

PIAA MEMBER AWARDS

PIAA Boarder/Dog Day Care of Excellence Awards

Samford Pet Resorts

PIAA Breeder of Excellence Awards

Off the Edge Labradoodles

PIAA Retailer of Excellence Awards

We Know Pets Bowral

PIAA Groomer of Excellence Award

Paw Print Lane

PIAA Supplier/Manufacturer of Excellence Award

Frontier Pets

PIAA Pet Services of Excellence Award

Time Out Pet Care

PIAA Dog Trainer of Excellence Award

Glenn Cooke - Pet Resorts Australia

PIAA Education Achievement Award

Lochinvar Pet Motel

PIAA AUSPET BEST NEW PRODUCT AWARDS

Best new cat product

Animalistic Pet Products - Cat cabana cat enclosure

Best new dog product

Pet Widget - Pet Widget badge classic

Best new reptile product

Oz Aquarium Distributors - Bio Pod

Best new aquaria product

Spectrum Brands - Tetra Fresh Delica

Best new product other

Vetafarm - Synbiotic 180-S

PIAA AUSPET BEST DISPLAY AWARDS

Best single display

Vetafarm

Best display 2-4 booths

Central Pet

Best display over 4 booths

Yummi Pet

Best new exhibitor

Dr Zoo

Best custom stand

Masterpet

Best aquaria display

Oz Aquarium Distributors



Bob Croucher



Davy Kong

The PIAA 2 major awards were presented at the PIAA Annual Dinner in conjunction with AusPet 2017 on Friday October 20.

The PIAA/Petplan Kevin Pakes Perpetual Achievement Award is awarded in recognition of service to and achievement in the Australian Pet Industry over the past 12 months.

The recipient of this year's award is Davy Kong from Kong's Australia. Kong's Australia was formed in 1991 and in 25 plus years has progressed to become a leading national distributor of aquarium and pet products under the "ONE" brand. The "ONE" motto is: "To be number 1 in every market we serve".

Davy Kong arrived in Australia in 1990 with a container of products and a vision. He began by selling stock from the back of his car to aquarium retailers around Sydney and through years of hard work and persistence, built the business to where it is today. Davy's vision is that the relationship between the company and its customers is of paramount importance. At every step, Kong's is engaged with its customers to meet their needs and evolve to the demands of the market.

Kong's continues to grow by meeting the needs of their customers with innovative quality products backed up by excellence in customer service. Petplan are proud sponsors of this award and send their congratulations to Davy Kong.

The PIAA/Bayer Pioneer Award is awarded for 20 plus years' association (with a high level of achievement) within the Australian Pet Industry, whilst retaining an active role.

The recipient of this year's award is Bob Croucher from Pet Industry News. Bob has a long standing career in the Pet Industry. He has managed retail pet shops in Sydney and has been the publisher of the trade magazine "Pet Industry News" since its inception in 1991. Bob was also a National Director of the PIAA for more than 8 years

Bob is well versed in corporate governance issues, he has a wide view on national issues, is very well networked, a great marketer and brought experience and analysis to the Board team. During his period as director Bob was chairperson of the Reptile Committee successfully obtaining the rights to sell reptiles in NSW. He was also Chairperson of the PIAA Ethics Committee successfully resolving ethical problems through mediation. During the period of change within the Association Bob temporarily took the helm until a full time CEO was appointed.

Bayer Animal Health sponsored this award, which was present to Bob by Lisa Wallace Bayer NSW Northern Area Manager. ■