

The Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award

The Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award acknowledges individuals who have provided a long-standing contribution to NZ Mortuary services.

The Christchurch Hospital Forensic Pathology Department donated the Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award in 2022 to 'recognise those individuals who have made long standing contributions to the delivery of mortuary services within NZ'.

The Mortuary Special Interest Group Convenor awards the Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award to a person or group of people who best represent the objectives of the award, to celebrate their outstanding commitment to mortuary services in New Zealand.

Who it's awarded to

Any current or past technician;

- who has completed the QMLT in Mortuary Hygiene and Technique

AND

- after nomination by a designated person/organisation as outlined below.

Requirements for nomination

- The nominee must have completed at least five years continuous service for one or more DHB/Communio organisations

AND

- has demonstrated unparalleled service and or commitment to NZ mortuary service

Each nomination will be considered for *two consecutive years* unless the nominee wins the Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award, or the nominating body withdraws the nomination.

After the second year, the nominating body must wait a year before submitting a nomination for the same person. The Mortuary SIG Convenor may not award the Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award to previous recipients, and the NZIMLS Committee may refrain from making a recommendation if none are suitable.

Who can nominate a person or group

Each of these organisations may nominate one person or one group of people for the Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award:

- Any mortuary technician employed by Te Whatu Ora organisations or Communio
- Past recipients (now no longer employed under Te Whatu Ora or Communio)
- NZ Police or any affiliated agency
- Forensic Pathologists/Forensic Pathology Registrars who have worked directly alongside the nominated technician

How to nominate a person or group

Nominations for the Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award 2022 are now closed. Nominations for 2023 will be open in approximately March/April 2023.

To nominate a person or group of people you must:

- Download and complete the nomination form.
- Prepare and collate the following documents to support your nomination:
- Include a letter of recommendation/nomination statement
- Include an outline of the achievements with clear demonstration of outcomes (maximum of 5 pages)
- a brief CV for a nominated individual, or a detailed description of a nominated group's work
- Extra materials eg, presentations, references, letters of support, media releases and articles
- Send the completed nomination, including all attachments, in pdf format to Rod.Smith@cdhb.health.nz or post to the Christchurch Mortuary Department, Attention Mortuary SIG Convenor, Christchurch Hospital, Christchurch.

Guidelines for the letter of recommendation/nomination statement

The letter of recommendation/nomination statement must:

- be written by the nominating organisation
- be no longer than two A4 pages
- include a statement about why the nominee's work qualifies for a Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award nomination – outlining achievements with clear demonstration of outcome

This could include how the nominee's work;

- meets the Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award's objective in acknowledging individuals who have provided a long-standing contribution to NZ Mortuary services
- has made a tangible and positive difference to mortuary discipline in NZ
- has made a significant contribution over and above his/her employment expectations How nominations are considered

The Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award Cup Committee assesses the nominations each year against how the nominee fulfils the criteria as listed above.

The Catherine Mulligan Memorial Award Committee is comprised of

The Mortuary SIG Convenor

One or more representatives of the NZIMLS Governance Committee

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