



AVC26 Conference

7-8 May 2026 ▪ The Island Gold Coast

This is the premier thought leadership event for professional valuers and auctioneers, bringing together leading voices, critical insights and meaningful connections. Key issues to be addressed include:

- So you're thinking of selling your business ...
- The economic outlook and what it means for the sector ...
- What does the use of artificial intelligence mean for valuers ...
- Are regulators looking at business differently in an online world ...
- The data on the valuation and auction sector and where you fit in ...

It is where ideas are tested, standards are shaped and relationships built, ensuring that you'll be in a position to navigate change, lead, adapt and succeed. The practical messages will help you be part of what defines professionalism.

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The **AVC26 Conference** over 7-8 May 2026 on the Gold Coast is where your professional community comes together. It is where valuers and auctioneers step out of the day to day and reconnect with the people, ideas and conversations shaping the future of the sector. You will be surrounded by peers who understand your work, your challenges and your ambition to lead with confidence, credibility and purpose.

Across the program, you will hear directly from respected leaders in government and the business community whose decisions influence the economic, regulatory and policy environment in which you operate. Their perspectives will help you make sense of change, identify emerging risks and spot opportunities before they become obvious to the rest of the market. This is insight you can act on.

The **AVC26 Conference** stands as the premier thought leadership event for the valuation and auctions profession. It is carefully designed to move beyond theory and deliver real, practical value. You will gain takeaways that strengthen your reputation for excellence, sharpen your professional judgement and position you to respond confidently to the rapid evolution of technology, artificial intelligence and regulatory expectations.

Who Should Attend —

- Established auctioneers and valuers advancing professional excellence.
- Emerging professionals and entrants building careers in sector.
- Business owners and leaders driving strategy and growth.
- Government and policymakers engaging directly with industry leaders.
- Legal and financial advisors supporting compliance and business growth.

Equally important is the sense of connection. This is where relationships are reinforced and new ones are formed. Conversations over coffee, during sessions and at networking events often lead to opportunities, collaborations and long term professional partnerships. Being present and part of the conversations places you at the centre of your professional network.

There is also a clear signal in showing up. Attendance demonstrates commitment to your craft and positions you as someone invested in leadership within the sector. It builds your professional standing and ensures you are part of the conversations that influence direction and standards.

If you are serious about your future, the **AVC26 Conference** is not something to watch from the sidelines. It is where leaders gather, where ideas are tested and where the profession moves forward. Being there matters

Secure your place at the **AVC26 Conference** by booking a ticket via the website.

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Book Your Tickets Today
AVC26 Conference ■ 7-8 May 2026 ■ Gold Coast



Date & Timings

Wednesday, 6 May 2026 – Welcome reception
5.30pm to 7.00pm

Thursday, 7 May 2026 – Conference main sessions
10.00am to 5.00pm

Thursday, 7 May 2026 – Dinner
6.30pm to 9.30pm

Friday, 8 May 2026 – Conference break-out sessions
9.00am to 12.30pm

Friday, 8 May 2026 – Networking poolside drinks
From 12.30pm



Conference & Accommodation Location

The Island Gold Coast
3128 Surfers Paradise Boulevard
Surfers Paradise, Queensland



Ticket Prices

The full registration includes the main plenary session, break-out sessions, welcome reception, lunch and dinner.

- AVAA Members – Full ticket including events: \$845ea
- Nonmembers – Full ticket including events: \$995ea

Additional tickets for the welcome reception and dinner are available if you're bringing a partner or work colleagues.

- Welcome Reception – Additional ticket: \$65ea
- Dinner – Additional ticket: \$225ea



Online Registration

You can register and pay online via the website at:
www.avaa.com.au/avc26-bookings





Conference
Networking Events

The **AVC26 Conference** offers an unparalleled networking opportunity that goes well beyond simply attending sessions. It brings together the people shaping the future of auctioneering and valuation, creating an environment where meaningful connections happen naturally and conversations carry real value.

