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Finalists announced for 2016 NZI Sustainable Business Network Awards

Judges for the 2016 NZI Sustainable Business Network Awards have announced the line-up of finalists.

CEO of the Sustainable Business Network (SBN) Rachel Brown says these organisations and individuals are leading the transformation to a more sustainable New Zealand.

"These Awards are unique. They recognise outstanding achievement in making New Zealand a more sustainable nation.

"Together we can restore New Zealand's landscapes, oceans and waterways and we can tackle this nation's social issues. Those leading on this are pioneering new forms of business success. In my book they all deserve to be New Zealander of the year. It can feel like swimming uphill a lot of the time, so recognising those doing the right thing is vital.

"The Awards are our way of celebrating together. They are one of the ways we recharge ourselves for the challenges to come.

"I hope New Zealanders give these people and their organisations the support they deserve. Because every time we buy something or support a cause we make a choice about the kind of country we want to live in."

The Award winners will be announced at a black tie ceremony on 17 November at Shed 10 on Auckland's waterfront.

The finalists for the 2016 NZI Sustainable Business Network Awards are:

Sustainability Champion Award

Barry Coates (The University of Auckland and Green Party, formerly Oxfam)
Brian Cox (Bio Energy Association of NZ)
Buffie Mawhinney (Ranui Community Centre)
Gareth Morgan (The Morgan Foundation)
Steve Ellingford (Bayfair Shopping Centre)

***Cadence Communications* Communicating Sustainability Award**

Better NZ Trust
Green Cabs
Kokako
Packaging Forum Inc
The Oversew Fashion Awards

***The EcoPro Cleaning Co* Community Innovation Award**

Chariot Ridesharing
Corefusion Limited
CSC Buying Group
Ecotricity
Good Neighbour Aotearoa Trust
Kiwibank
Little Yellow Bird
The New Zealand Network Charitable Trust
Verisafe

***Airbnb* Community Impact Award**

Auckland Council
Counties Manukau Health
Good Neighbour Aotearoa Trust
Kai Carrier
Metal Art
Packaging Forum Inc
Sustainability Trust
TerraCycle

***Ricoh* Mega Efficiency Innovation Award**

Asaleo Care
Ecotricity
Energy and Technical Services Ltd
Method Recycling
My Car Your Rental

TerraCycle

Auckland Council Mega Efficiency Impact Award

Capital & Coast District Health Board
Cityhop
Fonterra
Fulton Hogan / Tauranga Airport Authority
Kiwi Experience
Webstar

Renewables Innovation Award

Ecotricity
Flick Electric Co
NZ Bus
Scion
solarcity
Spark NZ

Renewables Impact Award

Air New Zealand
Auckland Transport
ChargeNet NZ
Christchurch Bike Share

Yealands Family Wines Restorative Innovation Award

Avon-Ōtākaro Network
Ekos
GHD
Go Bamboo
Junk Run
Raw Essentials

Restorative Impact Award

Ceres Organics
Comvita
Green Cabs
We Compost
ZingBokashi

EECA Business Energy Management Award

Finalists from the Renewables and Mega efficiency categories are eligible to apply for the Energy Management Award. Finalists for this category will be announced in early November.

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About the Sustainable Business Network

The Sustainable Business Network (SBN) provides advice and support to help business succeed through becoming more sustainable. The largest organisation of businesses dedicated to sustainability in New Zealand, the SBN actively helps our network of progressive companies to: progress their sustainability journey; promote their business; and join coalitions and campaigns.

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