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## **Public vote will pick the winner of a new pandemic resilient business award**

**Judges for the 2020 Sustainable Business Awards have announced this year's 86 finalists across 11 categories, and are now calling for entries for a special additional award.**

The new Resilience in Crisis Award has been created to recognise business resilience in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic. It's focused on successful responses with sustainability outcomes. Independent judges will select the finalists, with the winner chosen by public vote.

Rachel Brown is founder and CEO of the Sustainable Business Network, which has run the awards for 18 years. She paid tribute to the quality of all the entrants so far, in what has been a difficult year.

She says: "2020 has been a massive upheaval for Aotearoa and particularly for business – nothing is 'business as usual' anymore. These Awards are more important than ever as they recognise how businesses have pivoted and are radically changing their models. They're discovering entirely new ways of doing business sustainably. Our Resilience in Crisis award is designed to celebrate the best of those."

Meridian General Manager Corporate Affairs and Sustainability Claire Shaw says the company is particularly proud to be Awards Partner this year.

"We know many businesses have been heavily impacted by the pandemic and we are proud to support and recognise innovative New Zealanders. Meridian is committed to playing our part to help support the opportunities that will deliver sustainable economic and environmental outcomes for Aotearoa."

The [Resilience in Crisis](#) award is free to enter, and entries are open until 19 September. Entries to all other categories of the Awards are now closed.

The winners for all categories will be announced at a ceremony in November. In response to the ongoing pandemic, the ceremony is set to be broadcast online via regional events up and down the country, rather than the familiar large gala dinner in Auckland.

Find out more about the Resilience in Crisis award: [sustainable.org.nz/resilience-in-crisis-award/](https://sustainable.org.nz/resilience-in-crisis-award/)

## **The finalists for the 2020 Sustainable Business Awards are:**

### **Sustainability Superstar**

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Gary and Adrienne Dalton, Te Whangai Trust  
Christine Langdon, The Good Registry  
Rhys Miller, Ahika Consulting  
David Trubridge, David Trubridge  
Sarah Smuts-Kennedy, For the Love of Bees  
Steve West, ChargeNet

### **Change Maker**

Ged Finch, X-Frame & Victoria University of Wellington  
Francesca Goodman-Smith, Foodstuffs NZ  
Ursula Griffen, independent  
Jacinta Gulasekharam, Dignity NZ  
Aleshia Johnson, Kōaka  
Jayden Klinac, For The Better Good  
Patrick Moynahan, Computer Recycling  
Alice Rule, 3sixty2  
Bridget Williams, Bead and Proceed

### **Communicating for Impact**

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All Heart NZ  
Beca  
NZ Post  
Predator Free Wellington  
Remix Plastic  
The Hawea Grove  
Waste Free with Kate

### **Social Impactor**

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Connect Chiropractic  
Dignity  
Humanitix  
Pathfinder Asset Management  
Predator Free Wellington  
Raglan Food Co  
Sustainability Trust  
The Sleep Store  
Whenua Iti Outdoors

## **Going Circular**

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Again Again  
Better Packaging Co  
Deja  
Fonterra Cooperative Group  
Foodprint  
Milk 2.0  
NZ King Salmon  
Wholly Cow  
Why Waste  
X Frame

## **Climate Action Leader**

*Sponsored by EECA*

Ahika Consulting  
Fonterra Cooperative Group Ltd - biomass boiler  
Foodstuffs NZ  
Open Country Dairy  
Soar  
Suncorp

## **Climate Action Innovator**

*Sponsored by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency*

Auckland Council – FutureFit  
Big Street Bikers  
Blue Cars  
Carbon Click  
Cityhop  
CoGo  
The Formary

## **Outstanding Collaboration**

*Sponsored by Toitū Envirocare*

All Heart NZ  
BNZ and Good Shepherd  
Elastomer Products and Scion  
Foodstuffs and CHEP  
Jacobsen  
Meat the Need  
Predator Free Dunedin  
Student Volunteer Army

## **Tech for Good**

Auckland Council – FutureFit  
Carbon Click  
CoGo  
Kathmandu  
Mutu  
Reemi  
RiverWatch  
Student Volunteer Army

Sustainable Coastlines

## **Good Food**

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Bostock Brothers  
Common Unity Project Aotearoa  
Foodprint  
Kaicycle  
Miraka  
Raglan Food Co  
Sealed Air  
The Fermentist  
Yum Granola

## **Restoring Nature**

*Sponsored by Department of Conservation*

Conservation Volunteers NZ  
Hanging Gardens  
Lake Hawea Station  
Natural Habitats Landscapes  
Tahi  
Watercare

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