This is your chance to meet the industry's leaders, those setting direction, influencing standards, and driving change across the sector. You are not just hearing from them, you are engaging with them directly. Whether it is over coffee, during a session break, at lunch, or in the evening, the access is genuine and the conversations are real.

What makes the **AVC26 Conference** different is the quality and intent of the connections. Every delegate is there for a reason, to learn, to contribute, and to grow. That creates a shared mindset that turns introductions into opportunities. Ideas are exchanged openly, perspectives are challenged constructively, and relationships are built on a common understanding of the profession.

These are the kinds of connections that do not happen in isolation. They happen when the right people are in the same place, at the same time, focused on the same issues. That is exactly what the **AVC26 Conference** delivers for you.

If you are there, you become part of that network. You position yourself alongside peers and leaders who are actively shaping the profession's future. If you are not, those conversations still happen, just without you. The insights are shared, the relationships are formed, and the opportunities are created.

The **AVC26 Conference** is where the profession comes together, and where your next business collaboration could very well begin

Thursday, 7 May 2026
AVC26 Conference ■ Networking Events



6 May 2026
5.30pm

AVC26 Conference – Welcome Reception (Partner Tickets Available)

Join the welcome reception and connect in a relaxed, informal setting designed to start conversations. This is your opportunity to meet fellow delegates, speakers, and industry leaders, share insights, and build valuable relationships early. Whether you're new or returning, it sets the tone for the conference and helps you get more from every session.

7 May 2026
12.30pm

AVC26 Conference – Lunch

The conference lunch gives you a valuable opportunity to connect in a more relaxed setting. It's where conversations from the morning continue, ideas are explored in greater depth, and introductions turn into meaningful professional relationships. You can ask questions of speakers and panelists plus share your perspectives.

7 May 2026
6.30pm

AVC26 Conference – Dinner (Partner Tickets Available)

Join an unforgettable conference dinner where great food, wine, conversation, and connection come together. Celebrate the profession, strengthen relationships, and enjoy a relaxed, high-quality evening with colleagues and leaders. Partner tickets are available, making it easy to share the experience with someone special.

6 May 2026
5.30pm

AVC26 Conference – Poolside Drinks (Optional Event)

Poolside drinks offer an optional opportunity to unwind and connect in a relaxed setting. It's a chance to step away from the program, strengthen relationships with colleagues old and new, and continue conversations in a more informal environment. Enjoy the atmosphere, share experiences, and build connections that last well beyond the event.





Main Conference Sessions

These sessions give you the opportunity to step back from day to day operations and clearly understand the broader environment shaping your work in the valuation and auction sectors.

As a valuer or auctioneer, you operate in markets influenced by regulation, economic conditions, technology, and changing client expectations. By engaging with these forces, you strengthen your ability to lead, adapt, and make confident decisions.

Even if you rely on experience and established practice, this context adds real value. As the landscape continues to evolve, staying informed ensures your judgement remains sharp and relevant. Rather than relying on past assumptions, you'll gain a clear understanding of what is changing and how those changes create opportunity while also helping you manage risk.

These sessions focus on practical insight that you can apply directly to your business. They highlight the trends and pressures shaping your profession and translate them into clear, usable understanding. You will leave better equipped to anticipate change, position your business effectively, and engage clients with greater confidence and authority in your advice.

By connecting regulatory settings, market trends, and economic signals, the sessions provide you with a stronger sense of direction. You can interpret developments in your own market more clearly, make more informed calls, and act with purpose rather than simply reacting as change unfolds around you.

Ultimately, these **AVC26 Conference** sessions support better decision making across every aspect of your business. From pricing and risk management to client engagement and future investment, you gain a broader perspective and a stronger foundation to grow and succeed in a changing professional environment.

Thursday, 7 May 2026
AVC26 Conference ■ Main Sessions



9.15am
(45 Mins)

Registration Desk Opens

Collect your name tag, enjoy coffee, and connect with delegates, speakers, panelists and sponsors as conversations begin and ideas start flowing.

