

New Zealand Branch Guidelines

Branch Awards

The RSCDS publishes general guidelines for Branch Awards and these can be found at

www.rscds.org/sites/default/files/branch_award_guidelines.pdf

Item 3 of these guidelines states that the exact qualifying criteria for the Branch Award, the procedures for nominating an individual, couple or group for the Award and determining who should receive it and the circumstances for presenting the Award are a matter for the individual Branches.

These are the New Zealand Branch criteria and procedures:

1. Recipients of the Award will have been responsible for some notable achievements so as to benefit Scottish Country Dancing and/or its music at the Branch level or across the whole New Zealand Branch.
2. Nominations are to be made on the form provided.
3. Nominations are to be prepared without direct input from the recipient. If possible the award should come as a surprise to the recipient.
4. Nominations will be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Management Committee. Afterwards the Management Committee's decision and any planned actions will be communicated to the person making the nomination.

Past recipients of Branch Awards in New Zealand have organised Summer Schools, served as members and office-bearers on Branch committees, developed Scottish Country music and musicians across the country or been internationally recognised for the dances they devised.

The New Zealand Branch is well aware that there are many people who have provided their time and effort over long periods for the benefit of Scottish Dancing at region or club level. Just as the RSCDS Scroll of Honour acknowledges achievement across the whole RSCDS, and the Branch Awards at Branch level, it is also appropriate for regions and clubs to provide local recognition of achievement and service.