



Celebrated SA Surgeon receives outstanding service award

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Inspirational Surgeon and Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS), Mr Suren Krishnan, was this evening presented with an Outstanding Service to the Community Award in recognition of his long and distinguished career.

The RACS award was presented by Dr Sonja Latzel, Chair of the College's South Australian Regional Committee to Mr Krishnan (also a former RACS SA Chair), in front of family, friends and colleagues.

"The Award recognises surgeons with a dedicated history of service to their local community, without whom the standard of surgical care in that community would have been less than society expects," Dr Latzel said.

After receiving his RACS Fellowship in 1993, Mr Krishnan developed a reputation as one of the world's finest head and neck surgeons, and quickly assembled a long list of achievements and senior appointments to his name.

Friend and colleague Mr Guy Rees who spoke at the ceremony said the award was well deserved and that Mr Krishnan was held in high regard across the surgical profession.

"I doubt there would be a head and neck surgeon on any continent of the world who had not heard of the achievements and standards reached in Adelaide under the direction of Suren Krishnan," Mr Rees said.

"He stands as a colossus within this community and a shining beacon whose light penetrates to all corners of the world."

But Mr Rees said it was not just his surgical abilities that endeared Mr Krishnan to his patients, colleagues and others he had met.

"It would be possible to list all of the awards and positions he has held, but these tell us little about the man."

"Within our community, Suren gives of himself as a humanist and altruist to everyone he meets. I think it would be difficult to find anyone who had met Suren and not had their lives enriched as a result."

Mr Krishnan's extensive voluntary medical service includes his involvement in the AUSAID funded Pacific Islands Project managed by RACS, as well as his service to Indonesia under the auspices of the Overseas Surgical Society of Australia.

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He is also an active Rotarian and sits on a committee of the Rotarians Against Malaria Program and assists with Rotary's Reaching Overseas Medical Aid for Children, a program to treat underprivileged children.

Mr. Krishnan's outstanding service award adds to an already impressive list of achievements, including a medal in the Order of Australia, as well as being a South Australian finalist in the 2007 Australia Day Australian of the Year awards for his voluntary service.

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