10.00am
(15 Mins)

Welcome

Tim Slattery CAAA — National President, Auctioneers & Valuers Association of Australia

Learn how the 2025–30 AVAA Strategic Plan is reshaping how AVAA supports the valuation and auction professions, strengthens professional standards, delivers effective advocacy and member services, and positions auctioneers and valuers to navigate regulatory change, technology, and evolving market expectations with confidence.

10.15am
(45 Mins)

Small Business In The Digital Age

Mick Keogh — Deputy Commissioner, Australian Competition & Consumer Commission

Hear directly from the ACCC on issues facing small businesses in the digital age, with practical insight into regulatory risks, consumer law duties, online trading obligations and data practices, helping business managers understand their obligations, avoid costly mistakes and remain compliant in an increasingly digital marketplace.

11.00am
(45 Mins)

Ad Advocacy Agenda That Supports Auctioneers & Valuers

Skye Cappuccio — Chief Executive Officer, Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia

Find out how the Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia (COSBOA) advocacy is supporting your organisation by reducing red tape, improving regulatory settings, and strengthening digital capability. It highlights policy priorities that help valuation firms remain competitive, compliant, and resilient while contributing to a stronger economy.

11.45am
(45 Mins)

Australia's Economic Outlook

Peter Munckton — Chief Economist, Bank of Queensland

This presentation examines Australia's outlook, exploring trends shaping growth, inflation, interest rates, consumer confidence and business investment. It considers how changing conditions affect asset markets, helping valuers and auctioneers understand risks, opportunities, helping them consider their business' future strategy.

12.45pm
(45 Mins)

Networking Lunch





Main Conference Sessions

The pace of technological change in the valuation and auction sectors is no longer gradual, it is immediate and visible in how you operate, compete, and deliver advice. At the **AVC26 Conference** we explore the opportunities and risks.

Data, artificial intelligence, and digital systems are already shaping how assets are assessed, how markets are interpreted, and how clients expect services to be delivered. Staying across these shifts is now central to maintaining relevance and confidence in your work.

What makes this moment different is the combination of technology with real, emerging data about the sector itself. You are not just hearing about change in theory, you are seeing how it is playing out across businesses like yours. From workforce capability and digital adoption to regulatory pressures and risk exposure, the insights provide a grounded, evidence based picture of where the profession stands and where it is heading.

This is where the opportunity sits. Technology is not simply about efficiency, it is reshaping professional judgement, client expectations, and competitive positioning. When you understand how to use it well, you strengthen your advice, improve consistency, and reinforce trust with clients who expect clarity and confidence.

At the same time, increased digital capability brings new responsibilities. Cyber risk, data integrity, and professional accountability are now core parts of running a modern practice. Understanding how to manage these risks is essential to protecting both your business and your reputation.

If you are in the room, you gain clarity, context, and practical direction. If you are not, you risk missing the moment where the profession is actively redefining how it works, how it competes, and how it grows in a technology driven environment.

Thursday, 7 May 2026
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1.15pm
(45 Mins)

AI As An Enabler In A Changing Market

Thamasha (Tam) Galahana — Founder, Enble AI

This session examines the practical utility of AI as a tool for auctioneers and valuers, improving efficiency without replacing professional judgement. It covers hallucination controls, verification practices, and governance frameworks, providing strategies for integrating AI into practice while maintaining consistency and professional standards.

2.00pm
(45 Mins)

If Artificial Intelligence Can Value Assets, Do We Need Valuers?

Geoff Eaton CA^{AV} — Gordon Brothers
Leticia Hoffman — Director, The Fine Art Group
Tim Slattery CA^{AV} — Chief Executive Officer, Slattery Auctions

This panel discussion examines how artificial intelligence is reshaping valuation practice, from data aggregation to report preparation, and what this means for valuers. It explores concerns about displacement, emerging opportunities, ethical boundaries, and how valuers adapt their skills and judgement in an AI-augmented future.

