**GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION FOR THE**

**THE PRESIDENT’S AWARD**

Inaugurated in 2006 this prize is awarded by the President and the AVA Board preferably to a veterinarian who makes an outstanding practical contribution to veterinary science or practice in Australia, especially during the preceding five years.

**Selection criteria**

Consideration should be given to:

* the contribution of the individual to the broad field of veterinary science, i.e. the Association or the profession
* their professional activities during the preceding five-year period especially
* their contribution to increasing visibility of the Association and or the profession
* alternative mechanisms to award the recipient (i.e. are they eligible for more suitable awards)

All the above criteria need to be met to award the President’s Award. Should no candidate fulfill the criteria in any given year it will not be awarded that year.

**Guidelines for assessment Criteria**

**The contribution**

The field of activity is not as important as the impact of the effort. Relevant activities could include training, technology transfer producing economic or social benefits, improving societal and governmental understanding of animal issues, establishment of mutually beneficial business linkages etc. Sustained effort in continuing the work is an important criterion.

**Opportunities and initiatives**

The recipient will be drawn from a variety of occupational sectors. However, consideration should be given to how well the recipient creates and also develops opportunities to contribute without the resources and facilities available during the conduct of the work.

**The person**

Contributing in an outstanding practical way to the field of veterinary science or practice is important. Continuing to make the effort under less than ideal conditions, cement friendships and develop linkages of ongoing value within the profession as society should be part of the assessment criteria. Commitment and compassion in the performance of the achievement are criteria for the award. Self‑interest should not be the only motive for undertaking the work.

**The activities**

The activities carried out in the preceding five years will be considered. As much as possible the activities should have been carried out in Australia but may be beneficial to the whole global veterinary community. The achievement should reflect well on the person, the profession and the Association.

**Procedure**

1. A curriculum vitae should be provided. Details of dates and periods spent in the execution of the work should be given.

2. The President in consultation with AVA Board will decide on the recipient.

3. It will be awarded at the AVA annual conference.

4. Have the support by an AVA Board resolution at least 2 months before the AVA AGM.