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Sustainable Business Network wins sustainability excellence award

The Sustainable Business Network has won the Sustainability Support category at the 2016 AUT Excellence in Business Support Awards.

Rachel Brown, CEO of the Sustainable Business Network, says she is thrilled to have won the first sustainability award in the history of these awards.

"The finalists were all very impressive, so we're incredibly honoured to be in such good company.

"The entry process is very thorough, which takes a lot of effort, but it's a very useful reflection of our best practice and robust internal systems.

"Big thanks to AUT for bringing the sustainability category into their Awards. It's very important that businesses get involved in sustainability. The concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has just reached 400 parts per million for the first time in recorded history, which is a stark reminder that we're still not on track to limit climate change. This is serious and business needs to lead."

Sarah Trotman, Founder of the Excellence in Business Support Awards and Director at AUT Business School, says: "The Sustainable Business Network really are putting sustainability at the forefront of everything they do. The team has shown so much leadership in helping other businesses be smarter, greener and more equipped for the future. An absolute delight to see this wonderful organisation win this important award."

About the Awards

The AUT Business School Excellence in Business Support Awards celebrate excellence across 10 diverse business support sectors ranging from technology and export support to not for profit, government and sales and marketing.

"AUT Business School takes great pride in these Awards which allow us to recognise and celebrate the best providers of business support in New Zealand," says Professor Geoff Perry, Dean of the AUT Faculty of Business, Economics and Law.

"Without business support, the performance of businesses here would be greatly affected and it's important that we acknowledge the very important work that they do. From sales and marketing, and helping behind the scenes with everything from compliance and logistics to administration and maintenance, these businesses help keep our New Zealand industries running effectively and efficiently."

The Awards, founded by AUT Business School's Director of Business Relations and Executive Education Sarah Trotman, are now in their 11th year. They are the only national performance measure for New Zealand organisations that provide business support. Applications are judged by evaluators from the AUT Business School with oversight from the New Zealand Business Excellence Foundation.

2016 *AUT Business School* Excellence in Business Support Winners:

AUT Business School Supreme Winner

Plant & Food Research

Category Award Winners:

IMNZ Business < $5M T/O Management Services

Advisory Works (previously Results Group)

ICG Business < $5M T/O Sales & Marketing

Mint Design

IBM Business $5M - $20M T/O

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Fuji Xerox Large Business

Jasmax

Idealog Sustainability Support

Sustainable Business Network

Colab Design and Creative Technology Support

DNA

New Zealand Business Excellence Foundation Not for Profit

Careerforce

Drake New Zealand Government

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority EECA BUSINESS

AUT International Business Export Support

NZECO (New Zealand Export Credit Office)

Fuji Xerox Leadership

Wayne Norrie

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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. It is the largest and longest-standing organisation of businesses dedicated to sustainability in New Zealand. The SBN actively helps our network of progressive companies to connect, be inspired and act.

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