2.45pm
(45 Mins)

Cyber Risk Leadership For Small Professional Practices

Ivano Bogiovanni — Senior Lecturer, University of Queensland School of Business

In an environment of digital threats, valuers and auctioneers must treat cybersecurity as a core governance obligation. This session looks at the threats and offers practical cyber-risk leadership approaches for your business, looking at staff behaviour, controls, incident readiness, and client trust, helping your strengthen resilience in a low-cost way.

3.30pm
(45 Mins)

Afternoon Tea

4.00pm
(15 Mins)

Australia's Auction & Valuation Sector

Troy Williams — Chief Executive, Auctioneers & Valuers Association of Australia

Be present for the launch of AVAA's biennial industry snapshot, presenting statistical insights of the valuation and auction sectors. It highlights operating realities, workforce and digital capability trends, regulatory burdens, emerging risks, and future opportunities, providing an evidence base for business decisions and policy advocacy.

4.15pm
(45 Mins)

Navigating The Sector's Risks And Opportunities In Real Time

Interactive Discussion With Speakers & Delegates

This highly interactive session places you at the centre of the conversation, working through scenarios to identify opportunities, risks and threats facing valuers and auctioneers. Through guided discussions, you'll test responses, challenge assumptions and build a clearer, more confident approach to navigating change.

6.30pm
(8 Hours)

Conference Dinner



Valuers' & Auctioneers'
Break-out Sessions

Working in the art market demands more than expertise in objects, it requires a clear understanding of the legal, ethical and commercial environment shaping every transaction. As a valuer or auctioneer, you operate in a space where questions of authenticity, title, rights and disclosure sit at the centre of how you assess risk, advise clients and protect your professional standing.

These AVC26 Conference break-out sessions will give you that broader context. They bring into focus the realities of operating in high value, highly scrutinised markets where expectations around compliance and accountability continue to increase. If you are involved in valuing or transacting art, this is the environment you are already working within, whether you see it directly or not.

You will gain a clearer understanding of how artists' rights, legal obligations and documentation requirements shape both valuation and sale processes. These are not abstract considerations, they influence how you form opinions, structure advice and manage client relationships. Being across them strengthens your credibility and reduces exposure to risk.

At the same time, the discussions extends beyond art alone. By considering how different asset classes are approached, you gain perspective on what remains consistent and what must adapt. This broader lens sharpens your professional judgement and highlights where traditional methods continue to hold value and where they must evolve.

If your work touches the art sector, these sessions will resonate. They bring together the issues that define trust, transparency and professionalism in the market today. Being part of the conversation ensures you remain informed, confident and well positioned in a sector where expectations continue to rise.

Friday, 8 May 2026

AVC26 Conference ■ Valuation & Auction Sessions



8.30am
(30 Mins)

Arrival Tea & Coffee

9.00am
(45 Mins)

Protecting Artists' Rights And What It Means For You

Louise Buckingham — Chief Executive Officer, Arts Law Centre of Australia

This presentation examines artists' rights and their growing impact on auctioneers and valuers. It explores copyright, resale royalty schemes, moral rights and disclosure obligations, highlighting how these affect valuation, sale processes, risk management and professional responsibilities across the art market.

9.45am
(45 Mins)

Different Asset Classes But Is There A Common Approach?

Jonathan Merin CMAU — Director, TCG Valuations
Catherine Asquith CMAU — Director, Catherine Asquith Art Advisory
Nathan Gore-Brown — Director, ZEV Integrations

This panel explores the similarities and differences in valuing and auctioning collectables, artwork and electric vehicles. It examines market drivers, condition and authenticity, technology impacts, buyer behaviour and risk, highlighting how professionals adapt valuation methods and sale strategies across diverse asset classes.

