



## **NZ Workplace Health & Safety Awards: finalists announced**

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The finalists in the New Zealand Workplace Health and Safety Awards for 2020 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 11 November.

Two lifetime achievement awards will also be presented: to Colonel Clare Bennett for her work in promoting better mental health in the defence force; and to Mike Cosman for his work influencing the development of New Zealand's health & safety system.

The awards are organised by Thomson Reuters, publisher of Safeguard magazine, and proudly supported by WorkSafe New Zealand. (The awards dinner usually coincides with the annual Safeguard National Health and Safety Conference in early June, but the conference was cancelled due to the pandemic.)

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 judging panel, says this year's entries again illustrated the wide variety of approaches being taken to prevent injury and illness and to promote wellbeing.

"Health and safety is all about people – not paperwork – so it's always a pleasure to learn about the great work happening behind the scenes that otherwise would never be recognised outside the organisation concerned. Spreading the best ideas and acknowledging the people behind them are what these awards are all about."

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

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

- Geotechnics
- Ixom
- Trustpower

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

- Department of Corrections
- Fonterra Co-operative
- SKOPE Industries

### **Vitae best initiative to promote better worker wellbeing**

- HEB Construction
- Tauranga City Council
- Treescape

### **NZ Safety Blackwoods best initiative to encourage worker involvement in health & safety**

- First Gas
- Fisher & Paykel Healthcare
- Refining NZ

**3M best use of innovative New Zealand design or technology to eliminate or manage a risk**

- AsureQuality
- Auckland District Health Board
- Voideck Group

**IMPAC best collaboration between PCBUs**

- Frucor Suntory
- Hawkins 2017

**ACC best leadership of an industry sector or region**

- Emerging Safety Leaders
- Farmstrong
- Ministry of Transport

**NZISM health & safety practitioner of the year**

- Adele Saunders, St John
- Amy Richards, Giesen Group
- Julien Cano, Aurecon

**edenfx emerging practitioner of the year**

- Gareth Beck, Aurecon
- Jamie Wee, Geotechnics
- Kate Bull, Rabo Construct

**Vero Liability health & safety rep of the year**

- Chris Gorringe, Department of Corrections
- Hunter Morton, Christchurch City Council
- Wade Brunt, Forest Industry Safety Council

**Special Commendation Award**

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

**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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