

**ESME TOMBLESON PERSON WITH MS OF THE YEAR AWARD  
CRITERIA 2017**

This annual award was established in 2002 to recognise people with Multiple Sclerosis who have demonstrated that they are an exceptional and outstanding example to the MS community. 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**

The award for Esme Tombleson PwMS of the Year is open to anybody diagnosed with MS. The person does not need to be a member of a local MS Society; however, the application needs to be supported by a regional society by way of an accompanying letter. Applications should include the length of time the person has had MS, any achievements, and any other details that make the PwMS extra special. Any other additional material that you wish to submit, e.g. photo's newspaper cuttings, etc, can be included with the application.

**WHO MAY NOMINATE?**

Any member of a MS Society in NZ or any PwMS may propose the nominee.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To invite and encourage the participation of persons with MS within our MS Societies.
- To enhance the influence and position of persons with MS within MS Societies or associations.
- To create greater public awareness of the importance of active involvement of persons with MS within our MS societies.
- To recognise the valuable contributions of persons with MS within local, national and international MS organisations.
- To give MS Societies the opportunity to recognise the valuable input of PwMS.

**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 with the 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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