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New Zealand Tourism Awards 2022 finalists revealed

The New Zealand Tourism Awards 2022 finalists have been revealed by Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) at an online ceremony today.

The prestigious Awards showcase and celebrate the tourism industry's individual and business successes. Winners will be announced in person at a special Awards dinner on 10 November in Kirikiriroa Hamilton, following Tourism Summit Aotearoa.

"What has been achieved in the past 12 months is nothing short of extraordinary," says TIA Chief Executive Rebecca Ingram. "I want to warmly congratulate everyone who took the time to enter the Awards, even if they didn't make it to finalist status. The competition is tough, and I know the judges really agonised over their decisions this year."

Judges said the high quality of this year's entries was a strong statement on the calibre of the people we have in the tourism industry.

"Judging these entries was humbling," said a member of the judging panel. "All entrants deserve recognition for turning the ship around or keeping it steady in a time of crisis. It's heart-warming to know the industry is in such good hands."

The three awards for individuals are open to outstanding performers in the industry, and nine awards recognise business excellence, industry alignment and organisations that are living the values of the [Tourism Sustainability Commitment](#).

Tourism's most prestigious new award, the Regenerative Tourism Award, will recognise a business that has the wellbeing of communities at its heart, is representative of Aotearoa's culture and values, has an excellent visitor experience at its core and is brought to life by a profitable enterprise that shows a high level of social responsibility.

Tickets to the New Zealand Tourism Awards 2022 dinner are available at www.nztourismawards.org.nz

The full list of finalists is below.

New Zealand Tourism Awards 2022 Finalists

Airbnb Regenerative Tourism Award

- Kohutapu Lodge & Tribal Tours Ltd
- Owen River Lodge
- Ziptrek Ecotours

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Tourism Industry New Zealand Trust Community Engagement Award

- Driftwood Eco Tours
- iFLY Indoor Skydiving NZ LTD
- Kohutapu Lodge & Tribal Tours Ltd

Department of Conservation - Conservation Award

- Discover Waitomo, Tourism Holdings Limited
- The Landing
- Willowbank Wildlife Reserve Limited

Tourism Talent Employer of Choice Award

- Christchurch Airport
- iFLY Indoor Skydiving NZ LTD
- Millbrook Resort

Environment Award

- Christchurch Airport
- East By West Company Limited
- The Landing

Tourism New Zealand Industry Collaboration Award

- Angus & Associates
- Maverick Digital and Trust Tairāwhiti
- Otago Cycle Trail Collaboration Initiative
- Regional Tourism New Zealand

He Toa Takitini Māori Tourism Award

- Kapiti Island Nature Tours
- Kohutapu Lodge & Tribal Tours Ltd
- MDA Experiences
- Russell - Orongo Bay Holiday Park

Westpac Resilience and Innovation Award

- Altitude Tours
- Christchurch Airport
- Haka Tourism Group

NZME Visitor Experience Award

- Akaroa Dolphins
- Altitude Tours
- Hollyford Wilderness Experience

Individual Awards

PATA New Zealand Trust Emerging Tourism Leader Award

Alex Dykman, [Maverick Digital](#)

Antz Longman, [Tourism Central Otago](#)

Anne Newman, [Christchurch Adventure Park](#)

Marsh Tourism Industry Champion Award

John Barrett, [Kapiti Island Nature Tours](#)

Dylan Rushbrook, [Tourism Central Otago](#)

Nicholas Sautner, [The Eden Park Trust](#)

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The Sir Jack Newman Award for Outstanding Industry Leader will also be presented on the night.

About the New Zealand Tourism Awards

The New Zealand Tourism Awards 2022 are run by TIA, with Award Partner Air New Zealand. The Awards are sponsored by Airbnb, Department of Conservation, Marsh, New Zealand Māori Tourism, PATA New Zealand Trust, Tourism Industry New Zealand Trust, Tourism New Zealand, Tourism Talent, NZME, Westpac, and supported by The Mighty Waikato and H3.

For more information on the New Zealand Tourism Awards, visit www.nztourismawards.org.nz

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