

THE ESME TOMBLESON AWARD
*for an outstanding contribution to people impacted by
Multiple Sclerosis across New Zealand*

PURPOSE

The Esme Tombleson Awards were established in 2002 to recognise people with Multiple Sclerosis and their carers who have demonstrated that they are an exceptional and outstanding example to the MS community.

In 2022 the scope of the Award was widened to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by the wider family, whānau, friends and supporters of Multiple Sclerosis New Zealand (MSNZ) and those living with the impacts of MS.

It is also an opportunity to honour MSNZ's founder, Esme Tombleson, who dedicated many years of valuable work and commitment to people with MS.

ELIGIBILITY

The Esme Tombleson Awards are made on an annual basis. They are open to anyone who has made a significant contribution nationally to MSNZ and people impacted by Multiple Sclerosis.

WHO MAY NOMINATE?

Any member of an MS Society in NZ or any person with MS (PwMS) may propose the nominee.

The nominee does not need to be a member of an MS Society; however, the application needs to be supported by MSNZ or an MS regional MS Society by way of an accompanying letter.

INFORMATION REQUIRED WHEN NOMINATING

Applications should include detailed information about how the nominee has provided an outstanding contribution to people impacted by MS nationally. It should include information regarding their association with MS, their achievements, and any other details that make them and their contribution extra special. Any other additional material that you wish to submit is welcomed, and can be included with the application (e.g. links to media coverage, letters of support, photos, videos).

OBJECTIVES

- To recognise the outstanding achievements of people impacted by Multiple Sclerosis across Aotearoa.
- To give Multiple Sclerosis organisations the opportunity to acknowledge the valuable input of individuals on a national level.
- To create greater public awareness of Multiple Sclerosis nationally.

AWARD COMMITTEE

The Award Committee will include the National Manager, MSNZ's President and two other members of the National Executive Committee. At least one person on the Awards Committee should be a Person with MS have MS.



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AWARD

The award winner will be presented with the award by a member of MSNZ's National Executive and their local Regional Society at a date to be advised. The award has no monetary value but is an acknowledgement of an outstanding contribution.

PRIVACY

The consent of the person being nominated is not required. The nominee should not be informed that they have been nominated, as it is not fair to raise expectations in case they are not met. All nominations are treated in the strictest confidence. Nominators will be asked to confirm that the nominee has not been made aware of their nomination.

Once the Award Committee have agreed on the recipient(s), they will be contacted and asked for their consent to accept the award and for this to be publicly notified along with any information held. No information regarding unsuccessful nominees, or nominees who choose not to accept the award, will be divulged beyond the Award Committee.

PUBLICITY

MSNZ intends to promote the awards and successful nominee in public media releases, on www.msnz.org.nz, MSNZ's social media pages, in our Annual Report and other promotional material. Regional Societies may also share information provided by MSNZ or wish to promote the achievement of their successful nominee in their local community. The successful nominee will be contacted before these are released to confirm their consent. A consent form will be provided to the successful nominee for completion.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Any member of a MS Society in NZ or any person with MS (PwMS) may propose the nominee.
2. The person does not need to be a member of a local MS Society; however, the application needs to be supported by a regional society by way of an accompanying letter
3. Individuals cannot nominate themselves.
4. MSNZ's Executive Committee reserves the right to enter nominations as deemed appropriate.
5. Nomination is free.
6. Nominations for this Award with supporting information close **31st October annually**. Nominations should be emailed to info@msnz.org.nz referencing **Esme Tombleson Awards**.
7. Nominees must have made a contribution to MS nationally. Contributions made on a regional level only may be recognised locally.
8. Awards can be granted posthumously if the person has passed away in the 12 months prior.
9. The review panel will consider nominees' achievements and contributions over the calendar year, as well as their achievements and contributions over a longer period.
10. Nominations must be made using the official nomination form and submitted to info@msnz.org.nz.
11. Nominations may be for individuals, duo's, groups, organisations, sponsors and donors who have made a significant contribution to MS nationally.
12. Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years. Successful nominees can only win once.
13. There is no limit to the number of times that an individual can be nominated, and the number of nominations will not weigh on the Award Committee's decision.
14. It is permissible to contact the MSNZ for guidance and support during the compilation of a nomination.

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15. Unless previously arranged, all nomination information and material submitted remain the property of the MSNZ and will not be returned.
16. Nominators understand that they and the nominee(s) may be contacted by MSNZ and their local Regional MS Society for further information and/or for publicity purposes and agree to participate in publicity with prior agreement from both parties.
17. Should award recipients engage in media activity, they do not have the authority to speak on behalf of MSNZ.
18. MSNZ will arrange with individual an appropriate occasion for presenting the award in their regional locality.
19. The Award Committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the reasons for the nomination outcomes/decision.
20. MSNZ reserves the right to rescind the award should the recipient be convicted of illegal activity or any activity which may bring Multiple Sclerosis New Zealand into disrepute.