



THE WELLYS - NOMINATIONS CRITERIA

We have various awards ceremonies throughout the year to celebrate achievements within specific sectors such as sports and business.

The Wellingtonian of the Year Awards were started in 1989 to celebrate achievements and contributions across all sectors of our community, with one outstanding individual selected annually for the supreme title. It's also a celebration about Wellington, and reminds us annually why it's great to be a Wellingtonian.

These awards need to reflect and represent the public's opinion and feedback. As a result, public nominations are critically important, especially for unearthing those tireless behind the scenes type contributors who otherwise go unnoticed.

The broad criteria for public nominations for these awards are outlined below, but ultimately, these are just guidelines – it's up to you as to who you think really deserves a Welly, and telling us why.

- Nominees should have a **strong connection with the greater Wellington region**, with their contribution either being within the Wellington region, or with Wellington having played a strong role in helping them with their achievement.
- Nominee's **needn't be resident in the greater Wellington region**, but should have maintained, and strong links. They should ultimately consider themselves to be a Wellingtonian.
- Greater Wellington takes in up to and **including Kapiti on the west, and up to and including Upper Hutt on the east**.
- Although nominations are often based on many years of contribution or achievement, nominees should have also made a continued contribution or achievement in the period **from September 2007 through to August 2008**.
- Nominations need **not be just for an individual** – they can be for a couple for example.
- If possible include as much information as you consider necessary within the nomination – this particularly applies to our less heralded nominees who have perhaps not featured as prominently in our local media. However, if you don't have time please include your phone number and our researcher may call if he is having trouble finding information.

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A Welly is awarded for each of the eight categories – broad criteria for each of these follows:

ARTS – we're the cultural capital of New Zealand, a deserved title, but who do you know that is helping us to grow that reputation nationally and internationally.

BUSINESS – we've got a bunch of terrific businesses based here in Wellington, large and small. They're committed to Wellington, critical to our economy, and often have inspiring and entrepreneurial leaders driving their success.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – this category often celebrates our unsung heroes, those who often work tirelessly behind the scenes, and fulfil crucial community functions.

EDUCATION – this sector makes a huge contribution to Wellington, from pre-school right through to tertiary. Let's celebrate those individuals who may have made education their life's mission.

GOVERNMENT – the public service plays a significant role in the Wellington economy, with many great things happening at both local and national government levels, and many hugely committed individuals at the forefront of developments. Lets recognise their efforts.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY – we probably would also like us to think of ourselves as the intellectual capital, and nowhere does this shine through more than in science and technology. Lets recognise their intellectual capital.

SPORTS – as Wellingtonians, we're renowned for supporting our teams...for better or for worse. This category seeks to celebrate those involved in sport in any capacity, as a player, official or volunteer for example.

YOUTH – our youth of today will, and are, shaping the Wellington of tomorrow – who do you know that is shining beyond their years. Nominees should be aged under 25 years.

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