

## Oral Health Association of Australia (OHAA) Awards Information

The Oral Health Association of Australia Awards offer an opportunity to recognise oral health practitioners who consistently demonstrate outstanding commitments to oral health care and to acknowledge OHAA members who significantly contribute to the profession.

### 1. Key Dates

- 1.1. Nominations Open 2 June 2026
- 1.2. Nominations Close 31 July 2026
- 1.3. Nominations accepted will be notified via email 6 August 2026
- 1.4. Oral Health Practitioner of the Year finalist's will be notified via email 3 September 2026
- 1.5. Award winners will be announced at the OHAA Annual Congress Gala Dinner to be held at Wrest Point Hotel Hobart on Friday 16 October 2026.

### 2. Award Categories

| Category                                  | Sponsor  |
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| OHAA Oral Health Practitioner of the Year | The Golden Pikster™ sponsored by Erskine Dental   Piksters |
| OHAA Early Career Award                   | Sponsored by MIMS Drugs4dent                               |
| OHAA Quiet Achiever Award                 | Sponsored by Australian Dental Council                     |

### 3. Award Value

| Category                             | Prizes   |
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| Oral Health Practitioner of the Year | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major Prize: Trophy, Golden Pikster, \$1000 Prize money from a corporate sponsor, website/social media/email recognition.</li> <li>• All short-listed candidates will receive an Award Dinner ticket</li> </ul> |
| Early Career Award                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trophy, \$500 Prize money from a corporate sponsor, Award Dinner ticket, website/social media/email recognition</li> </ul>  |
| Quiet Achiever Award                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trophy, \$500 Prize money from a corporate sponsor, Award Dinner ticket, website/social media/email recognition</li> </ul>  |

### 4. Nomination/Application

- 4.1. Nominations are open to OHAA members
- 4.2. Nominations will only be accepted via the [online nomination](#) form (add link)
- 4.3. Complete the nomination form by:
  - Providing the nominee's name and email or mobile if known
  - Nominate the award category/s for consideration
  - Identify the nominee with as many of the assessment criteria
  - Provide a photo (headshot preferred) of the nominee
- 4.4. Members cannot self-nominate
- 4.5. Members can nominate multiple nominees (one nominee per form)

## 5. Judging

The Awards Committee will oversee the integrity and transparency of the process and the selection for all three awards will be based on the assessment criteria for each category.

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| Oral Health Practitioner of the Year | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From nominations received the awards committee selection panel will shortlist the three highest-ranked candidates utilising assessment criteria</li> <li>A panel interview (via Teams) of the shortlisted candidates will determine the highest-ranked candidate using both criteria</li> <li>The Awards Committee will provide a recommendation to the OHAA Board of Directors on the chosen candidate</li> </ul> |
| Early Career Award                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From nominations received the award committee selection panel will determine the winner utilising the criteria alignment</li> <li>The Awards Committee will provide a recommendation to the OHAA Board of Directors on the chosen candidate</li> </ul>   |
| Quiet Achiever Award                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From nominations received the award committee selection panel will determine the winner utilising the criteria alignment</li> <li>The Awards Committee will provide a recommendation to the OHAA Board of Directors on the chosen candidate</li> </ul>   |

## 6. Assessment Criteria

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| Oral Health Practitioner of the Year | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving Access to Care</li> <li>Oral health promotion and Community Engagement</li> <li>Innovation in Practice</li> <li>Contribution to the Profession and the Association</li> <li>Measurable Community Outcomes</li> <li>Sustainability and Collaboration</li> </ul>         |
| Early Career Award                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impactful Projects or Initiatives</li> <li>Innovation and Creativity</li> <li>Rural, Remote, or Underserved Work</li> <li>Contribution to the Profession and the Association</li> <li>Demonstrated Outcomes or Community Benefit</li> <li>Potential for Future Impact</li> </ul> |
| Quiet Achiever Award                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistent Clinical or Community Contribution</li> <li>Educational and Mentoring Efforts</li> <li>Practical Initiatives and Problem Solving</li> <li>Longevity and Reliability</li> <li>Community or Workplace Impact</li> <li>Initiative Without Spotlight</li> </ul>           |

## 7. Awards Committee Composition

- 7.1. The Committee shall consist of at least (1) OHAA Board Director and (2) OHAA Committee Members and the CEO.
- 7.2. The CEO will chair and oversee the committee
- 7.3. The Committee shall be established annually for the duration of the awards process

## 8. Awards Committee Responsibilities

- 8.1. Review nominations and ensure compliance with eligibility criteria
- 8.2. Each committee member is to complete the rubric for all nominations
- 8.3. Facilitate the electronic process
- 8.4. Organise the panel interviews
- 8.5. Liaise with the Congress Committee for award presentation logistics
- 8.6. Promotion of the awards by liaising with the OHAA Communications Officer to regularly communicate with members about the awards process and to the Regional Committees to encourage nominations.