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Record numbers as finalists announced for 2017 NZI Sustainable Business Network Awards

Judges for the 2017 NZI Sustainable Business Network Awards have announced the line-up of finalists after a record year of entries.

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

“This year we have had the highest number of entries in the 15 years of the Awards, reflecting the growth in sustainability initiatives across New Zealand businesses.

“These Awards recognise outstanding achievement in making New Zealand a more sustainable nation. Over the years we have seen a movement from efficient resource management into real system shifts, responding to critical themes like restoring nature, renewable transport and good food.

“The quality of entries has been extremely high, so making the final round of judging is a considerable achievement.

“The finalists include small businesses, corporates and not for profits, showing that all types of organisations can make a success out of sustainability. Recognising progress is vital, and the Awards are our way of celebrating together.”

Travis Atkinson, Executive General Manager of NZI, the Principal Sponsor of the Awards, says, “We’ve been proud supporters of the Sustainable Business Network and national Awards for the last 10 years.

“As an organisation that provides business insurance for a growing New Zealand, being sustainable is really important to us - it’s fundamental to the way we do business. We’re

strong believers in the SBN's mission to inspire change and we look forward to meeting the new sustainability leaders of 2017.”

The Award winners will be announced at a black tie ceremony on 30 November at Shed 10 on Auckland's waterfront. [Tickets](#) are now on sale.

The finalists for the 2017 NZI Sustainable Business Network Awards are:

Sustainability Superstar Award

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Geoff Bold, Fisher & Paykel Healthcare
Bob Burnett, Bob Burnett Architecture
Gary Dalton, Te Whangai Trust
Josie Evans, Excelso Coffee
Andrew Fisher, EcoStock Supplies Ltd
Toni Hogg, Green Cabs
Anton Hutton, Z Energy
Ian G. McLean, Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology
Julia Milne, Common Unity Project Aotearoa
Dee and Steve West, ChargeNet New Zealand

Communicating for Change Award

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Conscious Consumers
Ecotricity
Green Cabs
Meridian Energy
Sustainable Winegrowing NZ / NZ Sustainability Dashboard
Superhome Movement
The Better NZ Trust
Trade Me
WasteMINZ

Hardwired for Social Good Award

Alpha ESS Co. Ltd
Bayfair Shopping Centre
Clean Event
Kiwi Community Assistance Charitable Trust
Little Yellow Bird
My Car Your Rental
Thankyou Payroll

TROW Group
Verisafe
Westpac

Partnering for Good Award

Akina Foundation
Auckland Whale & Dolphin Safari
BNZ and Good Shepherd NZ
ChargeNet New Zealand
Dementia Auckland / Westpac
Fonterra / KickStart Breakfast Programme
Kiwibank and Banqer
Mevo Limited
New Zealand Post
Seagull Centre Trust
Take My Hands Charitable Trust
Three Kings Salvage and Recovery Project

Going Circular Award

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Auckland District Health Board
Clearsite Demolition Ltd
EcoStock Supplies Ltd
Ethique
Global Action Plan Oceania
Innocent Packaging
Mashbone Dog Treats
Reclaim
Resene
The Formary
Trademe
TROW Group
Wishbone Design Studio
Woolchemy NZ Ltd

Efficiency Champion Award

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Auckland District Health Board
Christchurch Airport
Clearsite Demolition Ltd
Fisher & Paykel Healthcare
Foodstuffs
Kiwi Property Group
T&G Global

Smarter Transport Award***Sponsored by Opus International Consultants***

Auckland Transport
Boltra Ltd
ChargeNet New Zealand
Ecotricity
Flip the Fleet
Mercury
Mevo Limited
New Zealand Post
Waste Management NZ Limited
YourDrive

Revolutionising Energy Award***Sponsored by EECA Business***

Bayfair Shopping Centre
ChargeNet New Zealand
ECOLight / Kiwi Property Group
EcoStock Supplies Ltd
HR Cement Limited
Pakaraka Permaculture
Reid Technology Ltd & TEAM Power Ltd
Vector

Transforming Food Award***Sponsored by Yealands Family Wines***

Common Unity Project Aotearoa
Dung Beetle Innovations
EcoStock Supplies Ltd
Green Spot Technologies Ltd
Otago Locusts
Pakaraka Permaculture
Purebread

Restoring Nature Award***Sponsored by Department of Conservation***

Agrissentials NZ Ltd
Auckland Whale & Dolphin Safari
Green Cabs
Little Brown Kiwi New Zealand
Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust (MEIT)

Real Journeys
Te Whangai Trust
Zealandia

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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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