

Award Details

Branch Initiative

Award



Purpose of the Award

The purpose of this award, which will be presented biennially, is to:

- Honour and recognise the contribution of NZDA branches to the activity and mission of NZDA
- Encourage pride in the profession.

Description

Awarded to an NZDA Branch that through its effort and initiative has contributed to:

- Representing dentists or dentistry
- Supporting dentists
- Advancing science, advancing people or
- Informing - galvanising into action or delivering initiatives and treatment in the community.

Eligibility

Nominations are accepted from any NZDA Branch.

It may be a new initiative or the continuation of a project which has had an impact during the preceding two years. The project may be ongoing. The activity will have occurred in the preceding two calendar years.

All branches are encouraged to apply. Branches are asked to identify a particular achievement as it relates to the active involvement of branch members and submit, how the activity helped the branch, the community or the NZDA.

Entry Guidelines

Go to nzdaconference.org.nz then to the Awards tab— this page will have the awards information.

- Please email your nomination with supporting documents to sam@nzda.org.nz by **Wednesday 17 June 2026**.

Submitting a Nomination

The judges will consider information included with the nomination based on but not limited to:

- A brief synopsis of the project or initiative (1-2 paragraphs)
- A description of the project or initiative including but not limited to the following;
 - the contribution and benefit to society and the impact on the community
 - the interest and involvement in the wider community
 - details of any challenges faced and how they were overcome
 - the benefit to the members of the Branch
 - the involvement of the members of the Branch

Judging Panel

The judging panel will consist of the:

- NZDA President (or nominee)
- NZDA Chief Executive
- Two lay people – to be appointed by the NZDA Board.

At the discretion of the judging panel, nominators and/or nominees may be interviewed.

Presentation of the Award

All nominations will be acknowledged at the Conference Dinner and NZDA Awards evening at the annual conference.

The awardee will be acknowledged in the NZDA News / NZDJ and award recipients kept on record at NZDA House.