10.30am
(30 Mins)

Morning Tea

11.00am
(45 Mins)

Managing Risk & Compliance In Art Transactions

Alana Kushnir — Director, Aurelian Lawyers & Advisers

This session focuses on managing legal risk and compliance across art and luxury assets. It examines title, authenticity, resale royalties, privacy, consumer law and documentation, offering practical guidance for auctioneers and valuers operating in complex, high-value and increasingly regulated markets.

11.45am
(45 Mins)

Galleries' Engagement With Valuers & Auctioneers

David Don — General Manager, HOTA Gallery

Join an interactive discussion where speakers and delegates explore what the future of the valuation and auction professions will look like. In the context of AI, increasing legal and compliance obligations, and economic uncertainty, examine how roles, skills, and business models will evolve, and what it takes to remain relevant, trusted, and a commercial success.

12.30pm

Networking Poolside Drinks



Industry Managers' Break-out Sessions

As a manager or business owner, you are not just responding to change, you are shaping how your business will operate, compete, and grow in the years ahead. The environment facing auctioneers and valuers is becoming more complex, with shifting market conditions, increasing regulatory expectations, and evolving client behaviour all influencing strategic decisions.

These sessions are designed with that responsibility in mind. They focus on the practical realities of running and positioning a business, giving you insight into the risks, opportunities, and decisions that will define the sector's future. This is not abstract discussion. It is grounded in the issues you deal with every day, from workforce compliance and operational risk through to market positioning and long term planning.

You will engage directly with perspectives on where the sector is heading and have the opportunity to test your own thinking against peers in real time. Understanding how others are interpreting risk, prioritising investment, and responding to change provides valuable context for your own strategy. It sharpens decision making and helps you move with greater confidence.

At the same time, the AVC26 Conference will review fundamentals that underpin sustainable business performance. Managing workplace obligations, maintaining compliance, and understanding risk in evolving sales environments are essential to protecting your business while enabling growth. These are areas where small missteps can have significant consequences, making clarity and awareness critical.

Finally, the discussion extends to longer term strategic decisions, including what it means to build, position, and potentially exit a business. Whether you are planning for growth, succession, or sale, understanding how your business is viewed in the market gives you a clear advantage.

8.30am (30 Mins) Arrival Tea & Coffee

9.00am (45 Mins) Managing Legal Risks In Sight-Unseen Auctions
Meighan Heard – Chief Risk & Integrity Officer, Slatery Auctions
Geoff Alway – Managing Director, Always Collectables

This panel brings industry leaders together to examine how businesses protect themselves when auctioning collectables, machinery, vehicles and art online. Discussion will focus on managing consumer expectations, disclosures and complaints, reducing dispute risk, and maintaining trust where second-hand condition and buyer perceptions often diverge.

9.45am (45 Mins) Workplace Compliance Risks And Your Business
Caroline Beasley – Senior Associate, Cowell Clark Lawyers

This panel explores the similarities and differences in valuing and auctioning collectables, artwork and electric vehicles. It examines market drivers, condition and authenticity, technology impacts, buyer behaviour and risk, highlighting how professionals adapt valuation methods and sale strategies across diverse asset classes.

10.30am (30 Mins) Morning Tea

11.00am (45 Mins) So You're Thinking Of Selling Your Business?
Ian Jones – Co-founder, www.businesssales.com.au

This presentation explores the market for buying and selling businesses, examining what drives purchaser demand, valuation expectations and transaction activity. It considers profitability, growth potential, industry trends, and risk, helping owners understand how buyers assess opportunities and what influences timing, pricing and getting the deal done.

11.45am (45 Mins) Perspectives On The Future Of The Sector
Caroline Tickner – AVAA National Vice President (Moderator)
Stephen Lester – Managing Director, Cox Automotive Australia
Joined By Speakers, Panelists & Delegate Conversation

A facilitated, fast-paced forum your views on the future of auctioneering and valuation. Using live polling from your mobile device, you'll test priorities, risks, and advocacy needs in real time, with results displayed instantly to drive focused, purposeful discussion across the sector. It's a session that will help drive AVAA's strategy.

