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## **Record numbers as finalists announced for 2018 NZI Sustainable Business Network Awards**

Judges for the 2018 NZI Sustainable Business Network Awards have announced the line-up of finalists after another record year of entries.

CEO of the Sustainable Business Network (SBN) Rachel Brown says the record numbers are a sign of growing business confidence in sustainability.

“It’s hard to find a business now that isn’t talking about the role it can play – or is already playing – to improve environmental or social performance. Our youth is screaming for action now from all sectors.

“Government has stepped up, seeing the economic opportunity if business leads on climate change, the circular economy and employment conditions. We are seeing a rapid growth in SBN’s membership. Businesses really want to build their capability so they can reap the rewards of embracing sustainability.

“Our Awards are a fabulous way of showcasing the growing leadership here in Aotearoa. The eyes of the world are looking at the winners with interest. It’s exciting times for sustainable, restorative business.”

“The finalists include small businesses, corporates and not for profits, showing that all types of organisations can make a success out of sustainability. The quality of entries has been extremely high, so making the final round of judging is a considerable achievement.

Garry Taylor, Executive General Manager of NZI, the Principal Sponsor of the Awards, says they serve an important purpose.

“The impact that business is having on our environment and communities, and their increasing impact on business, is becoming more apparent and a more urgent issue to

address. What the Awards do is encourage those businesses who are actively doing something about it to come forward and have their efforts recognised.

“NZI is proud to have supported the Sustainable Business Network and the national Awards for the last 11 years. We’re strong believers in the Network’s mission to inspire change and we congratulate all those who took the time to enter, and those selected as finalists.”

The NZI Sustainable Business Network Awards have been running for 16 years.

The winners will be announced at a black tie ceremony on 22 November at Shed 10 on Auckland’s waterfront. [Tickets are now on sale.](#)

### **The finalists for the 2018 NZI Sustainable Business Network Awards are:**

#### **Sustainability Superstar Award**

Tracy Brown  
Steve Bush  
Karen Fifield MNZM  
David Ivory  
Dave Maslen  
Mike Murphy  
Kirsten Taylor  
Tony Wheeler

#### **Communicating for Change Award**

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Agricom  
Countdown  
Fuji Xerox NZ  
GoodFor  
Pathfinder Asset Management  
Pohatu Penguins/Plunge NZ  
Sustainability Trust  
The Rubbish Trip  
Wā Collective

#### **Hardwired for Social Good Award**

Auckland District Health Board – Tāmaki Mental Health & Wellbeing initiative  
Fonterra  
Karma Cola  
Kilmarnock Enterprises  
Munch Cupboard  
My Cup NZ

Rangi Ruru Girls School  
State of Grace  
Sudima Hotels  
Z Energy

**Partnering for Good Award**  
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Ākina Foundation + NZ Post  
All Good Bananas  
All Heart NZ  
KickStart Breakfast (Fonterra + Sanitarium + Ministry of Social Development)  
KiwiHarvest + Everybody Eats  
Living Water Partnership (Department of Conservation + Fonterra)  
Springboard Trust  
St Johns College, Hastings + Whatever It Takes  
Take My Hands  
The Achieving at Waitakere Trust

**Going Circular Award**  
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Auckland District Health Board  
Christchurch Airport + Fulton Hogan (PlastiPhalt)  
Ethique  
Flight Plastics  
Fuji Xerox NZ  
GoodFor  
Innocent Packaging  
NZAgbiz  
Ricoh  
SKYCITY + Fonterra (Moo2Shampoo)  
Vinnies Wellington

**Efficiency Champion Award**  
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Air New Zealand  
Auckland District Health Board  
AUT University  
City Rail Link  
Civic Contractors  
Fonterra Pahiatua

**Smarter Transport Award**  
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Civic Contractors  
EnviroNZ  
Mevo  
Tranzit Group  
Waste Management NZ  
Yoogo Share

**Revolutionising Energy Award**  
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emhTrade  
Fonterra (Electric Milk)  
Red Stag Timber  
solarcity  
Watercare

**Transforming Food Award**  
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All Good Bananas  
Better Burger  
Prima Roastery  
EnviroNZ  
Everybody Eats  
Jersey Girl Organics  
Kai Ika  
Our Land of Milk and Honey  
Wise Boys

**Restoring Nature Award**  
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Agricom  
Auckland Whale & Dolphin Safari  
Banks Track NZ + Pohatu Penguins Plunge NZ  
Fulton Hogan  
Goodnature  
Real Journeys  
Stu Muir  
Tahi  
Te Whangai Trust  
Tongariro River Rafting

**Millennials on a Mission Award**  
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Olie Body  
Finn Lawrence  
Catherine Lea  
Maddison McQueen-Davies  
Siddhartha Mehta  
Holly Norton  
Olivia Philpott  
Danny Pritchard

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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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