

Animal Welfare Award

Want to become recognised as a leader in design and practice of positive animal health environments ?

Does your saleyard or lairage consider positive animal health environments paramount to your operation?

Are the livestock in your facility provided with infrastructure that provides optimum animal welfare standards?

Has your operation implemented innovative practices or infrastructure to better manage animal welfare outcomes?

Are your staff provided with support, training and development to ensure your internal policies are implemented?

Is your business a member of the Australian Livestock Markets Association?

Then don't wait any longer, submit your nomination for the 2017 Animal Welfare in Saleyards and Lairages Award.

Why did ALMA create an excellence in Animal Welfare Award?

ALMA is the peak national body representing saleyards and lairages in Australia.

ALMA works strategically to guide, support, promote and augment the growth of innovative, sustainable and responsible Australian livestock markets with the highest level of honesty, integrity and corporate governance.

ALMA recognises that this industry understands that positive animal health environments are fundamental to the operation of saleyards and lairages, and through design and practice those involved in the industry work to promote desirable animal welfare outcomes.

ALMA wants these positive animal welfare practices and outcomes to be encouraged, recognised and supported throughout the industry.

ALMA is also keen to foster innovation in regard to the promotion and practice of positive health environments.

In recognition, ALMA created a National Award for Animal Welfare in Saleyards and Lairages.

The award comprises a perpetual shield which the winner will hold for 12 months, as well as a plaque that the winner retains in perpetuity.



I For further information contact ALMA 02 6373 1435
Submit nominations to: info@australiansaleyards.com.au or
PO Box 833 Mudgee NSW 2850 by COB Friday 30 June 2017

FAQs

Does the nominee need to be a current ALMA financial member to nominate? **Yes, they must be a current financial ALMA member.**

Can an individual apply? **No. All nominees must be an entity - individuals whilst an important part of animal welfare in saleyards can not be nominated.**

How detailed does the nomination need to be? **ALMA does not need an essay but does require evidence to back up your comments. Briefly address each of the judging criteria and attach examples, documents/photos to back up your claims.**

Can I nominate another business? **Yes - as long as the nominee is an entity and a member of ALMA it can be nominated by a third party.**



The widespread nurturing of animals across practically all cultures demonstrates a powerful connection between humans and animals. People who are devoted to pets or raise livestock, have this connection and caring for animals in their DNA.

This award recognises that our industry does not condone animal cruelty and that we all work for positive animal health environments at all times.

How to apply?

Make sure the nominee is eligible.

Read *What are the judging criteria?*

Prepare the nomination by briefly addressing each and all of the judging criteria remembering to attach any other relevant documentation.

Submit the nomination by 5pm Friday 30 June 2017.

What are the judging criteria?

All nominations will be judged by the following criteria.

- 1. Staff training and development** - evidence of animal welfare related staff training or training and development plans.
- 2. Animal welfare policy and procedure** - evidence of documented animal welfare policy and procedure.
- 3. Communication and implementation** - evidence of how animal welfare policy and procedure is communicated and implemented.
- 4. Water and feed** - evidence of arrangements to ensure that livestock have appropriate access to water and feed.
- 5. Facilities and infrastructure** - evidence of the suitability (compliance with Australian Model Code of Practice for Saleyards and Lairages) of infrastructure including:
 - ramps;
 - drafts;
 - selling pens;
 - flooring;
 - shade/shelter;
 - receival yards;
 - delivery pens;
 - feed yards.
- 6. Unfit stock** - evidence of procedures and process for the:
 - identification of sick, injured, diseased or unfit stock;
 - humane destruction of unfit stock;
 - methods utilised for humane destruction;
 - penalties imposed on person(s) or business sending /delivering / accepting unfit stock to the saleyard or lairage.

7. Certification - evidence of any animal welfare related third party certification eg NSQA.

8. Innovation - evidence of innovative animal welfare practice, policy, procedure, standard, infrastructure or control of animal welfare related matters.

A site visit may be carried out by an ALMA representative to gather additional information to assist the judging panel make its final decision.

The judging panel's decision is final and not negotiable. No discussion or correspondence in relation to this decision shall be entered into.

The Award will be presented to the winner at the Annual National Saleyards Expo.