CATEGORIES

**Rural Doctor Award *(nominate in either of the sub-categories)***

**Outstanding Contribution**: Innovation, professional/personal commitment, leadership

**New Rural Doctor**: Worked in rural health for 2 years and demonstrates strong community engagement/involvement.

**Medical Specialist Award**

Outstanding contribution to medical outreach services.

**Aboriginal Health Award**

Service and contribution to Aboriginal communities – open to medical and non-medical, e.g. Aboriginal Health Worker.

**Rural General Practice Award**

Providing outstanding multi-disciplinary services to rural communities.

**Rural Nursing Award**

Service and contribution to rural communities.

**Rural Allied Health Professional Award**

Service and contribution to rural communities.

**Practice Manager Award**

Innovation and service to local community.

**GP Locum Award**

Open to any rural GP Locum who has provided regular locum services in rural Victoria in the previous 12 months or more.

**Medical Student Award**

Open to any medical student who has shown a passion for rural health and intends on pursuing a career as a rural GP.

**Nursing Student Award**

Open to any nursing student who has shown a passion for rural health and intends on pursuing a career as a rural nurse.

**Allied Health Student Award**

Open to any allied health student who has shown passion for rural health and intends on pursuing a career as a rural allied health professional.

BASIC CRITERIA

1. Must be a registered GP, specialist, or other health professional, as defined in the categories;
2. Must work outside Remoteness Area 1 (not metropolitan Melbourne or Geelong);
3. Can be nominated more than once, but may only receive one award;
4. Must be of good character, as deemed by the Medical Board of Australia;
5. May be awarded posthumously – within 12 months.

HOW TO NOMINATE

1. Nominations may come from:
* Members of the public
* Community organisations
* Local organisations including: Primary Healthcare Networks, local government, specialist medical colleges, universities, regional training providers and other interested parties.
1. Include as much detail as possible about the nominee’s education, professional career, achievements and/or community involvement.
2. Attach any letters of recommendation, feedback from patients, peers and community, news clippings and photos.
3. Send nominations to:

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| **Email (preferred):**communications@rwav.com.au | **Post:**Victorian Rural Health AwardsRural Workforce Agency VictoriaLevel 6, Tower 4, World Trade Centre18-38 Siddeley Street, Melbourne VIC 3005 |

PROCESS

An independent judging panel will judge the nominations according to the selection criteria. They will advise RWAV of the final decisionwhichwill be based on the information it receives from this form. The panel reserves the right to make its own enquiries into the veracity of all information provided.

**Successful nominees and their nominator will be notified.**

The awards will be presented in ceremony at RACV Goldfields Resort, Creswick on 28 April 2018.

Nominations close 15 November 2017

**ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETE**

*Partially completed nominations will not be considered.*

**Nominator Details (the person completing the form)**

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| **Title, first, last name:** | **Profession/job title:** |
| **Relationship to nominee:**  |
| **Contact phone:**  | **Alternative phone:** |
| **Email Address:**  |

**Nominee Details (information about the health professional)**

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| **Title, first, last name:** |
| **Category for nomination:** |
| **Spouse/Partner name (if known):**  |
| **Currently in practice?**  |
| **Practice Name:**  |
| **Profession/job title:** *(eg. GP, practice manager, audiologist, ENT surgeon, nursing student etc.):* |
| **Total length of service (years):** | **Total length of service in rural Victoria (years):** |
| **Phone\*:** | **Email Address\*:** |
| **Postal Address:** |

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** The nominee **MUST** be contactable through email or phone. Please ensure the contact details are correct and up to date.

**What makes your nominee outstanding?**

Feel free to write more than one page – everything we learn about your nominee contributes to their success.

Include details about their education and career history, any notable achievements, involvement and leadership in the community, membership in clubs/organisations, innovation in their professional field, aspects of their character and family.

Attach any photos, letters and media clippings.