

2012 Bent Spoon Award

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On the night of the 1st of December, at a glittering dinner at the Melbourne Arts Centre for the Australian Skeptics National Convention, the annual Skeptics awards were announced.

These cover both positive and negative awards for good works and, at the other end of the scale, the Bent Spoon for the most preposterous piece of paranormal or pseudoscientific piffle.

And the loser is ...

The Bent Spoon award—the least sought-after award in Australia - went to Fran Sheffield and her organisation Homeopathy Plus for "continued promotion of some of the most ludicrous claims for an already ludicrous product". Australia's consumer watchdog body, the ACCC, described some of those claims, regarding homeopathic treatment of whooping cough, as "misleading and deceptive".

The winner of the more positive 2012 Skeptic of the Year award is the lobby group, Friends of Science in Medicine.

Australian Skeptics issues the SotY award every year to the individual or group that has done the most for skepticism in Australia during the last year.



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