

# Award Details

# Service Award



## Purpose of the Award

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

- Recognise members who have made an outstanding contribution and who exemplify outstanding volunteer spirit through excellence in service and commitment to NZDA.

## Description

NZDA relies on volunteers to function. These people can be the unsung heroes who quietly enable the work of the NZDA to proceed smoothly e.g. mentors, those involved in peer review, the oral history project, GPDP coordinators, DA facilitators, board members, welfare officers, reviewers, volunteers for the provision of free dental services, hosts for student observer postings or often people undertaking more than one role.

The award is to be presented to a NZDA member\* in recognition of numerous years of service and commitment to the Association or who has made a significant single service impact.

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

## Eligibility

**Nominations will be accepted from any NZDA Full Member or NZDA Branch.** No self-nominations will be considered.

The award is designed to be given to a member who is approaching the end of his/her service to the Association or to the programmes or activities for which he/she has been involved.

Please keep this in mind when selecting a candidate, as recipients of the Service Award are not eligible to receive the award more than once.

\* 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:

- The nominee's CV (this should be concise and relevant to this award)
- A letter of recommendation outlining how the nominee meets the award criteria
- A photo of the nominee (suitable for publication if a finalist).

## Judging Panel

The judging panel will consist of the:

- NZDA Board

At the discretion of the judging panel nominators (and nominees) may be interviewed.

## Presentation of the Award

The award 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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