

NZ Workplace Health & Safety Awards 2021: finalists announced

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The finalists in the New Zealand Workplace Health and Safety Awards for 2021 have been decided. The winners in each of the categories, and an overall winner, will be announced at a gala dinner at the Cordis Hotel in Auckland on 1 June.

The awards are organised by Thomson Reuters, publisher of Safeguard magazine, and proudly supported by WorkSafe New Zealand and ACC.

Since their inception in 2005 the awards have become established as an annual highlight for everyone involved in the prevention of work injury and ill-health.

Peter Bateman, Safeguard editor and convenor of the six-person judging panel, says this year's entries demonstrate the wide variety of health, safety and wellbeing initiatives that continued to be delivered, despite the necessary and ongoing focus on Covid-19.

"These awards serve two purposes: to publicly recognise good work, and to ensure good ideas are spread as widely as possible so that they inspire action elsewhere. The judges congratulate all finalists and we look forward to seeing their best work challenge existing thinking in the quest for continuous improvement."

The category finalists, in alphabetic order within category, are:

SAFETY

Dentons Kensington Swan best initiative to address a work-related safety risk

- Hawkins
- MainPower
- Road Science

HEALTH

WorkSafe New Zealand best initiative to address a work-related health risk

- Department of Corrections
- NZ Engineered Stone Advisory Group
- Silver Fern Farms

WELLBEING

Vitae best initiative to promote better worker wellbeing

- BNZ
- Kāinga Ora
- Te Ahu a Turanga Alliance

ENGAGEMENT

NZ Safety Blackwoods best initiative to encourage worker engagement in health & safety

- Fisheries New Zealand
- Gallagher Group
- Transdev Auckland

INNOVATION

Anthony Harper best use of innovative New Zealand design or technology to eliminate or manage a risk

- Beca
- ElectroNet Group
- Hutec Engineering

SMALL BUSINESS

Site Safe New Zealand best health & safety initiative by a small business

- Rabo Construct
- The Court Theatre
- Tiki Wine & Vineyards

COLLABORATION

IMPAC best collaboration between PCBUs

- C3 Limited
- Christchurch International Airport
- 20 DHB Health & Safety Managers Group

GOVERNANCE

Simpson Grierson best board level engagement in health & safety

- Government Health & Safety Lead
- Manawatū District Council

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

ACC best leadership of an industry sector or region

- Forest Industry Safety Council
- GEA NZ
- Government Health & Safety Lead

PRACTITIONER

NZISM health & safety practitioner of the year

- Anngret Sisask, Ministry of Social Development
- Duayne Cloke, Waka Kotahi NZTA
- Leigh Mehmet, Fletcher/Acciona Joint Venture

EMERGING PRACTITIONER

edenfx emerging practitioner of the year

- Brent Armitage, Air New Zealand
- Credence Nuku, Silver Fern Farms
- Shivashni Singh, Ventia

H&S REP

Vero Liability health & safety rep of the year

- Angela Adams, Christchurch International Airport
- Shelley Easton, Waka Kotahi NZTA
- Uli Thie, Massey University

LEADER

Business Leaders' Health & Safety Forum leader of the year

- Craig Betty, T&G Global
- Kate Coley, Waikato District Health Board
- Richard Griffiths, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

ecoPortal special commendation award

Two special commendation awards will be announced at the gala dinner.

Countdown lifetime achievement award

A lifetime achievement award will be presented to Paul Jarvie, for his work to advance the level of professionalism of health and safety practitioners.

The WorkSafe New Zealand/ACC best overall contribution to improving workplace health and safety in New Zealand

This award will be made to one of the winners of the organisational categories

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