

Judging panel named for 2020 New Zealand Minerals Sector Awards

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Wayne Scott, CEO of the Aggregate and Quarry Association and also of MinEx, joins the judging panel for the 2020 New Zealand Minerals Sector Awards. Entries are open until 25 March.



The 2020 awards cover: health and safety, innovation, environmental management, and community initiative. The winners will be announced in Hamilton on 27 May during the New Zealand Minerals Forum 2020 Gala dinner.

Returning judges are: Alan Broome, chair of CRL and Nuenz; resource consultant Dean Fergusson; Heather McKay, West Coast Regional Council; and Sheryl Roa of Environment Waikato.

Bernie Napp will again chair the judging panel for [the awards](#), this time as director of Prospect Consulting, his editor role at *Inside Resources* ending this month.

“Previous winners of the New Zealand Minerals Sector Awards have set a high bar for the coming year,” Napp says. “The judging panel looks forward to a tough contest showcasing the best of mining and quarrying best-practice.”

The forum theme – mining’s role in a prosperous, low-emissions economy – sets the tone for how miners and quarry operators can achieve beneficial change for New Zealand, Napp says.

“The story needs to be told, and the New Zealand Minerals Sector Awards are a great way of telling that story.”

Awards entry forms can be requested [here](#)

Winners of the 2019 awards

The winners of the four 2019 awards [announced in Dunedin](#) in May this year were:

Health and Safety Initiative award – McConnell Dowell for the rebuild of Sumner Road, Christchurch

Innovation award – Bathurst Resources, increasing production from the Canterbury Coal mine

Environmental Management award – OceanaGold for native fish conservation at Macraes

Community Initiative award – OceanaGold’s community outreach programme at Waihi.

Information on awards finalists was reported [here](#)

Award sponsors

For 2020 the current sponsors for the New Zealand Minerals Sector Awards are MinEx (health and safety initiative), and Lane Neave (environmental management).

Freeman creative director Irwin Munro says there is still time for organisations wishing to sponsor an award to register that with the conference organisers.

Other

Interest in the New Zealand Minerals Forum 2020 is building fast with next year introducing [a partnership](#) between the AusIMM NZ Branch, Freeman and Straterra, and a new technical stream.

Last month conference organiser Matt Freeman [called for presenters and papers](#), for a busy programme of plenary sessions, and parallel workstreams.

Expressions of interest for presentations close on 1 November, and for posters, on 7 November.

The parallel streams are: AusIMM Investment and Exploration Forum; the AusIMM Stream (exploration, geoscience, environmental science); Mine Managers’ Forum; Energy Users’ Forum; and Aggregates and Industrial Minerals.