

RON HOOKER SIGNIFICANT SERVICE TO THE NZIFST AWARD

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

This award celebrates significant past or current services and contributions to the NZIFST.

This award was established in 2014 to honour and recognise the outstanding contribution given by Ron Hooker to the NZIFST since its formation in 1965 (see Appendix I).

RECIPIENTS:

The Ron Hooker Significant Service to the NZIFST Award may be awarded to one or more individuals each year. The Award Selection Committee reserves the right to recommend no Award be presented in any year.

As a guide to the areas for which the Award may be made, the following examples are suggested:

- a) Leadership of a branch or division or other committee over an extended period of time or through difficult circumstances.
- b) Extensive service as a Branch Secretary, Treasurer, Committee member, Board member or Executive member.
- c) Significant support for, and promotion of, membership of NZIFST to people in the food industry.
- d) Significant mentoring of student or younger members of the Institute.

Previous recipients:

2014 – Sandra Chambers (HBPB)
2015 – Winna Harvey (CY)
2016 – Dave Pooch (AK)
2017 – Margot Buick (WAI)
2018 – Craig Honore (CENT)
2019 – Augusta van Wijk (NEL)
2020 – Jasmin Estrera (CY)
2021 – *No award*
2022 – Pat Silcock (OS)
2023 – Fiona Nyhof (OS)
2024 – Bob Olayo (CY)

NATURE OF AWARD:

The Award will be announced and presented during the NZIFST's Annual Awards Dinner and consists of an appropriate citation and trophy.

The recipient is also entitled to:

- A complimentary full registration (including Awards Dinner) to the annual conference;
- Reasonable travel expenses to the conference;
- Up to 3 nights' accommodation (at an accommodation provider of the NZIFST's choice).

ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION:

The Nominee:

- Must be a current financial member of NZIFST.
- May hold any level of membership within NZIFST.
- May be active in their field of endeavour or may be retired.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD

- a) Nominations must be made jointly by any two financial members of the NZIFST (Standard, Professional or Fellow members).
- b) It is recommended that the nomination be made in confidence without the knowledge of the nominee.
- c) Nominations are to be sent to the Executive Manager, NZIFST, by 30 April in the year of the award.
- d) The nomination should be accompanied by a written supporting statement detailing the significant service or contribution by the nominee to the NZIFST, and the benefits the Institute has gained from the work of the nominee.
- e) Unless there are exceptional circumstances, the winner must be able to attend the Awards function in order to receive the award that year. If the winner is unable to attend the function in their year of selection, they will have 2 further years in which they may be presented with the award at an Award's function, before it will lapse.
- f) Nominations in any one year will automatically stand for a further two years consideration, after which period a nominee must be re-nominated.

Nomination for Ron Hooker Significant Service to the NZIFST Award

Nominee's Name:
Most recent Branch:

NOMINATORS' DECLARATION

(Individual forms are acceptable provided TWO are received for each nomination)

TWO Nominators are required; they must be financial Standard, Professional or Fellow members of NZIFST.

We/I the undersigned nominate the above person for an NZIFST Distinguished Service Award

NAME	SIGNATURE	MEMBERSHIP LEVEL	DATE

NOMINATION CHECKLIST

We have attached (tick):

- ☐ A supporting statement(s) detailing how the nominee has made a substantial contribution to the to the NZIFST, its branches and the benefits the Institute has gained from the work of the nominee, in particular:
 - ☐ Leadership/Chairmanship of a branch or division or other committee over an extended period of time or through difficult circumstances.
 - ☐ Extensive service as a Branch Secretary, Treasurer or committee member.
 - ☐ Significant support for, and promotion of, membership of NZIFST to people in the food industry
 - ☐ Significant mentoring of student or younger members of the Institute

Completed nomination form and all documentation should be scanned and emailed in PDF format

to: NZIFST Executive Manager wendy@nzifst.org.nz

Enquiries: Phone 022 549 8483

CLOSING DATE: 30th April in the year of the award.

APPENDIX I - ABOUT RON HOOKER

Ron was interested in NZIFST since its inception. While at T J Edmonds Ltd, Christchurch, as Chemist, he attended a meeting arranged by Professor Kelvin Scott of Massey Agricultural College and held at Massey in December 1964. It was to be the first of many Food Technology Conferences and in 1966 at the 3rd conference steps were taken to form an incorporated society. In 1968 the Canterbury Branch of NZIFST was formed with Ron elected the foundation Chairman. He subsequently remained Branch Secretary, including writing nearly all the Branch newsletters, until his death in 2013 – it was a position he clearly enjoyed.

Ron served on the NZIFST Council for two terms. He was elected Fellow in 1978 and Honorary Fellow in 1992. At the time there had been only 11 Honorary Fellows elected and Ron cherished this honour. In 2005 He and Bob Cawley (NZIFST President 1967-1969) were invited to cut the NZIFST 40th Anniversary Cake at the Conference in Christchurch. Over the years he served on three NZIFST Conference Committees and on many other committees.

Ron held a near complete set of every document that NZIFST had produced until 2000, including every conference, and had arranged for this material to be handed over to the NZIFST National office for archiving.

Ron began in the food industry in the 50's with the Longburn Freezing Works in Palmerston North. He also held positions at Unilever in Hastings (Birdseye, Crest etc) which involved freezing, canning and dehydration; T J Edmonds from 1963-1983 where he was involved in the development of over 200 Edmonds products; and the Ireland Group Ltd in Christchurch (Browns Flour Mills, SX bakery and other companies). He then set up his own consulting company Foodology Services Ltd.

In retirement Ron kept up his many other interests, including Secretary of the Rotary Club of Linwood-Woolston since its foundation in 1968; and more recently, following the Christchurch earthquakes in 2011, he was actively involved in the New Regent Street restoration and reopening project.

For his significant service to NZIFST, Ron was awarded the NZIFST Exemplary Services Award in 2010. Ron was honoured and humbled to be asked if the NZIFST could name the award after him, but sadly he passed away before the inaugural Ron Hooker Award could be presented in 2014.