

Terms of Reference

The Pirika Taonga



Poroporoaki

Whakarongo pikari ake ki te ngunguru o ngā tai e timu ana ki waho o Maketū. Kua ngaro te kaka wahanui, te manu tiutiu kua riro i te ripo o Waingaehe te awa e rere atu ki to moana wairua o Rotorua. Noho whakawairua mai koe ki runga Pukepoto te urunga te taka, te moenga, te whakaarahia mo koutou e koro e. Moe mai ra, oti atu, ko tatau tenei ngā mahuetanga mai o rātau, tihe mauri ora.

Pepeha

*Ko Whakapoungakau te pae maunga.
Ko Pukepoto e tu takotako ra.
Ko Waingaehe te awa e rere ana ki te Rotorua nui a Kahumatamomoe.
Ko Te Roro o Te Rangī te hapu.
Ko Te Arawa te waka.*

Whakatauki

*Ka mimiti te tai nuku
Ka mimiti te tai rangi
Ka mimiti te tai tangata
Ka mimiti te tai ka mau
Hei kahu mo taua ki taiao*

Let the changing elements that nourish nature also benefit man.

DESCRIPTION

The Pirika Taonga (the Award) is in memory of Poiti Arama-karaka Pirika who was the RANZCP's Kaumātua (Elder) from 2008 to 2017. It recognises noteworthy contributions in Māori mental health and addiction in Aotearoa New Zealand.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The award may be given to a Māori member of the RANZCP (Fellow, Affiliate or trainee), or a member of the Māori community, who has contributed to increasing Māori relationships across the New Zealand mental health sector including noteworthy contributions (which may include service provision, leadership, research) in Māori mental health and addictions in Aotearoa New Zealand. The individual's commitment to Te Reo Māori me onā tikanga in practice is one of the noteworthy principles underpinning the award.

FORM OF AWARD

The award consists of a taonga (treasure) in the form of a carved pounamu (greenstone pendant), and a framed award certificate. The recipient is invited to attend the College Ceremony at the RANZCP Congress where the award will be normally presented by the College's current Kaumātua.

FREQUENCY

The Pirika Taonga is presented annually, or if there are no suitable nominees it will not be granted in that year.

The Award may be made to only one person in any one year other than in exceptional circumstances.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The Pirika Taonga is given by nomination only. Nominations may be made by any member of the RANZCP, or a community member, setting out the reasons for the nomination.

Nominations for the Award must be made in the manner specified by the RANZCP.

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

The Selection Panel will consider the nominee's contributions in increasing Māori relationships across the New Zealand mental health sector, and in Māori mental health and addictions more broadly which may include service provision, leadership or research.

They will also consider the individual's commitment to Te Reo Māori me onā tikanga in practice.

SELECTION PANEL COMPOSITION AND OPERATION

The selection panel shall consist of the Chair of Te Kaunihera (Convenor), a representative from Te Kaunihera, the RANZCP kaumātua, the Chair of Tu Te Akaaka Roa, and the Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee.

Achieving appropriate diversity, including gender balance, will also be considered when forming the Selection Panel.

It is the responsibility of all members of the selection panel to comply with the [RANZCP Declaring and Managing Conflict of Interest Guideline](#) and to promptly take appropriate action to effectively manage the conflict of interest. In the event that a conflict of interest is identified:

1. the Chair will be responsible for addressing the conflict and taking appropriate steps to ensure the integrity of the selection process is maintained; or
2. where the Chair declares a conflict of interest, and it is not possible to make alternative arrangements, the decision will be deferred to the remaining members of the selection panel.

Involvement in the Selection Panel may include a meeting with other panelists to review the candidates and come to an agreement on the winner, after review and scoring has taken place.

A majority of the Selection Panel will need to agree that one or more of the submitted nominations is sufficiently meritorious for the award to be given that year. If necessary, the Chair shall have both a deliberative and casting vote.

FINAL DETERMINATION

The Selection Panel is responsible for recommending to the RANZCP Board a person for receipt of the Award. The Board will have final determination for this Award.

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