

**ESME TOMBLESON CAREGIVER OF THE YEAR AWARDS  
CRITERIA 2017**



This annual award was established in 2002 to recognise people who are or who have been exceptional caregivers to people with Multiple Sclerosis (PwMS) and who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and devotion in their support. It is also an opportunity to honour our founder, Esme Tombleson, for the many years of valuable work and commitment she has made for people with MS.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Any person who is, or has been, a voluntary (i.e. unpaid) caregiver to a person with MS is eligible. The nominee does not have to be a relative of a person with MS and may be a caregiver to one or more PwMS. Children and young people can be nominated for the Award.

**WHO MAY NOMINATE?**

Any member of an MS Society in NZ or Person with MS may propose the nominee.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To recognise the importance of the role of caregivers to PwMS.
- To create greater awareness of the importance of the caregiver in the lives of PwMS.
- To give MS Societies the opportunity to recognise the valuable work of caregivers.

**AWARD COMMITTEE**

The Award Committee will include the National Manager, the President of the MS Society NZ and at least one person who has MS.

**AWARD**

The award winner will be presented their award by their Regional Society at a date to be advised.

**PUBLICITY**

MSNZ intends to promote the awards and winner on the MSNZ Website, Facebook Page and in other promotional material. The winner will be contacted before these are released to confirm their consent.

**DEADLINE**

Post applications for this Award with supporting information by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017** to:

*Esme Tombleson Awards*

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