



NOMINATIONS FOR THE VHA ANNUAL AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN

The VHA has introduced additional award categories this year to highlight the increased scope of innovation that member organisations demonstrate.

Award categories will focus on innovation and highlight where organisations have challenged the norm.

CATEGORIES:

- **VHA AWARD** - sponsored by First State Super
- **VHA MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARD** - sponsored by First State Super
- **INNOVATION IN CLINICAL GOVERNANCE AWARD** – sponsored by ACHG
- **WORKFORCE INNOVATION AWARD** – sponsored by VHAPlus+
- **PATIENT ENGAGEMENT AWARD** – sponsored by Nexa
- **EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD** – sponsored by RSM

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Finalists will receive a complimentary registration to the VHA Annual Conference with the overall winners announced on Thursday 5 October at the conference cocktail event.

VHA award finalists will be invited to present their submission on Thursday 5 October via a poster in the exhibition space. Attendees will vote for the VHA Members' Choice Award, which will also be presented at the cocktail event, based on these presentations.

All winners of a VHA Annual Award will receive a trophy to recognise their achievement, and a prize.

ELIGIBILITY

The awards will recognise a health service program or project that demonstrates an innovative approach in the healthcare sector.

- Nominees must be a current VHA member or associate member
- Entries must represent new programs or projects implemented within the last 24 months.

CRITERIA

Submissions must be no longer than four A4 pages, including supporting evidence (photos, graphs etc). The submissions must also include the coversheet supplied by VHA, which includes your organisation's CEO approval.

Entrants must submit a 100 word summary that can be used to promote your nomination.

AWARDS:

VHA AWARD - sponsored by First State Super



All applications should demonstrate:

1. That the entry represents a significant departure from existing practices:
 - Does the entry represent a significant change in the service model; challenging existing norms and practices, and offer an innovative approach to service provision and health care?
 - Does the entry represent a significant improvement compared to the previous approach and method of service delivery?
2. That the entry is broadly applicable and is potentially transferable to other healthcare contexts:
 - To what extent is the entry transferable to other healthcare contexts?
3. That the entry provides evidence of a clear benefit to a population or patient cohort:
 - Has the entry achieved demonstrable improvements to the health of a population or patient cohort?
 - Is the entry evidence-based?
 - Has a formal evaluation been undertaken, and has it informed the program or project?
 - Has the entry achieved its' stated goals?

VHA MEMBER'S CHOICE AWARD – sponsored by First State Super



- This award will be presented to the entrant that attendees of the VHA Annual Conference believe best addresses the VHA Award criteria.
- Finalists for the VHA Award are automatically entered into this award.

INNOVATION IN CLINICAL GOVERNANCE AWARD

– sponsored by Australian Centre for Healthcare Governance



Prize also includes a two-hour clinical governance training session for staff, senior management or the board within 12 months of receiving the award. Presented by Jo-Anne Moorfoot of ACHG.

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 - does the entry represent a significant change in the service model; one that challenges existing norms and practices, and offers an innovative approach to service provision and health care?
 - does the entry represent a significant improvement compared to the previous approach and method of service delivery?
2. That the entry is broadly applicable and is potentially transferable to other healthcare contexts:
 - to what extent is the entry transferable to other healthcare contexts?
3. That the entry provides evidence of a clear benefit to a population or patient cohort:
 - has the entry achieved demonstrable improvements to the quality and safety of services to a population or patient cohort?
 - is the entry evidence-based?
 - has a formal evaluation been undertaken, and has it informed the program or project?
 - has the entry achieved its' stated goals?

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AWARD – sponsored by VHA Plus+



- Outline your organisation's focus on workforce management practices, including technology, and how it has resulted in positive organisational and cultural change.
- Shortlisted finalists will clearly demonstrate the innovative strategies for developing, managing and engaging their workforce to increase employee engagement and improve the quality of care.

PATIENT ENGAGEMENT AWARD – sponsored by Nexa



The award is intended for VHA member organisations who are directly involved in the care setting. It is not open to businesses that provide products, services or solutions to healthcare providers.

Nominations will be judged on:

- Innovation: fresh, creative approach to advancing patient engagement
- Patient-centred: degree to which patients were involved
- Measurable results, directly attributable to the initiative
- Potential for replication by other organisations and individuals
- Sustainability: achievements can be sustained over time

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD – sponsored by RSM



The leader/manager category celebrates the innovation, strategic thinking and visionary leadership of executive and C-Suite leaders from the public and private sector.

Who is eligible? This category is not limited to CEOs and high-profile executives. We encourage nominations from senior managers, executives and leaders from across the public healthcare sector. Someone who has made management and leadership their profession, and who has had an extraordinary impact on their organisation's success through leadership and forward-thinking strategies.

Nominees must demonstrate:

- Managing complex tasks, people and processes
- Recognition by their organisation, board, staff or other stakeholders as showing excellence in leadership and management
- Effective communication of their organisation's goals and vision to all stakeholders
- Commitment to mentoring or other leadership activities

It is important to quantify the results. Results can come in many forms — from quality, financial and patient satisfaction metrics to testimonial stories that document the achievement. Present results in the manner you feel best represents this nominee's achievement in patient engagement.

NOMINATIONS

To nominate for these awards complete the attached cover sheet and return, along with your submission, to events@vha.org.au no later than **Wednesday 20 September**.

Copies of the application form are also available on our website vha.org.au, and nominees will be shortlisted by VHA, with these shortlisted finalists presented to a three-person judging panel.

JUDGING

The 2017 VHA Annual Awards will be judged by a formal panel with strict criteria, while the Members' Choice Award will be decided by a member-led voting process during the Annual Conference. Conference attendees will be invited to vote for the nominee they feel best represents an innovative and successful program, and will only be allowed to vote once.

KEY DATES:

WED 20 SEPTEMBER:	Submissions close
FRI 22 SEPTEMBER:	VHA award finalists and all other award winners contacted
THU 5 OCTOBER:	VHA award finalists to present their entry at the VHA Annual Conference VHA Members vote for the Members' Choice Award All award winners announced at the conference cocktail event.



FURTHER INFORMATION

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AWARD (tick box)

VHA Award | Sponsored by First State Super

Innovation in Clinical Governance Award | Sponsored by ACHG

Workforce Innovation Award | Sponsored by VHAPLUS+

Excellence in Leadership Award | Sponsored by RSM

Patient Engagement Award | Sponsored by Nexa



NOMINATION DETAILS:

Entries must not exceed 100 words. Photos and graphics are encouraged

Provide a summary of your nomination that can be used for promoting your submission. (Max 100 words)

CEO APPROVAL: Please note that all applications must be signed off by the organisation CEO

CEO Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____