1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Outstanding Service to the Community Award recognises a Fellow's long term dedication and commitment to serving his or her community through the provision of surgical services.

2. KEYWORDS
Outstanding, award, community, service

3. BODY OF POLICY
3.1. Background
The Outstanding Service to the Community Award has been designed to recognise Fellows who have given long and dedicated service to their local community - more often than not unheralded - but without which the standard of surgical care in that community would have been less than society demands.

3.2. Eligibility Criteria
The Outstanding Service to the Community Award is open to all Fellows of the College.

3.3. Selection Criteria
The award shall be made on the recommendation of the nominees' Regional Committee or the New Zealand National Board (NZNB).
In making the recommendation, the Regional Committee or NZNB shall observe the following requirements:
• Have made a significant contribution to the one community;
• Be accompanied by a written recommendation from two members of the nominees’ community (peer, colleague, patient etc.)
• A covering letter will be written by the Regional Chair
• All documents will be forwarded to the Director, Relationships & Advocacy for approval as per associated procedure

3.4. Composition and Presentation
The award shall consist of a framed certificate and, where possible, be presented to the Fellow by a suitably distinguished member of the Fellow’s community (Lord Mayor etc.) The award is intended to be a surprise to the recipient, therefore attendance at the event where presentation will occur needs to be carefully planned.

3.5. Frequency of the award
The frequency of presentation of the award shall be at the discretion of the NZNB/Regional Committee.

3.6. Financial implications
The budget for the Outstanding Service to the Community Award shall reside within the individual NZNB/Regional Committee cost centres.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS
PRC_REL-GOV-042 Outstanding Service to the Community Award

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