12.30pm Networking Poolside Drinks





Conference
Guest Speakers

At the **AVC26 Conference** you are gaining direct insight from leaders outside it who shape the environment in which you operate. These are voices from government, the legal profession, the business community, and emerging technology, each bringing a perspective you cannot access through day to day practice alone.

This matters because your business does not operate in isolation. Regulatory expectations, economic conditions, legal frameworks, and technological change are all set and influenced beyond the sector. Hearing directly from those leading these areas gives you clarity on what is coming, why it is happening, and how it will affect your work as a valuer or auctioneer.


At the **AVC26 Conference** you will gain practical insight into how regulators are thinking, how policy is evolving, and where compliance expectations are heading. You will better understand the legal risks and obligations shaping transactions, and how to manage them with confidence. At the same time, economic perspectives help you interpret market signals, giving you a stronger foundation for pricing, strategy, and client advice.


Equally important is the exposure to broader business thinking. Understanding how other sectors approach growth, risk, and transformation challenges your assumptions and sharpens your strategic approach. Technology leaders provide a clear view of how tools like AI are being applied in practice, helping you see what is possible and what is necessary.


These perspectives are valuable because they sit just beyond your immediate field of vision, yet directly impact your decisions. Being in the room allows you to connect those insights to your own business in the valuation and auction sectors.


It is this combination of external expertise and practical relevance that makes this event uniquely valuable for those serious about staying ahead.

 **Mick Keogh – Australian Competition & Consumer Commission**
Deputy Commissioner

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Session Panelists

You will be in the room with the people shaping the future of the valuation and auction professions. These are industry leaders and innovators who, through their roles within AVAA or their thought leadership in the sector, are actively defining valuation and auction standards, practice ... and the direction of the sector.

These are the valuation and auction professionals who deal with the same challenges you face, but at a level where decisions carry broader impact. Through their AVAA leadership role or respected position in the sector, they set expectations around professionalism, ethics, risk, and performance. They are often the first to engage with emerging issues, whether that is technology, regulation, market change, or client expectations, and to translate those into practical approaches for the profession.

Hearing from them matters because it gives you direct access to how the sector is thinking and evolving. You'll gain insight not just into what is happening, but why it is happening, and how leading professionals are responding. That perspective helps you test your own approach, challenge assumptions, and refine your decision making.


The conversations at the **AVC26 Conference** will be grounded in real experience, informed by active involvement in the profession's development. You'll hear what is working, what is not, and where the opportunities lie for those prepared to adapt and lead.

By being in the room, you position yourself alongside those shaping the profession's future. You gain clarity, context, and confidence in how you respond to change within your own business.

If you are serious about staying relevant, competitive, and forward looking, the **AVC26 Conference** is where you need to be.


 **Tim Slattery** CAAU – AVAA National President ♦
Chief Executive Officer, Slattery Auctions

 **Caroline Tickner** CVAU – AVAA National Vice President ♦
Director, Caroline Tickner Jewellery Services

 **Geoff Alway** CVAU – Always Collectables
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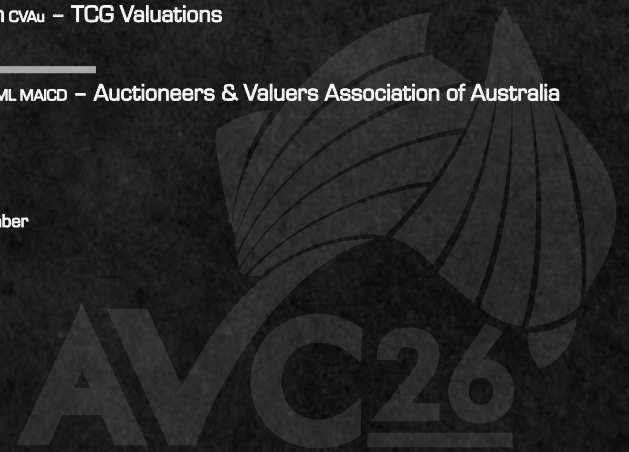
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Experience
Queensland's Gold Coast

Attending the **AVC26 Conference** is not only an investment in your professional capability, it is also an opportunity to reset, reflect, and recharge in one of Australia's most dynamic destinations. The Gold Coast offers a rare balance of energy and ease, making it the ideal place to step away from day-to-day pressures and return to your work with renewed clarity, focus, and perspective.

