

Council Committees and Board Support



NEW ZEALAND SPATIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS



The awards continued to be a popular event for the spatial industry. S+SNZ continued its support as a Founding partner with resources. The award events and activities were communicated to members throughout the year via email, social media channels, newsletters and the Surveying+Spatial magazine.

Several +SNZ members were 2018 award recipients including Kat Salm, Elaine McAlister, Claire Buxton Geoff O'Malley, Dr Robert Odolinski and Julian Thom. Congratulations go to all these people.

A new format was introduced - instead of a sit -down dinner, a late afternoon cocktail format involving 8 video stations for viewing projects was employed. Over two hundred guests enjoyed the spectacle including Wellington Mayor, Justin Lester and The Hon. Eugenie Sage, Minister of Land Information.

The awards received

- Supreme and Environment & Sustainability Award -Ethos Environmental
- People's Choice Award - Claire Buxton
- Export & Innovation Award - Orbica
- People & Community Award - The University of Auckland
- Spatial Enablement Award - Christchurch City Council
- New Zealand Cartographic Society Award - Andrew Douglas-Clifford, Geospatial Analyst at Tonkin + Taylor, former Student at University of Canterbury
- Education & Professional Development Award - Dr. Robert Odolinski, Senior Lecturer in GNSS/Geodesy at University of Otago
- Professional of the Year Award - Elaine McAlister, Technical Geospatial Business Analyst at Department of Conservation
- Student of the Year Award - Julian Thom, University of Otago
- Women's Leadership Award - Kat Salm, NCTIR Visualisation Lead at Aurecon

- Young Professional of the Year Award - Claire Buxton, Senior Licensed Cadastral Surveyor at Calibre
- Outstanding Contribution to Spatial Award - Geoff O'Malley, Principal Analyst – Geospatial Capability Building at Land Information New Zealand

Two of the winners at the NZ awards, Kat Salm and Elaine McAlister went on to win awards at the 2019 Asia-Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards (APSEA) held as part of the #Locate 2019 event in Melbourne.



Kat Salm, lead of the Spatial Stream, took out the SSSI women's leadership award, in her current role as the New Zealand Geospatial Leader for Aurecon in New Zealand, where she is part of a team that plays an integral role in the Christchurch rebuild program.



Elaine McAlister, WIS leader, was recognised by SSSI as the professional of the year for 2019. Judges noted her role in leading the development of first commercial national road centreline of New Zealand and was instrumental in the GIS capability project, which formed the building block to establish the future geospatial direction for the NZTA, as well as establishing the Women in Spatial group.



Claire Buxton with her Young Professional of the Year Award



Geoff O'Malley, Outstanding Contributor to Spatial



Student of the year, Julian Thom



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