

Ron Hooker Award – Anne Scott

This award was established to honour the outstanding voluntary contribution given by Ron Hooker to the NZIFST since its formation in 1965, this award recognises significant past or current service or contribution to the NZIFST, developing the affairs of the Institute, its Branches or Divisions.

This year's recipient has dedicated much of her working life to the service of NZIFST, making significant contributions to the Institute and the food industry. She first joined NZIFST in 1975, upgraded to Professional in 1981, rejoined in 2004, and was made a Fellow in 2012. She served as the Auckland Branch Chair in the 1980s, National Secretary from 1983 to 1985, Vice President from 2013 to 2015, and President from 2015 to 2017. She was the President who led the bid for the IUFoST Congress to come to New Zealand. She has been a reliable source of information and expertise for many Presidents, always willing to share her knowledge. She chaired many conference committees, providing guidance on content and ensuring smooth operations. As the Editor of FoodNZ via Peppermint Press from 2006 to 2025, she transformed the journal into a trusted source of information, balancing member achievements, industry news, and advancements. Her efforts had a positive effect on the NZIFST budget and expanded readership beyond membership. Her dedication to NZIFST and her passion for the food industry make her a deserving recipient of the Ron Hooker Award. Her legacy in FoodNZ and her contributions to the Institute are truly remarkable.

