



CHAIRS REPORT

20th March 2024

At risk of sounding like a stuck record I would like to open this year's chairs report with a sincere thanks to all that volunteer, to all who go above and beyond and to PomPom who we pay to deliver the Awards programme.

For formality I place on record the current board: Angela Buswell, Antony Young, Chris Barber, Gwen Bailey, Heather Hutchings, Janine Sudbury, Monica Turner, Steve Gregan and Zebunisso Alimova.

To our Industry Judges: Brian Elliot, Bronwyn Lord, Bryan Gundersen, Geoff Lewis, Helene Judge, Julene Hope and Sarah Meikle and our Main Judges: Suzanne Snively (Head Judge), Gerry McCullough, Murray Bell, Ross Leggett, Steph Dyhrberg and Tod Cooper your generosity makes our community a better place and continues to build a legacy of consistently delivering a highly regarded and credible business awards programme.

So, we have completed our 29th year, with a modest financial surplus, this is ONLY because we have magnificent support from Electra and our two councils, Kāpiti and Horowhenua along with industry sponsors who are incredibly generous.

For formality I record the 2023 sponsors as follows...

Principal Sponsor

- Electra

Key Partners

- Kāpiti Coast District Council
- Horowhenua District Council
- NZME
- One NZ
- JB's

Category Sponsors

- Crombie Lockwood
- Kāpiti Chamber of Commerce
- Graphic Press & Packaging
- Kapinua
- L.T McGuinness



- Steel-It Framing
- Air Chathams
- New World Levin
- Wham Bam

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- Soul Haven
- Finman
- Vidcom

Friends of the Awards

- Marty's Panel & Paint
- GTB IT Solutions

The Board, and our joint communities are utterly indebted to your support... we say thank you.

Hundreds of businesses across our two districts have benefitted from the awards assessment process, they in turn employ people who ensure that our business sector is viable, sustainable and profitable. This then grows our community's vitality, viability and pride.

There may be occasions where you wonder why we do it?... or is it worth it?... Well from my perspective, ever the optimist, what a terrible place to live if we didn't really care...you bet it's worth it!

Year on year close to 350 people attend the awards night, and this year we exceeded any past year with the number of entrants across the eight categories.

Succession planning is an important business tool and similarly for the board and the judges we need to keep motivated and fresh and introduce new thinking, so I want to say thanks to those of you who have joined us this year Bronwyn, Bryan, Gwen, Helene, Julene, Monica and Zebunisso.

Right o, I reckon that's it, I challenge us as we move into 2024 to make our 30th year of the awards a legacy year!

Brendan J Duffy. ONZM, JP

Chairman

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