

## Honorary Life Membership Criteria

### Introduction

To recognise individuals whose contribution to New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) has been of an exceptional nature. This has been sparingly awarded to date.

### Award Criteria

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the criteria for Outstanding Service Award and Presidents Award and includes:

- Is open to anyone who has rendered exceptional service to the NZVA
- Recognises long and valued service to the affairs of the NZVA, the Special Interest Branches, Regional Branches, standing committees and the profession at large
- Positive impact on animal, human or public health, veterinary organisations and the profession
- A veterinarian who has brought public honour and distinction to the veterinary profession through personal, professional, or community service activities
- Outstanding leadership
- Outstanding contribution to the NZVA, Regional Branches, Special Interest Branches

### 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 Honorary Life Member 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.

The terms of service to NZVA, Regional Branches, Special Interest Branches and committees, below are merely guidelines and indicative only, as to a length of service to qualify. The points are accumulative; e.g. a person could be receiving points for time on the executive and as secretary at the same time.

Service	Time	Points
Regional Branch Executive	per 6-8 years	1
Regional Branch Secretary	4-6 years	1
Regional Branch President	4-6 years	1
Special Interest Branch Executive	3-6 years	1
Special Interest Branch Secretary	2-3 years	1
Special Interest Branch President	2-3 years	2
NZVA Board	2-3 years	1
NZVA Vice President	1 year	1
NZVA President	1 year	2
NZVA/VetLearn Officer	2-3 years	2
Representing NZVA on significant national statutory bodies, eg VSC, ARB, AWAC, NAEC, VSB, VCNZ, etc. per three years	Per three years	1
Note: Where level of commitment and performance in any of the above is exceptional compared with the norm for that position, points are doubled	points are doubled	
Principal initiator and establisher of significant and permanent members' benefit/service. (To be judged not less than three years after inception).	not less than 3 years after inception	3
<b>15 points to be considered for Honorary Life Membership</b>		