



## New Zealand Geographical Society Distinguished Service Award

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The NZGS Distinguished Service Award recognises exceptional and sustained contributions and service to the New Zealand Geographical Society by a member of the Society. The award will cite the nature of the recipient's contributions and service.

The contributions and service are likely to relate to one specific area of activity, examples of which may include:

- development of a new sphere of geographical activity in New Zealand;
- major involvement at the Branch, NZBoGT, Council, or Editorial Board areas;
- providing leadership for specific NZGS projects, or for projects having a clear influence in the New Zealand geographical community;
- an influential role in promoting geography at the secondary school or tertiary levels
- major contributions as an office holder connected with one of the Society's major functions;
- major contributions to the organisation of a high impact event;
- significant sponsor of Society activities.

The award may be conferred to an individual more than once. Normally up to five awards may be awarded each year. The nominator must be member of the NZGS.

Nominations should include:

- A written statement of support, signed by the nominator.
- A brief CV outlining the activities of the nominee.

A call for nominations will usually be sent out by the National Secretary of the Society at the beginning of March. Nominations will be accepted until mid April, and should be e-mailed to the National Secretary.

The award consists of a certificate and a citation. The award will be presented at the Society's Annual General Meeting or at a Branch meeting.

Announcement of Distinguished Service Awards will be made at the Society's AGM, in the *New Zealand Geographer*, on the NZGS website <http://www.nzgs.co.nz/>, in the *New Zealand Royal Society Alert*, and through a Press Release. A list of recipients can be found on the NZGS website.