

Criteria governing the awarding of the Horticulture Bledisloe Cup

Purpose

The Horticulture Bledisloe Cup is the premium industry award in the New Zealand Horticulture Industry. It is awarded to a person or persons who have:

Made an outstanding and meritorious contribution to the New Zealand horticulture industry.

Background

The Cup is owned by the NZ Fruitgrowers Charitable Trust and the process of awarding the Cup is managed by the directors of Horticulture New Zealand.

Eligibility

Any person who has made an outstanding and meritorious contribution to the New Zealand horticulture industry may be nominated or awarded the cup whether such person is or has been a member of Horticulture New Zealand.

Nominations

Each year Horticulture New Zealand will call for nominations for the cup and notify the closing date by which nominations must be received and, specify the supporting material required to accompany nominations.

Nominations must come from active grower members of Horticulture New Zealand, affiliated product groups, affiliated grower associations or Horticulture New Zealand board members. Horticulture New Zealand will ensure that the call for nominations is widely promoted within the industry.

Decision

The directors of Horticulture New Zealand will act as judges and have full and final discretion over the awarding of the cup. The judges are not obliged to award the cup if no nominations are received or if those nominated are not considered by the directors to be worthy recipients of the cup.

Presentation

The Bledisloe Cup will be presented at the annual Horticulture Conference. Horticulture New Zealand will fund the attendance of the recipient and up to one other support person to the dinner where the award is presented. The recipient will hold the cup for a period of one year.

Criteria governing the awarding of the Sustainable Innovation Award

Purpose

The Sustainable Innovation Award aims to recognize and celebrate an individual or team, who are developing (or have developed) technologies, an innovation, or undertaken research that increases productivity, profitability, or environmental sustainability in a horticulture sector.

Eligibility

Any person, group, or organisation who has undertaken initiatives with identifiable benefits is eligible. The person, group or organisation nominated does not have to be a levy payer. The award winner agrees to work with Horticulture New Zealand to promote the project to a public audience to better tell horticulture's story.

Nominations

Each year Horticulture New Zealand will call for nominations for the Sustainable Innovation Award and notify the closing date by which nominations must be received and, specify the supporting material required to accompany nominations.

Nominations must come from active grower members of Horticulture New Zealand, affiliated product groups, affiliated grower associations or a Horticulture New Zealand board member may nominate any person for the Sustainable Innovation Award.

Decision

Any nomination received will be considered by directors, Horticulture New Zealand management will advise the nominating person of the outcome. The award may be withheld if there is no suitable nomination. The board will only award one Sustainable Innovation Award each year unless it is determined by resolution that exceptional circumstances mean that more than one award should be made.

Presentation

The Sustainable Innovation Award will be presented at the annual Horticulture Conference. Horticulture New Zealand will fund the attendance of the recipient or representative (if group/organisation) and one support person to the dinner where the award is presented.

Criteria governing the awarding of the Horticulture New Zealand Life Membership

Purpose

Life Membership of Horticulture New Zealand may be awarded to persons that have provided distinguished and honorable services to Horticulture New Zealand. Life membership shall continue for the life of the recipient without payment of any fees. Life Membership is awarded in accordance with Clause 5(a)(ii) of the Horticulture New Zealand Constitution.

Eligibility

Any person who has provided distinguished and honorable services to Horticulture New Zealand or in respect of the objects, for which Horticulture New Zealand is established, over a period of at least 10 years, may be awarded Life Membership. The award may be made whether such person is or has been a member of Horticulture New Zealand.

Nominations

Each year directors will notify the industry of the closing date by which any nominations for Life Membership must be received.

Any active grower member or affiliated product group, affiliated grower association or Horticulture New Zealand board member may nominate any person for life membership of Horticulture New Zealand. Any nomination received will be considered by directors. Directors will advise the nominating person or organisation the outcome of their consideration.

Decision

The directors of Horticulture New Zealand will make the final determination over the awarding of Life Membership. The directors are not obliged to award a Life Membership if no nominations are received or if those nominated are not considered by the directors to be worthy recipients of the award.

Directors may only award one Life Membership each year unless they determine by resolution that exceptional circumstances mean that more than one award should be made.

Presentation

The Life Membership Award will be presented at the annual Horticulture Conference. Horticulture New Zealand will fund the attendance of the recipient and up to one other support person to the dinner where the award is presented.

Benefits

Life Members will not have voting rights unless the Life Member remains an active grower member. They will, however, continue as honorary members for life without payment of any fees. Horticulture New Zealand will fund:

1. The conference registration and meal costs for the Life Member to attend annual Horticulture conference; and
2. A copy of the NZGrower & Orchardist magazine (or similar HortNZ publication/s) each month free of charge.

