

# Award Details

## Public Service Award



### Purpose of the Award

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

- Encourage pride in the profession
- Celebrate and promote public health dentists and volunteer dentists abroad in NZ
- Highlight the positive contributions some dentists make to needy communities at home and/or abroad
- Show through the scope of work undertaken, a commitment to humanity and selflessness in regard to direct personal or organisational gain or profit
- Establish a legacy and/or sustainable program that is of ongoing value and benefit to others.

### Description

The award will be given to a NZDA member\* who exemplifies humanitarian ideals and attributes by:

- Contributing significantly to alleviating human suffering and improving the quality of life and oral health of individuals both in NZ and/or abroad
- Demonstrating significant leadership and outstanding volunteer accomplishments that bring honour to the profession
- Serving as an inspiration to the dental profession, colleagues and those treated.

*\*NZDA Honorary Life Members and NZDA Fellows are not eligible.*

### Eligibility

This award will be presented annually on receipt of a suitable candidate. **Nominations will be accepted from any NZDA Full Member or Branch.** It is most likely the candidate will be a public health volunteer dentist. No self-nominations will be considered.

\* Nominees who are unsuccessful will be considered for nomination the year following if they are willing.

### Entry Guidelines

Go to [nzdaconference.org.nz](http://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](mailto:sam@nzda.org.nz) by **Wednesday 17 June 2026.**

### Submitting a Nomination

Each nomination must be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

- A CV highlighting the nominee's humanitarian contributions taking in to account specific actions employed, demonstrated leadership skills, knowledge, dedication and persistence used to improve the oral health prospects of the specific community(ies), the population group(s) served and the long term impact of these endeavours
- Two letters of support from individuals who are not the nominator and/or letters of support from the member's local branch
- A photo of the nominee (suitable for publication if a finalist).

### Judging Panel

The judging panel will consist of:

- NZDA Board
- A past Public Service Award recipient

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

### Presentation of the Award

The recipient will be presented at the Conference Dinner and NZDA Awards evening at the annual conference.

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

### The Award

The award shall cover a ticket to the Conference Dinner and NZDA Awards evening for the recipient and their partner in the year in which the award is presented.

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