

**2021 Vern-Barnett Awards  
For Excellence in Dental Assisting**



**Held in conjunction with the  
Virtual National Dental  
Assistants Conference  
13<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

# 2021 VERN-BARNETT AWARDS

Your opportunity to say Thank You to your dedicated team members and recognise their contribution to your practice.

The Vern-Barnett Award has been established to commemorate the contributions made by Kathy and Dr Brian Vern-Barnett to the education, advancement and recognition of Dental Assisting as integral members of the dental health team.

These awards honour our dental assistants (DAs) and their commitment to professional development and the provision of quality dental care. Dental assistants form the largest segment of the dental workforce and contribute to a practice's productivity. They play a key role in preserving patient retention by building the bridge of trust between patients and clinicians.

This is your opportunity to say "thank you" to your dental assistant and nominate them for one of these prestigious awards.

Has one of your team members:

- Been an outstanding professional team member, displaying exceptional dedication, diplomacy and loyalty
- Volunteered to help the disadvantaged members of community
- Promoted or participated in continuing education
- Improved the delivery of oral health service at your practice
- Great ambassador for the profession

This is your chance to recognise these individuals and acknowledge their achievements.

The following award levels are offered:

- **Excellence in Dental Assisting – Private Practice or Public Health**

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An overall award demonstrating excellence in service above and beyond expected duties.

Engraved crystal plaque & \$1,000 Visa gift card	Value	\$1,000.00
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- **Loyalty & Long Service – Private Practice**

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An award for a minimum of ten years consecutive employment with one employer.

Certificate and Visa gift card	Value	\$700.00
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- **Employer's Indispensable Multi - Skilled Right Hand – Private Practice**

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An award for that special employee your practice just can't survive without.

Certificate and Visa gift card	Value	\$600.00
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- **Community Initiative – Private Practice**

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An award for that staff member dedicated and passionate about serving their community.

Certificate and Visa gift card	Value	\$200.00
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- **Community Initiative – Public Health Oral Services**

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An award for that staff member dedicated and passionate about serving their community.

Certificate and Visa gift card Value \$200.00

- **New Employee of the Year Award – Private Practice or Public Health**

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An award for that outstanding team member with less than 1 years' experience.

Certificate and Visa gift card Value \$200.00

**To nominate your Dental Assistant, complete the nomination form and submit to DAPA for considerations by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.**

### **Conditions for nomination**

1. Nomination is open to all Dental Assistants in permanent, part-time or casual employment (confirmation with employer will be required)
2. Membership of the DAPA is not required.
3. Previous applicants may re-enter. Nominees who were unsuccessful in their applications in previous years are encouraged to re-enter.
4. Previous recipients of awards are not eligible to re-enter.
5. Members of the judging committee and their immediate relatives are not eligible.
6. No fees are payable for entry.
7. One nomination only per assistant, per practice or clinic will be accepted. Multiple nominations for the one nominee will be deemed invalid.
8. Nominations will be judged by the Vern-Barnett Award Committee –Ms Joanne Tomkins, ADA Inc representative, DAPA representative and representatives from any supporting sponsors.
9. Judge's decision is final – no correspondence will be entered into.
10. Nominations must be received on the approved nomination forms or photocopies. Additional information may be attached.
11. Nominations close 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, late nominations will not be accepted.
12. Entries may be mailed, faxed or emailed to the DAPA office.
13. Winners will be notified by 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
14. Presentation of the award will be made at the DAPA National Conference on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 recipients must consent to free use of their photo and name in relevant publications and websites of the DAPA and ADA and associated companies and for promotion of the Vern-Barnett Award.
15. All information provided about the nominee will become the property of the DAPA and viewed only by the judging committee. Nomination forms will be destroyed following the event.
16. Confirmation of employment will be required from the employer to the judging committee.

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## NOMINATION FORM

### Nominee's Details (Please use block letters)

Surname

First Name(s)

Date of employment (DD/MM/YYYY)

Things you might include in your nomination:

- Your employee's position
- Any CPD they have undertaken or organised to expand their role.
- What makes them invaluable to your practice.

### Nomination Category

**Note: Only one category of nomination per dental assistant will be accepted. Practices may nominate dental assistants for each category but each dental assistant can only be nominated for one category.**

Nominated for (please tick the category for your nominee):

- DAPA Vern-Barnett Award – Private Practice or Public Health
- Loyalty and Long Service Award – Private Practice Only
- Employer's Right Hand Award – Private Practice
- Community Imitative Award -        [ ] Private Practice    [ ] Public Health
- New Employee Award-                [ ] Private Practice    [ ] Public Health

### Important: have you attached your accompanying information?

#### Accompanying Information

- In 500 words or less, tell us why your nominee is outstanding in your practice. Please attached typewritten nomination letter, letters of recommendation, references and
- other supporting documentation as relevant to support your nomination.
- All supporting documentation must be typed and submitted to DAPA by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.
- An email confirming receipt of the nomination will be sent. It is your responsibility to contact the DAPA Office if a confirmation of receipt email is not received.
- Winners will be notified by Friday 19th February 2021
- Announcement of all awards will be held on Saturday 13th March 2021 at the DAPA National Conference Cocktail hour.

#### Lodgement Details

##### 1. Online

Scan your completed form and  
Email it to [info@dapa.asn.au](mailto:info@dapa.asn.au)

##### 2. Fax

fax your completed  
form to **02 9569 3220**

##### 3. Post

Post your completed form  
**Vern-Barnett Award Committee**  
**PO Box 40, Westgate NSW 2048**

### Nominated By (Please use block Letters)

Full Name

Practice Name

Practice Address

Suburb

State

postcode

Email

Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)