Criteria governing the awarding of the Industry Service Award

Purpose

The Industry Service Award may be awarded to persons who have provided long-standing and significant service to the New Zealand horticulture industry. The award is focused on people in industry related support or supplier roles that have worked beyond the call of duty for the betterment of the horticulture industry.

Eligibility

Recipients must have worked for a business or organisation providing services to the horticulture industry (e.g. a staff member of a product group or grower association, a scientist, input supplier, packhouse, wholesaler, exporter or retailer).

Growers are not eligible for this award unless they meet the criteria above i.e., they also hold an industry service role.

Nominations

Each year Horticulture New Zealand will call for nominations for the Industry Service Award, notify the closing date by which nominations must be received and specify the supporting material required to accompany nominations.

Any active grower member, affiliated product group, affiliated grower association or Horticulture New Zealand board member may submit a nomination for the Industry Service Award.

The Horticulture New Zealand Board will consider all nominations and will advise the nominating person or organisation the outcome of their consideration.

Decision

The Horticulture New Zealand board will make the final determination over the awarding of the Industry Service Award. The board is not obliged to award an Industry Service Award if no nominations are received or if those nominated are not considered by the board to be worthy recipients of the award.

The board will only award one Industry Service Award each year unless it determines by resolution that exceptional circumstances mean that more than one award should be made.

Presentation

The Industry Service Award will be presented at the annual Horticulture Conference. Horticulture New Zealand will fund the attendance of the recipient and up to one other support person to the dinner where the award is presented.

Criteria governing the awarding of the Horticulture New Zealand President's Trophy

Purpose

The Horticulture New Zealand President's Trophy may be awarded to persons showing promise in business and horticulture industry leadership. This trophy is intended to recognise a passion for working on behalf of the horticulture industry in New Zealand, as well as a commitment to developing as a business leader and successful grower.

Eligibility

Recipients must be a member of Horticulture New Zealand or an employee of a member or a Horticulture New Zealand affiliate (product group or grower association).

Nominations

Each year Horticulture New Zealand will call for nominations for the President's Trophy, notify the closing date by which nominations must be received by and specify the supporting material required to accompany nominations.

Any active grower member, affiliated product group, affiliated grower association or Horticulture New Zealand board member may submit a nomination for the President's Trophy.

The Horticulture New Zealand board will consider all nominations and advise the nominating person or organisation the outcome of their consideration.

Decision

The Horticulture New Zealand board will make the final determination over the awarding of the President's Trophy. The board is not obliged to award the trophy if no nominations are received or if those nominated are not considered by the board to be worthy recipients of the award.

Presentation

The Horticulture New Zealand's President's Trophy will be presented at the annual Horticulture Conference. Horticulture New Zealand will fund the attendance of the recipient and up to one other support person to the dinner where the trophy is presented.

March 2015

Criteria governing the awarding of the Manaaki Award

Purpose

The Manaaki Award recognizes the contribution of a person, group or organisation that has risen beyond the call of duty to support employers and workers. It recognizes the positive impact an act of service has had on employers, workers, the community and the whole Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) Scheme.

The award's objectives are to:

- Increase awareness of the important role that the RSE Scheme plays in the success of the horticulture industry
- Identify and reward the most successful and innovative people involved in the RSE scheme
- Promote RSE role models, to stimulate greater involvement and interest in the RSE scheme from all those involved in the horticulture sector including growers, workers, Pacific states, New Zealand Government agencies, politicians and the media.

Eligibility

Open to individuals, teams and companies from any groups working within or in support of RSE that has or continues to provide exemplary support or interventions to employers and RSE workers. The nominee does not have to be a Horticulture New Zealand levy payer.

Nominations

Each year Horticulture New Zealand will call for nominations for the Manaaki Award, notify the closing date by which nominations must be received and specify the supporting material required to accompany nominations.

Any active grower member, affiliated product group, affiliated grower association or Horticulture board member may nominate any person for the Manaaki Award of Horticulture New Zealand.

Decision

The Horticulture New Zealand board will select the recipient from the recommended nominations, management will advise the nominating person of the outcome. The Board will only award one Manaaki Award each year unless it determines by resolution that exceptional circumstances mean that more than one award should be made.

Presentation

The Manaaki Award will be presented at the annual Horticulture Conference. Horticulture New Zealand will fund the attendance of the receiving recipient representative (if organisation) and one support person to the dinner where the award is presented.

April 2025