

Since 2005 RWAV has proudly hosted the annual Victorian Rural Health Awards to recognise the outstanding contributions made by health professionals working in rural communities.

The awards honour the exceptional medical specialists, GPs, nurses, Aboriginal health workers, and allied health professionals working across rural Victoria.

RWAV acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services to enable the holding of the 2020 Victorian Rural Health Awards.

To learn more about the awards and past award winners visit:  
[rwav.com.au/workforce-support/awards](http://rwav.com.au/workforce-support/awards)

## CATEGORIES

### OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A RURAL GP

This award recognises a general practitioner who has shown professional and personal commitment to regional and rural communities and has gone above and beyond to provide services to the community.

Nominees for this award must have established their careers in rural health and demonstrated an outstanding contribution to their profession and to their community.

**Criteria:**

- Peer or organisation nominated
- Must be currently practising in rural Vic MMM 2-7 location
- Must have been working in a rural location for longer than two years

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### OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A RURAL GP/VMO

This award recognises a medical practitioner who has shown ongoing commitment to providing specialist anaesthetic, obstetrics or surgical services throughout rural Victoria.

These specialists have improved access and/or sustainability of medical services with a significant impact on health outcomes for those living in rural area.

**Criteria:**

- Peer or organisation nominated
- Must be appropriately credentialled and have provided anaesthetic, obstetrics or surgical services in a regional or rural hospital in the preceding year (during 2019)



## OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A RURAL SPECIALIST

This award recognises a medical specialist who has made significant contributions in providing outstanding care to patients and the communities in which they practice.

The nominee must be a role model for excellence in patient care.

### Criteria:

- Peer or organisation nominated
- Must be currently practising in rural Vic MMM 2-7 location
- Must have been working in a rural location for longer than two years

## OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A RURAL NURSE/MIDWIFE

This award recognises an exceptional rural nurse or midwife who delivered outstanding patient care, positive outcomes and performs above the expectations of their role.

Nominees for this award will demonstrate excellent care in one or more of the following areas:

- Compassionate care
- Person-centred care
- Positive workplace culture
- Safe and quality patient care

### Criteria:

- Community member, patient, peer or organisation nominated
- Must be currently practising in rural Vic MMM 2-7 location
- Must have been working in a rural location for longer than two years

## OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A RURAL ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

This award recognises an allied health professional who has shown professional and personal commitment to regional and rural communities and has gone above and beyond to provide services to the community.

### Criteria:

- Peer or organisation nominated
- Must be currently practising in rural Vic MMM 2-7 location
- Must have been working in a rural location for longer than two years

## RISING STAR AWARD

This award celebrates the future face of rural healthcare. Each year we recognise a junior health professional who has shown a true passion for rural health and is intent on dedicating their career to rural communities.

### Criteria:

- Supervisor or organisation nominated
- Open to all health professionals
- Must be currently practising in rural Vic MMM 2-7 location
- Must have been working in a rural location for longer than two years but fewer than five years

## CLOSING THE GAP AWARD

The award recognises a health professional who has made significant contributions in providing care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and communities in which they practice.

The nominee must have made an impact on the health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

### Criteria:

- Peer or organisation nominated
- Must be currently practising in rural Vic MMM 2-7 location
- Must have been working in a rural location for longer than two years

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

The People's Choice Award is the opportunity for a patient, client or a support person to acknowledge a health professional who cared for them.

Nominees for this award promote health, safety and wellbeing within the community and make a difference to the lives of patients or clients and their families as part of their normal working day.

### Criteria:

- Community member or patient nominated
- Must be currently practising in a rural Vic MMM 2-7 location
- Must have been working in a rural location for longer than two years
- Open to all health professionals

## BASIC CRITERIA

1. Must be a registered GP, specialist, or other health professional, as defined in the categories;
2. Can be nominated more than once, but may only receive one award;
3. Must be of good character, as deemed by the appropriate regulatory body;
4. May be awarded posthumously – within 12 months.

## HOW TO NOMINATE

1. Nominations may come from:
  - As defined in the categories
  - Organisations include Primary Healthcare Networks, local government, specialist medical colleges, universities, regional training providers, community bodies and other interested organisations.
2. Include as much detail as possible about the nominee's professional career, achievements and/or community involvement that show significant outstanding contribution beyond normal professional expectations.
3. **Nominations can be submitted at [rwav.com.au/2020VRHA](http://rwav.com.au/2020VRHA).**

## PROCESS

An independent judging panel will assess the nominations according to the selection criteria. They will short list nominees and advise RWAV of the final decision which will 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.

Short listed nominees and their nominator will be notified and nominees will be invited to the awards ceremony at which the winner of each category will be announced.

The awards will be presented in ceremony at All Seasons Resort Hotel, 171-183 McIvor Hwy, Bendigo on 2 May 2020.

Nominations close 9 March, 2020.

### **ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED**

**Partially completed nominations will not be considered.**