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AVC26 Conference Looks At The Auction & Valuation Business Environment

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The [Auctioneers and Valuers Association of Australia \(AVAA\)](#) has announced the program for the **AVC26 Conference**, a landmark national event bringing together auctioneers, valuers and industry leaders on the Gold Coast over 7–8 May 2026. The focus is on helping auctioneers and valuers of fine art, antiques, collectables, goods, vehicles, plant and equipment understand the business environment in which they operate.

Widely regarded as Australia's premier professional gathering for the auction and valuation sectors, the **AVC26 Conference** will examine the economic, regulatory and commercial forces shaping the future of the profession. Over two days, delegates will gain insight from leading voices in government, finance and small-business advocacy, alongside specialist sessions focused on professional practice and emerging industry risks.

Among the highlights of the **program** is a presentation from the Deputy Commissioner of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) exploring the implications of consumer law, online trading and data practices for modern businesses. This session will help practitioners understand how regulatory expectations are evolving and how businesses can avoid costly compliance mistakes.

Economic conditions affecting the sector will be addressed by the Chief Economist of the Bank of Queensland, who will provide an outlook on Australia's economic environment and the broader market factors influencing demand, investment and business confidence.

Delegates will also hear from the Chief Executive Officer of the Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia (COSBOA), who will outline the national small-business advocacy agenda and the policy settings that will shape the operating environment for professional service firms.

Alongside these keynote perspectives, the **AVC26 Conference** features specialist sessions addressing professional standards, compliance, emerging asset classes and real-world case studies from the auction and valuation sectors. The program has been designed to help practitioners strengthen their expertise while navigating an increasingly complex regulatory and commercial landscape.

Hosted at The Island Hotel on the Gold Coast, the **AVC26 Conference** will bring together professionals to exchange ideas, build networks and strengthen the future of the industry.

For further information or to view the full program, visit www.avaa.com.au/avc26

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