



VBG Veterinary Business Professional of the Year Award

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Honouring excellence in veterinary business leadership and service.

The Veterinary Business Professional of the Year Award recognises an individual who exemplifies excellence within veterinary business and who has demonstrated a sustained and outstanding service contribution to our sector. We welcome nominations of anyone from any background, experience or perspective who has been responsible for any form of veterinary business leadership, management and/or business technical support, either as a dedicated role or in combination with practicing veterinary science and/or clinical care.

Submission Requirements:

To nominate yourself, or a deserving colleague, please submit:

- 1. Description of business professionalism:** Tell us why you/your nominee should be considered for this award. In what areas of veterinary business have they contributed, and for how long? How have they developed their skills and knowledge over time? How have they demonstrated excellence, and what's the impact of their work? Why do you think your nominee stands out as a business professional? (Maximum 500 words).
- 2. Nominee experience, knowledge, and skills:** Tell us more about your/your nominee: their career, relevant capabilities; qualifications and continuing education; summary of roles and responsibilities; relevant professional memberships; recognition of achievement; contributions to the veterinary business field and anything else you would like to highlight. This could be a dot-point summary, a CV/resume (maximum 4 pages), or links to collated information such as a LinkedIn or other online profile.
- 3. Two references:** Include two references that specifically address your/your nominee's capability and substantial contributions to veterinary business. Referees may be team members, coaches or mentors, or other professionals who can describe your/your nominee's relevant business skills, knowledge, attitudes and behaviours and the positive impact they have made on veterinary business/es over time. References may be written letters, audio recordings or video testimonials.

Please compile the three elements into a single PDF document for submission. Video and audio recordings may be embedded as links (please check that these work) or attached as files.

Please submit nomination and supporting documents to ybg@ava.com.au

If you have any questions about nomination, please don't hesitate to reach out to ybg@ava.com.au

Essential criteria:

- Nominees must be a current financial member of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) and/or Veterinary Business Group (VBG).

Veterinary Business Professional of the Year nominations will be considered by an impartial panel with varied perspectives of veterinary business. An award will be made solely on information within the nomination submission, based on demonstrated contribution to veterinary business excellence. Consideration will be given to the nominee's role/s in contributing to business goals (client, patient, staff team and/or organisational success); their demonstrated commitment to developing and delivering valuable veterinary business skills, knowledge, attitudes, and behaviours over time; and their notable impact within or across veterinary organisations.

VBG Veterinary Business Professional of the Year Award Prize Includes:

- Two registrations to the VBG Conference Program (inclusive of socials) in 2026.
- A profile of the practice in AVA and Veterinary Business Group's electronic communications.
- Award plaque for display.
- A chance to present once within the Veterinary Business Group Education Program in 2027 (Webinars, AVA National, VBG Conference Program)