

# Aotearoa New Zealand Member Awards

## Terms of Reference



## Description

Two Rangatira Awards and one Tū Te Akaaka Roa Award are annually awarded by Tū Te Akaaka Roa to acknowledge outstanding contributions to the function of the RANZCP or the practice of psychiatry in Aotearoa New Zealand.

## Background

These awards recognise the achievements of psychiatrists who have made significant contributions either as part of or beyond their clinical, academic or other official role(s).

## Awards

The **Rangatira Awards** acknowledge outstanding contribution to the function of the RANZCP in New Zealand, or the practice of psychiatry in a clinical, academic or administrative capacity. One award will be given to a Fellow and one to an Affiliate each year. Recipients will be offered complementary registration at the next annual New Zealand Conference and an engraved medal from Tū Te Akaaka Roa. Presentation of medals will take place during the Conference gala dinner.

The **T Te Akaaka Roa Award** recognises either a Fellow or Affiliate who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to promoting equality, inclusivity, and cultural safety within psychiatry, showing empathy and maturity in their support of and advocacy for marginalised, underrepresented, or priority populations. The recipient will be offered complementary registration at the next annual New Zealand Conference and an engraved medal from Tū Te Akaaka Roa. Presentation of medals will take place during the Conference gala dinner.

## Criteria

### Rangatira Awards

Distinguished service can be in any area (or more than one area) of psychiatric practice, including:

- clinical care of patients in private and/or public practice
- teaching and/or training of medical students, registrars or other mental health clinicians
- mentoring of junior colleagues
- participation in College activities, such as examinations, Branch Committee roles or administrative roles for the College
- research in psychiatry
- service development and improvement
- administrative roles including clinical leadership within mental health and addiction

## T Te Akaaka Roa Award

This award recognises:

- activities that enhance the public image of psychiatry or improve public understanding of mental illness
- evidenced, impactful allyship of trainees, peers and community members from marginalised, disadvantaged or priority populations
- advocacy for consumers and carers within the mental health system
- development or leadership of health initiatives which address disparities in healthcare access and outcomes

## Nomination Process

1. Call for nominations for the awards will be made annually via Tū Te Akaaka Roa newsletters.
2. Nominations may be made by any New Zealand-based member of the RANZCP and must be supported by a written submission of up to 500 words (+/- supplementary material if desired).
3. Nominations must be submitted via email to: [nzoffice@ranzcp.co.nz](mailto:nzoffice@ranzcp.co.nz)
4. The specific closing dates for nominations will be published in the newsletter. No late nominations will be accepted.

## Selection Process

1. After the closing date, valid nominations will be assessed out of the standard committee meeting cycle by a panel of (at least 3) members of Tū Te Akaaka Roa (based on availability).
2. This will be completed within two weeks of the closing date for nominations.
3. Nominees who do not receive the award in any year may be renominated subsequently, but any member can only receive the Rangatira or Tū Te Akaaka Roa Award on one occasion.
4. The selection panel will recommend the nominees of both awards to Tū Te Akaaka Roa for ratification, by process of a vote of the whole committee.
5. The list of nominations for each award will not be published.
6. There is no appeal process.

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