

# Minerals Sector Awards finalists announced

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The finalists in the third annual Minerals Sector Awards for innovation, health and safety initiative, environmental management, and community initiative are confirmed.



They are: Bathurst Resources (with 3 finalists), Nuenz (1), OceanaGold (4), Road Metals (1), Waikaia Gold (1), and Winstone Aggregates (1).

Awards judge Alan Broome says: "I thought the quality of the entries this year were amazing, a lot stronger than previous years. I'm really pleased about it. It reflects the quality of the industry itself, the clear commitment to each of the categories."

Yesterday [the judging panel](#), chaired by Prospect Consulting director Bernie Napp, met via electronic link to determine the awards finalists.

Joining him and Broome were: Dean Fergusson, managing director of Resource and Reserve Limited; Heather McKay, manager consents and compliance at West Coast Regional Council; Sheryl Roa, principal advisor consents at Waikato Regional Council; and Wayne Scott, chief executive of the Aggregate and Quarry Association and also of MinEx.

Napp thanks all awards participants for the effort and energy put into preparing their entries.

"The Minerals Sector Awards demonstrate that the New Zealand minerals sector can and does operate at the leading edge of global practice across all aspects of mining and quarrying."

The awards sponsors are also thanked law firm Lane Neave for the environmental management award, and MinEx for the health and safety initiative award.

The four awards winners will be announced at the New Zealand Minerals Forum 2020 gala dinner on 13 October in Hamilton.

Freeman general manager Irwin Munro says Minerals Forum registrations are building and [a full programme](#) is available.

Holders of Certificates of Competency may [claim hours](#) of continuing professional development. Different conditions apply if attending the forum in person or online.

## **Innovation award finalists**

Nuenz – development and commercialisation of silicon nitride nanofibre advanced material

OceanaGold Waihi – improvement to water supply for underground mine fire response

Waikaia Gold – use of sheet piles to manage groundwater in alluvial gold mining

## **Health and safety initiative award finalists, award sponsored by MinEx**

Bathurst Resources – medical assessment health programme

OceanaGold Macraes – "healthy employees make safer employees"

Winstone Aggregates – "stop for safety" approach to reduce injuries from plant

## **Environmental management award finalists, award sponsored by Lane Neave**

Bathurst Resources – Canterbury Coal mine, management of acid mine drainage

Bathurst Resources – Stockton mine related bird conservation

OceanaGold Macraes – reducing the environmental footprint of lubricants

## **Community initiative award finalists**

OceanaGold Waihi – precinct for community reflection on the role of miners

Road Metals – open day at Rolleston quarry