2017 Vern-Barnett Awards
For Excellence in Dental Assisting

Held in conjunction with the
12th National
Dental Assisting Conference
Saturday 16th September 2017
International Convention Centre Sydney
This is an opportunity for Dentists and staff to recognise their valued team member and nominate them for this prestigious Award.

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

Perhaps one of your team has influenced a student, volunteered to help the disadvantaged, promoted or participated in training or improved the delivery of oral health service at your practice. We know these dental assistants are truly valued employees who have a strong passion for their profession and want to share it with others. This is your chance to recognise these people and acknowledge their achievements.

The following award levels are offered:

**Excellence in Dental Assisting – Private Practice or Public Health**
An overall award demonstrating excellence in service above and beyond expected duties.
- Engraved crystal plaque & $1,000 Visa gift card
- Value $1,000.00

**Loyalty & Long Service – Private Practice**
An award for a minimum of ten years consecutive employment with one employer.
- Certificate and Visa gift card
- Value $700.00

**Employer’s Indispensable Multi-skilled Right Hand – Private Practice**
An award for that special employee your practice just can’t survive without.
- Certificate and Visa gift card
- Value $600.00

**Community Initiative – Private Practice**
An award for that staff member dedicated and passionate about serving their community.
- Certificate and Visa gift card
- Value $200.00

**Community Initiative – Public Health Oral Services**
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**
An award for that outstanding team member with less than 1 year experience.
- Certificate and Visa gift card
- Value $200.00

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The DAPA is proud to host this event to co-incide with the National Dental Assisting Conference

Here is your opportunity to say “thank you” to your dedicated team members and recognise their contribution to your practice.

[Image of Vern Barnett Award Winner 2015]

Sarah Burne receiving her award from Mrs Kathy Vern-Barnett

Nomination forms for each category are available to download from www.dapa.asn.au
The Award will be presented to the outstanding Dental Assistant who exhibits:

- Outstanding team member
- Exceptional dedication, diplomacy and loyalty
- Attention to patient’s needs, care and comfort
- Commitment to professional development via ongoing education
- Great ambassador for the profession
- Contributes to the ethical standards of dentistry in dealing with patients, the public and the dental profession.
- Promotes and participates in professional development and education of the team.

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, Dr Bill O’Reilly (HPCA), DAPA representatives and representatives from any supporting sponsors.
9. Judges 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 5pm Friday 28th July 2017, late nominations will not be accepted.
12. Entries may be mailed, faxed or emailed to the DAPA office.
13. Winners will be notified by 23rd August 2017.
14. Presentation of the award will be made at the DAPA National Conference on Saturday 16th September 2017 at the International Convention Centre Sydney. Winners should make every attempt to be available to attend this award presentation.
15. The 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.
16. 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.
17. 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)**

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<th>Surname</th>
<th>First Name(s)</th>
<th>Date of employment (DD/MM/YYYY)</th>
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**Nominated By (Please use block Letters)**

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<th>Full Name</th>
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**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 5pm Friday 28th July 2017. (see lodgement details below)
- An email confirming receipt of the nomination will be sent and it is your responsibility to contact the DAPA Office if a confirmation of receipt email is not received.
- Winners will be notified by Friday 25th August 2017
- Presentation of all awards will be held in Sydney, 5pm on Saturday 16th September 2017 at the DAPA National Conference Cocktail hour.
- Winners should make every attempt to be available to attend this award presentation. Partners and employers welcome.

**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](tel:0295693220)

3. **Post**
   - Post your completed form to [Vern-Barnett Award Committee PO Box 40, Westgate NSW 2048](mailto:Vern-Barnett Award Committee PO Box 40, Westgate NSW 2048)