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2027 SOCIETY AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Closing date for nominations: 5.00 pm (AEDT) Friday, 23 October 2026

1. Nominee details (please ensure name spellings are correct)

Title (e.g. Mr/Ms/Dr): _____ Family name: _____ Other names: _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Award for which nomination is made (choose one only)

Fellow of the Society
Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand Medal
Honorary Member of the Society
Christchurch Medal Award for Bravery
Christchurch Medal Award for Community Service
Presidential Citation Award

Please ensure that you are familiar with the rules and guidelines for each of these awards (see attached)

3. Proposers' details

Proposer:
Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Seconder:
Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note that the proposer and seconder must be a Full Member or Fellow of the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand.

4. Attachments

The following **MUST BE ATTACHED** for the application to be complete:



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- i) Statement of no more than 200 words, which will become the citation to be read at the award presentation if the nomination is approved.
- ii) List of achievements and distinguished service, including dates, which in the proposers' opinions, render the nominee suitable for the honour.
- iii) Current curriculum vitae for the person nominated for the honour.

SOCIETY AWARDS RULES AND GUIDELINES

USANZ has six ways it can bestow an honour on an individual. Each honour serves a different purpose and these are set out below. The rules and guidelines are based on the USANZ's Constitution and Board Resolutions.

The process of determining those who should receive these honours is also set out below and has been designed to simplify the process for those who nominate and for the Board of Directors of USANZ, which is empowered to make decisions about who is honoured.

None of the honours is restricted by the country in which the person lives. This reflects the increasing travel and communication between urologists from different countries.

Any of the honours can be awarded posthumously.

THE AWARDS

- 1. Fellow of the Society:** This membership is the highest honour that the Society can bestow, and it is given to "Full Members of the Society who have in the opinion of the Board of Directors rendered distinguished service to the Society and the practice of urology."¹ In more recent times, the second criterion – distinguished service to the practice of urology – has been taken to mean a significant academic or clinical contribution to urology. While this category of membership of the Society is open to all members, in practice it is extremely unlikely that such an award could be made to a person who was not a practicing urologist. A Fellow pays no annual subscription to the Society and retains the title of "Fellow" for life unless the person resigns from the Society. The recipient is also entitled to use the Post Nominal FUSANZ (Emeritus).
- 2. Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand Medal:** This honour is available to a Society member who has given exceptional service and leadership to Society members in at least one aspect of the Society's work over a considerable number of years. The Society medal is always awarded for *exceptional service*. Like the Fellow of the Society, it is extremely unlikely that a medal could be given to a person who is not or was not a practicing urologist. The medal is NOT a membership category. Being awarded the medal has no effect on annual subscriptions to the Society.
- 3. Honorary Membership:** This category of membership is available to any person who, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, has made a distinguished contribution to urology or the Society. It is highly unlikely that this honour would be given to an Australasian urologist because other categories would be more appropriate. This honour could be given to a person who is not a Society member but has made a distinguished contribution in any of many ways, e.g. an overseas urologist, a benefactor, a non-member who has made a lasting and appreciated contribution. An honorary member retains the title for life unless he/she resigns from the Society. No annual membership fee is payable.

¹ USANZ Constitution Amended 2021, Clause 15 (A)

4. **Christchurch Medal Awards:** The Board of Directors, at its meeting on 1 May 2011, resolved to introduce the Christchurch Medal, to recognise urologists who demonstrated outstanding acts for the benefit of others immediately following the devastating earthquake on 22 February 2011 in Christchurch, New Zealand. The USANZ 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) was being held in Christchurch at the time of the earthquake. At the 2012 ASM, the Medal, constructed from building debris metal resulting from the earthquake, was first presented to four members of the Society for outstanding acts of bravery during the earthquake.

Moving forward, the Christchurch Medal will be awarded for 'exceptional community service'.

In the spirit of acknowledging outstanding global endeavours, this honour is available to a urologist who may or may not be a USANZ member and may reside outside Australia and New Zealand. The medal is NOT a membership category. Being awarded the medal has no effect on annual subscriptions to the Society.

Awards may be made posthumously.

There are two criteria for the Christchurch Medal Award:

Award	Nomination Criteria
a) Christchurch Medal Bravery Award: awarded for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.	Bravery Award nominees are to have been involved in a situation/s where the nominee risked personal injury and/or death to save the life or render assistance to someone in need.
b) Christchurch Medal Community Service Award: awarded in recognition of urologists who have given exceptional community service.	Community Service Award nominees are to have Substantially contributed to the improvement of the quality of life of members of a community through humanitarian endeavours.

5. **Presidential Citation Award:** This honour may be awarded for the provision of exceptional urological services to the community. Such service would have been delivered over many years and may also include services that may have been provided on a pro bono basis.

THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR A SOCIETY AWARD

1. The USANZ office will contact all Full Members and Fellows and invite them to nominate appropriate persons for a Society honour. The *pro forma* application form will be provided.
2. No person can be nominated for more than one honour.
3. **Each nomination will be proposed and seconded by a Full Member or Fellow of the Society** and all details on the application which are relevant to the honour sought are to be completed. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
4. The person being nominated **should NOT** be contacted by the proposer or seconder under any circumstance. The USANZ office will contact the successful person(s) to ascertain their willingness to receive the honour.
5. Nominations received at the specified place for lodgment after the due date will not be considered. The due date will be set to permit the USANZ Board of Directors to receive all applications prior to the planned Board of Directors' meeting.

THE DECISION-MAKING AND AWARD PROCESS

1. A Society Awards Nominations Committee (SANC) was formed in November 2009 to review nominations for the various Society Awards and the committee will make recommendations to the USANZ Board of Directors. The SANC consists of:
 - a) Past President (Chair)
 - b) Vice President
 - c) One Board Member seconded each year. (It is at the discretion of the SANC Chair with regard to which Director he or she approaches regarding the seconded position on the committee).
2. The SANC Chair will present the SANC recommendations to the Board.
3. The USANZ Office shall prepare a ballot paper, which clearly sets out the names of each person properly nominated for each honour.
4. At the USANZ Board of Directors' meeting, each Board member shall secretly vote "for" or "against" each person nominated for an honour.
5. Any person receiving more than one vote against the awarding of the honour will not be awarded the honour.
6. The SANC Chair will contact the various award proposers and provide confidential feedback.
7. The USANZ office will contact the successful person(s) to ascertain their willingness to receive the honour.
8. Where possible the USANZ President will award honours at the USANZ Annual Scientific Meeting where the citation for the honour will be read.

Please send your completed nomination forms by 5.00pm (AEDT) Friday, 23 October 2026
"Society Awards' Nominations"
via email to secretary@usanz.org.au