

## Outstanding Service Award Criteria

### Background

The Outstanding Service Award was established in 2002 to recognize individuals who deserve special recognition for service on behalf of The New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA). The Board aims to recognise the service of our volunteers, who each help us to ensure the profession's contribution to the country's economy, and animal health and welfare is recognised and valued.

### Award criteria

The award recognises long and valued service to the affairs of the NZVA including;

- Length of service, longer service carrying more weight than shorter service;
- Quality and benefit of service to members;
- Degree of voluntary input, over and above that which would normally be expected of a person in that position.

### Eligibility

Nominees are not required to be members of the NZVA.

### Nominations

Nominations for the award will be called for in November with information included in *VetScript* and on the NZVA website. Nominators must be a member of the NZVA.

At a minimum each nomination must be accompanied with the following;

1. the name, email, telephone number of the nominator as well as your relationship to the nominee e.g. Employer, Professor, Colleague etc.
2. a cover letter with a brief statement outlining the nominees qualifications for the award.
3. a biography with the nominees key achievements within the veterinary profession.

Nominations may also be accompanied with the following;

1. Media articles written about the nominee (in pdf format or by web link).
2. Letters of support (maximum of 500 words in each).
3. Articles written by the nominee (in pdf format or by web link).

Nominees should not be made aware of their nomination, to avoid disappointment in the event that their nomination is unsuccessful.

### Selection and Presentation

The selection of who may receive the Outstanding Service Award sits with the Awards Committee of the NZVA. The Committee's decision on who will receive awards is final and binding, and no correspondence will be entered into about the decision. The award is presented at an appropriate occasion chosen by the President.