Between sessions, or by extending your stay, delegates can immerse themselves in a vibrant cultural and lifestyle scene that complements the conference experience. The region's galleries present a diverse mix of contemporary, Indigenous, and investment-grade works, offering valuable insight for valuers and those engaged in the arts and collectibles markets. Time spent in these spaces sharpens judgement, deepens market awareness, and reinforces the importance of cultural context within professional practice.

The Gold Coast's theatre scene adds another dimension. From intimate productions through to larger stage performances, it offers a chance to engage with creativity, storytelling, and presentation in ways that resonate with professionals whose work relies on interpretation, communication, and confidence.

Dining on the Gold Coast is equally compelling. From refined restaurants through to relaxed beachfront venues and rooftop settings, there is no shortage of places to connect with peers, clients, and new contacts. These informal moments often become the most valuable conversations of the conference, where ideas are explored more openly and relationships are genuinely strengthened.

Beyond this, the natural environment plays a powerful role. Early morning walks along the coastline, time spent by the ocean, and the region's subtropical climate create space to think differently and more strategically. It is an environment that encourages reflection, clarity, and better decision-making.

Importantly, taking this time is not indulgent, it is strategic. The best professionals recognise that performance is sustained through balance, perspective, and renewal.

The **AVC26 Conference** is designed to challenge and inspire. The Gold Coast ensures you leave not only better informed, but re-energised, better connected, and ready to lead with confidence in a changing environment.

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The Venue ■ The Island Gold Coast

The Island Gold Coast is a venue that is as productive as it is enjoyable. Staying onsite places you in the centre of the conference experience, where professional connection continues well beyond the formal program.

The accommodation is boutique in style, with modern rooms, private balconies, and thoughtful design that blends comfort with functionality, ideal for both rest and preparation.

The pool and deck area provide a relaxed, alfresco environment where you can unwind between sessions or continue conversations in a more informal setting, with poolside food and drink enhancing the experience.

The venue's bars and rooftop spaces are a standout. From rooftop drinks to quality dining and bar experiences, these spaces create the perfect atmosphere to connect with leaders in the valuation and auction sectors.



Getting To The Venue

Coolangatta Airport is just 25 kilometres from the venue, making arrival simple and efficient. Taxis and reshare services take around 40 minutes, while shuttle buses and car hire are readily available. It is a straightforward journey that gets you from arrival to the conference environment quickly and without complication.

Brisbane Airport is approximately 85 kilometres away, with several convenient options available. Airtrain connects the airport to Brisbane, linking with the Gold Coast line, followed by the G-Link tram to Surfers Paradise. Alternatively, direct shuttles, car hire, or a 60 to 90 minute drive provide flexible and reliable access.





The Auctioneers and Valuers Association of Australia (AVAA) is a member-led national professional association representing auctioneers and valuers working across fine art, antiques, collectables, goods, vehicles, plant and equipment.

AVAA exists to support the professionals in the sector, those who build trust with clients, exercise independent expert judgement, and uphold high ethical and professional standards every day.

Our Vision

A profession where auctioneers and valuers are recognised, respected, and trusted for their expertise, integrity, and professionalism, with members proudly identified through the AVAA Certified Auctioneer (CAAu) and AVAA Certified Valuer (CVAu) credentials.

Our Mission

To advance the careers and standing of professionals holding the CAAu and CVAu credentials by setting clear professional and ethical standards, delivering quality education, and being an effective voice for the auction and valuation sectors in a changing market.

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