

# 2021 NOMINATION INFORMATION



Since 2005 Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (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 professionals, nurses, allied health professionals, Aboriginal health workers and practice managers working across rural Victoria.

In 2021, the Victorian Rural Health Awards ceremony will be delivered virtually on Thursday 10 June 2021.

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

To learn more visit:  
[www.rwav.com.au/vrha](http://www.rwav.com.au/vrha)

## CATEGORIES

**Outstanding Contribution by a Rural GP**

**Outstanding Contribution by a Rural Generalist**

**Outstanding Contribution by a Rural Nurse/Midwife**

**Outstanding Contribution by a Rural Allied Health Professional**

**Outstanding Contribution by a Rural Practice Manager**

**Outstanding Contribution by a Rural Outreach Provider**

**Rising Star Award**

**Closing the Gap Award**

## HOW TO NOMINATE

1. Nominations can be submitted at [www.rwav.com.au/vrha21](http://www.rwav.com.au/vrha21)
2. Nominations may come from individuals (as defined in the eligibility criteria of each category) and organisations including primary health care networks, local government, specialist medical colleges, universities, regional training providers, community bodies and other interested organisations.
3. 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. All fields must be completed; partially completed nominations forms will not be considered.
4. Nominations close **Sunday 18 April 2021**.



## 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.

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## 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 care to the community.

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

### Eligibility criteria:

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

### Selection criteria:

- Provide a summary of the nominee's career in rural health
- Outline the outstanding contributions made by the nominee that demonstrate why they deserve consideration for this award
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the wellbeing of the community

## OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A RURAL GENERALIST

This award recognises a rural generalist who has shown on-going commitment to providing exceptional care to meet the current and future health care needs of their community.

Nominees for this award must be providing both comprehensive general practice and emergency care, and required components of other medical specialist care (e.g. anaesthetics, obstetrics, emergency medicine, surgery, paediatrics, palliative care, internal medicine, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health) in hospital and/or community settings.

### Eligibility criteria:

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

### Selection criteria:

- Provide a summary of the nominee's career in rural health
- Outline the outstanding contributions made by the nominee that demonstrate why they deserve consideration for this award
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the wellbeing of the community

## OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A RURAL NURSE/MIDWIFE

This award recognises an exceptional rural nurse or midwife who has 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

### **Eligibility criteria:**

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

### **Selection criteria:**

- Provide a summary of the nominee's career in rural health
- Outline the outstanding contributions made by the nominee that demonstrate why they deserve consideration for this award
- Provide examples that demonstrate the nominee's exceptional approach to patient care
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the wellbeing of the community

## 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.

### **Eligibility criteria:**

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

### **Selection criteria:**

- Provide a summary of the nominee's career in rural health
- Outline the outstanding contributions made by the nominee that demonstrate why they deserve consideration for this award
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the wellbeing of the community

## OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A RURAL PRACTICE MANAGER

This award recognises a practice manager who has shown professional and personal commitment to regional and rural communities through their leadership and innovation.

### Eligibility criteria:

- Peer, organisation or community member nominated
- Must be currently employed as a practice manager at a rural Victorian practice (MMM 2 – 7 location)
- Must have been working in a rural location for longer than two years

### Selection criteria:

- Provide a summary of the nominee's career managing rural practices
- Outline the outstanding contributions made by the nominee that demonstrate why they deserve consideration for this award
- Provide examples of the nominee's leadership and innovation which have contributed to the wellbeing of the community

## OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A RURAL OUTREACH PROVIDER

This award recognises a health professional who has gone above and beyond to provide outreach services in communities where there is limited patient access to care.

Nominees for this award will have also implemented solutions to improve the sustainability of health care within the communities they service.

### Eligibility criteria:

- Peer, organisation or community member nominated
- Must be providing outreach services in a rural Victorian MMM 2 – 7 location
- Must have provided outreach services in rural Victoria for longer than 12 months

### Selection criteria:

- Provide a summary of the nominee's career providing outreach services
- Outline the outstanding contributions made by the nominee that demonstrate why they deserve consideration for this award
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to providing care for communities in Victoria that have limited patient access to care
- Provide examples of solutions that the nominee has implemented to improve the sustainability of health care within the community they serve (e.g. facilitate professional development for local practitioners, engaged in advocacy work)

## RISING STAR AWARD

This award celebrates the future face of rural health care. 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.

### **Eligibility criteria:**

- Supervisor or organisation nominated
- Open to all health professionals
- Must be currently practising in a rural Victorian MMM 2 - 7 location
- Has been practising for less than four years

### **Selection criteria:**

- Outline the outstanding contributions made by the nominee that demonstrate why they deserve consideration for this award
- Provide examples of the nominee's contribution to the wellbeing of the community

## CLOSING THE GAP AWARD

The award recognises a health professional, team or organisation who has made significant contributions in providing care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and communities. The award recognises both medical and non-medical workers and includes specialists, counsellors, health workers, nurses and many others.

### **Eligibility criteria:**

- Peer, organisation, patient or community member nominated
- Must be currently practising in a rural Victorian MMM 2 - 7 location

### **Selection criteria:**

- Outline the outstanding contributions made by the nominee or team that demonstrate why they deserve consideration for this award
- Provide examples of the nominee or team's contribution to the wellbeing of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities