The Pirika Taonga
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Poroporoaki

Whakarongo pikari ake ki te ngunguru o ngā tai e timu ana ki waho o Maketū. Kua ngaro te kaka wahanui, te manu tiutiu kua riro i te ripo o Waingaehe te awa e rere atu ki to moana wairua o Rotorua. Noho whakawairua mai koe ki runga Pupepoto te urunga te taka, te moenga, te whakaarahia mo koutou e koro e. Moe mai ra, oti atu, ko tatau tenei ngā mahuetanga mai o rātau, tihe mauri ora.

Pepeha

Ko Whakapoungakau te pae maunga.
Ko Pupepoto e tu takotako ra.
Ko Waingaehe te awa e rere ana ki te Rotorua nui a Kahumatamomoe.
Ko Te Roro o Te Rangi te hapu.
Ko Te Arawa te waka.

Whakatauki

Ka mimiti te tai nuku
Ka mimiti te tai rangi
Ka mimiti te tai tangata
Ka mimiti te tai ka mau
Hei kahu mo taua ki taiao

Let the changing elements that nourish nature also benefit man.

Description

The Pirika Taonga is in memory of Poiti Arama-karaka Pirika who was the RANZCP’s Kaumātua (Elder) from 2008 to 2017. It recognises noteworthy contributions in Māori mental health and addiction in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Eligibility Criteria

The award may be given to a Māori member of the RANZCP (Fellow, Affiliate or trainee), or a member of the Māori community, who has contributed to increasing Māori relationships across the New Zealand mental health sector including noteworthy contributions (which may include service provision, leadership, research) in Māori mental health and addictions in Aotearoa New Zealand. The
individual’s commitment to Te Reo Māori me onā tikanga in practice is one of the noteworthy principles underpinning the award.

Form of Award
The award consists of a taonga (treasure) in the form of a carved pounamu (greenstone pendant), and a framed award certificate. The recipient is invited to attend the College Ceremony at the RANZCP Congress where the award will be normally presented by the College’s current Kaumātua.

Frequency
The Selection Panel may recommend that the award be made to one person, or shared by two or more persons, or that no award be made in any given year.

Nomination Process
The Pirika Taonga is given by nomination only. Nominations may be made by any member of the RANZCP, or a community member, setting out the reasons for the nomination. Nominations are to be submitted to awards@ranzcp.org during the annual awards submission window.

Selection Panel Composition
The Chair of Te Kaunihera will chair the Selection Panel. The Selection Panel should also include another representative from Te Kaunihera, the RANZCP kaumātua, the Chair of Tu Te Akaaka Roa, and the Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee.
In the case of a declared conflict of interest, the Chair of the Selection Panel should advise possible alternate arrangements. In the case where the Chair of the Selection Panel declares a conflict of interest, and it is not possible/feasible to make alternate arrangements, the decision should be deferred to the rest of the Selection Panel.
A majority of the Selection Panel will need to agree that one or more of the submitted nominations is sufficiently meritorious for the award to be given that year. If necessary, the Chair shall have both a deliberative and casting vote.
The Selection Panel is responsible for recommending to the RANZCP Board a person for receipt of the Award. The Board will have final determination for this Award.

Contact Information
RANZCP Awards awards@ranzcp.org.

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