

<b>Division:</b>	<b>Office of the CEO</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>POL-1022</b>
<b>Department:</b>	<b>Governance</b>		
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Service to the Community Award</b>		

## 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Service to the Community Award recognises a Fellow's long-term dedication and commitment to serving his or her community through the provision of surgical services.

## 2. KEYWORDS

Award, community, service

## 3. BODY OF POLICY

### 3.1. Background

The Service to the Community Award has been designed to recognise Fellows who have given long and dedicated service to their local community - more often than not unheralded - but without which the standard of surgical care in that community would have been less than society demands.

### 3.2. Eligibility Criteria

The Service to the Community Award is open to all Fellows of the College.

### 3.3. Selection Criteria

The award shall be made on the recommendation of the nominees' State or Territory Committee or the Aotearoa New Zealand National Committee.

In making the recommendation, the State, Territory or National Committee shall observe the following requirements:

- Have made a significant contribution to the one community;
- Be accompanied by a written recommendation from two members of the nominees' community (peer, colleague, patient etc.)
- A covering letter will be written by the Committee Chair
- All documents will be forwarded by the State or Territory Committee to the Head of States and Territory Engagement and the Aotearoa New Zealand National Board will approach the EGM, Fellowship Engagement for approval as per associated procedure.

### 3.4. Composition and Presentation

The award shall consist of a framed certificate and, where possible, be presented to the Fellow by a suitably distinguished member of the Fellow's community (Lord Mayor etc.)

The award is intended to be a surprise to the recipient, therefore attendance at the event where presentation will occur needs to be carefully planned.

### 3.5. Frequency of the award

The frequency of presentation of the award shall be at the discretion of the State, Territory or National Committee .

### 3.6. Financial implications

The budget for the Service to the Community Award shall reside within the individual State, Territory or National Committee cost centres.

## 4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

PRC-1023 Service to the Community Award

FRM-1002 Service to the Community Award form and checklist

**Approver:** CEO  
**Authoriser:** Council