

## Award Selection

- > AHA invites one nomination from each of its member organisations (including associate members and service providers). Member organisations should provide a letter of endorsement of the applicant as their nominee.
- > Applicants should complete a nomination form, provide answers to the selection criteria and a copy of their CV.
- > The AHA selection panel will recommend a candidate to the AHA Board from the nominations.

### Nominations

Open: 1 September

Close: 30 September

Award winner announced:

25 November at AHA Members' Forum.

### Selection criteria

The selection panel will consider applicants' responses to the following questions:

- > How have you contributed to animal health in Australia? Describe your current role or involvement.
- > What is your vision for animal health for the next 5-10 years?
- > How do you see yourself contributing to that vision?
- > What are your personal goals within animal health for the next 2-5 years? And how would winning this award help you achieve that?
- > Provide an outline of your proposed use of the award, if you were successful.

**APPLY NOW**

Email nominations to: [award@animalhealthaustralia.com.au](mailto:award@animalhealthaustralia.com.au)



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**Animal Health Australia**

**2015**

**Ralph Hood  
Award**

**Nominations  
now open!**

The Ralph Hood Award rewards individuals with leadership potential and a strong commitment to improving animal health in Australia by providing recognition and career enhancement opportunities.

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# Ralph Hood



Mr Ralph Hood was Chief Executive of AHA from 2003 to 2007. During his tenure and throughout his career, Ralph made a valuable contribution to Australia's livestock industries through his constructive leadership and unobtrusive advocacy.

Ralph's background was in agricultural science and he had a long and distinguished career with the Australian

Meat and Livestock Corporation, including several senior overseas postings. Ralph worked well with

people from a wide range of disciplines and was inclusive in his approach to animal health decision making.

The Animal Health Australia Ralph Hood Award honours the memory of Ralph, who passed away in February 2010. In recognition of Ralph's contribution, the award is designed to encourage and support a commitment to Australia's national animal health system. It acknowledges someone with leadership potential and a strong commitment to improve animal health in Australia.

AHA invites one nomination from each of its member organisations.

Members should nominate someone whom they believe could best respond to the selection considerations.

The recipient could be from any area of the animal health system including: laboratory, research, education, extension, communications, economics, advocacy or policy development.

# The Award

- > One \$15,000 grant is awarded each year.
- > The AHA Board approves the use of the funds and the company is responsible for administration.
- > The award grant should generally be utilised within two years.

The applicant is selected based on their commitment to and (potential) contribution to Australia's national animal health system.

## The recipient must:

- work or intend to work in the field of animal health in Australia
- not have previously received the award.



2014 Ralph Hood Award to Dr Andrew Bean

## Using the grant

There is considerable flexibility regarding the use of the funds, however the award is not intended as a substitute for other sources of research funding. Examples of how the funds could be spent include:

- continuing education, e.g. a scholarship for postgraduate study in veterinary public health, agricultural economics, management, leadership or other relevant area
- personal development opportunities such as a national or international conference or study tour, work experience, secondment or internship with a recognised expert or with a relevant organisation
- a discrete project with a defined outcome, e.g. knowledge transfer
- other; applicants can be creative in their proposed use of the funds.