to the highest achieving post graduate student (certificate level) in each WA University. ONA WA membership is open to any nurse (RN, EN or student) interested in orthopaedic nursing. The ONA WA offers a range of activities from educational meetings with guest speakers, to study days, workshops (metro and regional) and the annual conference. Membership includes affiliation with the Australia New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurses Association (ANZONA). The ANZONA conference "You Break it - We fix it" will be held on Adelaide 21-23 October 2009. (See www.anzona.net for details) Deb is married with two children and has been working as a clinical nurse at Fremantle Hospital. Since completing the ECU Postgraduate Certificate in Clinical Nursing Deb has been acting in the position of relief manager. The ECU Master of Clinical Nursing program allowed Deb to enhance her clinical knowledge and skills whilst working in an orthopaedic setting. The program encourages innovative evidence-based practice that will ultimately lead to improved nursing practice. The Master of Clinical Nursing can be studied full time or part time with exit points at the Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Master level.