Auctioneers and Valuers Association of Australia



2026 Australian
Auctioneers & Valuers Symposia

Your voice, perspective and presence are essential to shaping the conversations, challenging thinking and inspiring the change that matters.

Melbourne
Tue, 20 Oct 2026

Sydney
Wed, 21 Oct 2026

Brisbane
Fri, 23 Oct 2026

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Be Part Of The Conversations
2026 Auctioneers & Valuers Symposia

The 2026 Valuers and Auctioneers Symposia are your opportunity to explore the issues affecting your profession, hear different perspectives and gain insights you can apply in your business. Join fellow practitioners in Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane for conversations that will challenge your thinking and broaden your knowledge.

> "This isn't a seminar where you sit and listen. It's a conversation where your experience matters, your questions count, and you'll leave better informed"

Whether you're an experienced valuer or auctioneer, or just staring out in your professional career, you'll benefit from engaging with people who understand the challenges you face. Discover how others are approaching complex issues, compare professional experiences and take away practical ideas that can strengthen your everyday work.

With regulatory expectations and professional standards continuing to evolve, staying informed is increasingly important. This event will help you better understand developments affecting your professional responsibilities, consider their implications for your clients, and engage directly in discussions about the industry's future direction.

Key Speakers Across The Different Events

- Ben Carson – RSM Australia
- Julie Banks – University of Melbourne
- Michael Chang – Ernst & Young
- Adrian Hunter – RSM Australia
- Gabriel Gallagher – Australian Financial Security Authority
- Natasha Luschwiz – NSW Fair Trading
- Sally Ann Stonier – Australian Financial Security Authority
- Priyanka Subramanyam – Ernst & Young
- Craig Turner – QLD Office of Fair Trading
- Vanessa Vanooyen – University of Queensland

AVAA Members
Half Day: $195pp
Full Day: $265pp

Non-Members
Half Day: $285pp
Full Day: $355pp

Some of the most valuable insights come from conversations with colleagues. You'll have the opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces, meet practitioners working across different asset classes and develop professional relationships that can become valuable sources of advice, collaboration and referrals long after the events conclude.

Your experience and professional judgement deserve a place in the conversation. By attending the 2026 Valuers and Auctioneers Symposia, you'll gain knowledge, strengthen your professional connections and contribute to the discussions shaping your industry. Make the most of this opportunity and join us this October.

Join colleagues at this important event, and you can register for a half day (valuers or auctioneers sessions) or the whole day. Visit the website to see the program for each city and to book your ticket.

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Program Highlights
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Capital gains tax reforms and the role of valuers —
Understand the CGT reforms, valuation timing and the increasing importance of independent market valuations to establish baseline asset values for tax purposes across collectables, fine art, trading cards, vehicles, machinery and other alternative investment-class assets likely to be affected by the transition toward CPI indexation arrangements.

Regulator's update for auctioneers —
Get an update on current regulatory issues, compliance expectations, enforcement activity and practical obligations affecting auction operations, vendor relationships and consumer protection responsibilities, while examining emerging risks, complaint trends and regulator expectations regarding professional conduct and business practices.

Managing difficult vendors and unrealistic reserves —
Discuss the challenges auctioneers face when managing difficult vendors, unrealistic reserve expectations and emotionally charged instructions, while exploring communication strategies, negotiation techniques and practical approaches to achieving commercially realistic sale outcomes without damaging client relationships or business reputation.

The personal properties securities register —
Hear from government officials about how the PPSR is increasingly used to register a legal financial security over works of art, memorabilia and collectables, and even jewellery. Learn about meaningful asset descriptors, serialisation limitations, search functionality, registration accuracy, competing security interests.

A national standard for valuation —
This session introduces Australia's proposed national standard for valuation and its key definitions. Valuers will consider how the standard works across different assets and assignments, discuss its practical implications, and share their views on whether it meets the profession's needs and is fit for purpose through an open professional discussion.

AI tools in contemporary valuation practice —
Hear from leading valuers about the advantages, limitations and risks associated with the use of artificial intelligence in valuations. From using ChatGPT to tidy up valuation reports to thoughts on online AI-enabled valuation tools, experts with a cautiously open mind will share their views on today's practice and future trends.

Perspectives on authenticity and provenance —
Examines authenticity and provenance issues from a gallery perspective, including ownership history, attribution risks, documentation standards, due diligence expectations, and market confidence, while exploring practical challenges that influence valuation outcomes, acquisition strategies, resale decisions, and dispute risks.

> "The valuers and auctioneers who attend the Symposia will help shape the future of their professions. Those who stay away risk being left behind"

Full Details

Visit the website for the progam details in your city as there are some minor variations for each event

75th Anniversary
1952 - 2027

The Auctioneers and Valuers Association of Australia (AVAA) is the leading national body representing professional auctioneers and valuers across a diverse range of specialties, including fine art and antiques, memorabilia and collectables, household goods, rate books and coins, jewellery, motor vehicles, aviation and marine asets, plant and equipment. Our members hold the respected AVAA Certified Valuer (CVau) and the AVAA Certified Auctioneer (CAAu) professional credentials.

Our Vision

As the peak body for auctioneers and valuers in Australia, AVAA upholds the highest professional and ethical standards through education, advocacy, and leadership.

Our Mission

To support and represent Australia's auctioneers and valuers through rigorous standards, ethical leadership, quality education, and credible advocacy, ensuring trust, professionalism, and future-readiness in a changing world.

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