



Holstein Friesian New Zealand **Distinguished Service Award Criteria**

History:

From a governance level, Holstein Friesian New Zealand relies on members to help organise events, run competitions and interact with members on a regional level. Branches and Clubs throughout the country are also run by members who dedicate a large amount of time and effort to running activities within each area.

Honorary Life Memberships recognise the work done by members at Board level and the former Long Services Award acknowledged members who have been part of the Association for 50 years or more.

A Distinguished Service Award was introduced in 1979 to recognise members that had contributed to the breed and Association, but not necessarily at a Board or governance level. Since 1979, Distinguished Service Awards have been awarded but there has been no formalised criteria for this award.

Overview:

A Distinguished Service Award can be awarded to a member or members who have given valuable service to Holstein Friesian NZ at either Branch or Club level over an extended period of time. The award must be in recognition of sustained commitment to the Holstein Friesian breed, both within and beyond a members designated role or responsibility.

Criteria:

1. To have contributed valuable service at either a regional or national level
2. Promotion of the breed:
 - a. Help, assist, or mentoring of fellow member(s) and non-members who share an interest in the breed
 - b. Demonstrated leadership or administration skills at Branch, Club or national level
 - c. Provide ideas for the future direction of the Association and how they can be implemented to continue to the development of the Association
 - d. Contribute to the breed/Association through involvement in activities beyond the level of responsibilities normally expected by a member
 - e. Represented HFNZ as a TOP Inspector or at an international conference
3. Demonstrated a high level of ethical standards, including integrity and credibility of the breed.
4. Been a member of Holstein Friesian New Zealand for a period of 10 years or longer. The membership period can include any membership type, except an NO membership i.e. Junior, Associate or Senior.

Nomination:

1. A nomination can be made by an individual member, Branch, Club or the HFNZ Board. The nomination should include the reason why the member is considered worthy of receiving a Distinguished Service Award, along with the length and period of their involvement.
2. Nominations must be made in writing to the General Manager no later than 28 February each year.
3. The HFNZ Board will review all nominations at its March Board Meeting annually and has the discretion to award or not award, any Distinguished Service Award.
4. The HFNZ Board decision is final.
5. A maximum number of three awards will be given in any one year.