

Division	Operations	Ref. No.	REL-PCS-003
Department	President & Council Support		
Title	Colin McRae Medal		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the awarding of a Colin McRae Medal. It covers the application and selection criteria as well as the duration, value, frequency and conditions of the Award.

2. KEYWORDS

Awards Committee, Award, Medal, Colin McRae, New Zealand, National Board, surgical leadership

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. Background

Approved by Council in 2001, the Colin McRae Medal commemorates the life and work of the late Colin Ulric McRae, President and former Treasurer of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) and Chair of the New Zealand National Board. It recognises and promotes the art and science of surgery and surgical leadership in New Zealand and honours those who have made outstanding contributions in this way.

3.2. Presentation and Frequency

- The award is presented at either the Annual Scientific Congress or the New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting.
- The award may be given annually.

3.3. Criteria for Award

A nominee must have made outstanding contributions to the art and science of surgery and surgical leadership in New Zealand in one or more of the following areas:

- clinical excellence over a period of time;
- a major contribution to surgical research and/or surgical education;
- surgical leadership in New Zealand.

3.4. Nominations:

The New Zealand National Board (NZNB) calls for nominations from New Zealand Fellows. A nominee must be supported by at least two New Zealand Fellows. The NZNB then recommends a nominee to the Awards Committee for consideration.

3.5. Recipients of the Award receive the following:

- if being presented at the ASC, registration at the ASC and banquet costs for the recipient and partner;
- if being presented at the New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting, registration for this meeting and the function costs for the recipient and partner.

3.6. The Award

The award is in the form of a bronze medal.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

New Zealand: Awarding of the Colin McRae Medal Procedure REL-REG-090
Awards Committee: Colin McRae Medal Procedure REL-PCS-011

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