

## **RON HOOKER AWARD for EXEMPLARY SERVICE**

### **PURPOSE OF AWARD**

To recognise significant past or current service or contribution to the NZIFST, developing the affairs of the Institute, its Branches or Divisions.

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

### **NATURE OF AWARD**

The inaugural Award will be presented in July 2014 in Christchurch by the family of Ron Hooker.

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

Allowance may be provided for travel expenses to the function at which the Award is made.

### **RECIPIENTS**

The Ron Hooker 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 or committee 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

### **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 his/her field of endeavour or may be retired

## **NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD**

- a) Nominations must be made jointly by any 2 members of the NZIFST.
- 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.
- a) 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.
- d) Nominations will be invited by: advertisement in NZIFST e-newsletters; on the NZIFST web-site; in circulars to Branch Secretaries/Chairpersons; and any other appropriate forms of communication.
- 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 first ranked nominee is unable to attend the function then, at the Selection Committee's discretion, the second (or, if necessary, third) ranked nominee may be deemed the winner in that year. If a first ranked nominee is unable to attend the function in their first year of selection they will have 2 further years in which they may be presented with the award before it will lapse.
- f) Nominations in any one year are to automatically stand for a further two years consideration, after which period a nominee must be re-nominated.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Award Selection Committee shall comprise a Past-President, who shall chair the committee, and any or all of the current Branch Chairmen who are willing and able to contribute to the process. If a current Branch Chairman has a conflict of interest with a nominee then that Chairman will be ineligible to join the selection committee.

The Selection Committee will rank the completed nominations received by the due date, combined with all eligible nominations from the previous 2 years. Their decision will include consideration of:

- a) The duration and form of the contribution the nominee has made to the Institute and the benefits the Institute has gained from the work of the nominee.
- b) The nominee's willingness to be helpful; or introducing new members; or exemplary networking to support or mentor other members; or promotion of the NZIFST to outside organisations.

The Selection Committee shall have the right to seek further information about any nominee before they make their final decision.

The top ranked nominee in any year may be deemed the winner in that year although the Award Selection Committee reserves the right to recommend no Award be presented in any year.

The Selection Committee's decision is final and no further discussion will be entered into.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. There have only been 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 for Exemplary Service could be presented in 2014.



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NOMINATION FORM**

We wish to nominate the following member for the Ron Hooker Award:

**Nominee's Name:**

**NOMINATORS:**

NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE

**We have attached:**

- 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.

This completed form and supporting documentation should be scanned and emailed  
by 30<sup>th</sup> April in the year of the award to:

Executive Manager, NZIFST, [rosemary@nzifst.org.nz](mailto:rosemary@nzifst.org.nz)