Better Outcomes Award

Te Tohu mõ ngā Hua E Pai Ake Ana

This award celebrates the achievement of ground-breaking outcomes in areas that matter most for the long-term wellbeing of New Zealanders.

The judges will be lookings for applicants who demonstrate spirit of service through:

- new and better approaches to addressing a significant social, economic or environmental challenge important to New Zealanders
- the achievement of tangible results that will make a difference in the long term
- improving responsiveness to communities and whānau/families
- a unified approach to working across government.

Service Excellence Award

Te Tohu mõ te Ratonga Whakahirahira

This award celebrates leading-edge service improvements that are making a real difference to the lives of New Zealanders.

The judges will be lookings for applicants who demonstrate spirit of service through:

- the achievement of significantly improved services for customers and citizens
- agility in responding to the demands of diverse and changing communities and rapidly evolving technology
- innovation in areas such as the use of data and digital technology or approaches to community engagement
- improving responsiveness and accessibility for Māori
- a unified approach to working across government.

Māori/Crown Relationships Award

Te Tohu mõ te Tühonotanga a Ngãi Mãori me te Karauna

This award celebrates outstanding contributions to strengthening the health of Māori /Crown relationships through:

- auahatanga (innovation)
- whakapūmautanga (durability)
- kōwhiringa (opportunities).

The judges will be looking for applicants who demonstrate:

- engagement processes with Māori that uphold and exceed the Māori Crown Engagement Framework and Guidelines standards
- meaningful partnerships with Māori that deliver mutual outcomes
- embedding te ao Māori approaches and Treaty of Waitangi perspectives at the heart of policy, programmes and services
- workforce initiatives that build and sustain the cultural competence of the public service
- empowerment of Māori to succeed as Māori in leadership roles
- better services that improve responsiveness and accessibility for Māori and improve the lives of whānau.

Leadership in Governance Award

Te Tohu mõ te Kaiārahi Mahi Whakahaere

This award celebrates outstanding public sector leadership in governance. The award will be presented to a Board in the public sector or a sector or cross-agency governance group delivering outstanding results for New Zealand.

The judges will be looking for applicants who demonstrate spirit of service and excellence in governance through:

- inspirational, world-class public sector leadership
- a focus on results and delivering for New Zealand and New Zealanders
- leading-edge initiatives to foster a diverse, inclusive and highly engaged workforce
- creative and effective approaches to leading cross-agency or sector initiatives
- exemplary integrity, accountability and stewardship.

Young Leader of the Year

Te Tohu mõ te Kaiārahi Rangatahi o te Tau

This award celebrates an inspirational young public sector leader who embodies spirit of service.

The judges will be looking for applicants who demonstrate spirit of service through:

- exceptional motivation and commitment to delivering for New Zealand and New Zealanders
- a collaborative approach to engaging and partnering with others
- setting ambitious goals and a track record early-in-career for delivering results
- active support to other young leaders.

Applicants must be aged 35 years or younger on 31 December 2019.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Te Tohu Oranga Angitu

This award will honour an individual who during his or her lifetime
has made an exceptional contribution to the public sector and who
embodies a spirit of service.

This award will not be open to nominations.

The Prime Minister's Award

Te Tohu a te Pirimia

 The Prime Minister's Award for the overall winner of the year selected from the winners of the Better Outcomes Award, Service Excellence Award, Māori/Crown Relationship Award and Leadership in Governance Award.