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1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the awarding of a Companion of the College Award. It covers the application and selection criteria as well as the duration, value, frequency and conditions of the Award.

2. KEY DIRECTION STATEMENT

As a fellowship based organisation, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons commits to ensuring the highest standard of safe and comprehensive surgical care for the community we serve through excellence in surgical education, training, professional development and support.

3. VALUES

- Service and Professionalism
 - performing to and upholding the highest standards
- Integrity
 - upholding professional values
- Respect and Compassion
 - being sympathetic and empathetic
- Commitment and Diligence
 - being dedicated, doing one's best to deliver
- Collaboration and Teamwork
 - working together to achieve the best outcome

4. BACKGROUND

Established in 2000 the Companion of the College is an honour created to recognise the contributions of a person to the College and to the community through conspicuous continued involvement.

5. BODY OF POLICY

5.1 Frequency of Award – Nominations are called for on an annual basis. However, a Companion of the College will only be awarded from time to time as appropriate. If there is not an applicant who meets the criteria in that particular year, then a Companion of the College will not be awarded in that year.

5.2 The Award of Companion of the College may be presented to distinguished persons, scientists and other notable persons with the following criteria.

- Promotion of the academic purposes of the College or facilitation of those purposes in any particular activity of the College.
- Fostering the links between the College and other institutions within and outside Australia and New Zealand.
- Other activities identified by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee as significant in the development or promotion of surgical education and/or Surgery.

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5.3 In some instances, Council may acknowledge the contributions of an organisation by the recognition of its Chairperson, President, Secretary or other distinguished surgeons.

5.4 Persons bestowed with the award will normally be admitted as a Companion at the Annual Scientific Congress. They will be presented with a certificate and a citation will be given.

5.5 Financial Implications for Recipient of a College Award:

- Travel and Accommodation are not provided by the College and costs will not be paid or re-imbursed by the College.
- If being presented at the ASC registration at the ASC and banquet costs for the recipient and partner will be paid by the College.

Approver Awards Committee
Authoriser Council