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Tēnā tatou

2023 Taitokerau Maori Business Award Applicants and Nominations

Thank you for your application and nomination for the above awards.

It is a privilege hosting this event and I am delighted with the multiple applications received for each category. Ka Rawe / Awesome! All applications are now with the Chair of the independent Judging panel and the team of five judges.

Award Categories include:

1. Best Emerging and Newly Created Maori Enterprise
2. Best Not for Profit Maori Enterprise
3. Māori Enterprise Award (Employing less than 14 staff)
4. Māori Enterprise Award (Employing more than 14 staff)
5. Excellence in Environmental Awareness and Management
6. Rangatahi Development Award
7. Maori Business Leader Award
8. Rangatahi Leader Award
9. Supreme Award – 2023 Taitokerau Māori Business of the Year

The last 4 years have been tough. Our businesses and our livelihoods challenged, and our families impacted on. Thank you for your perseverance and thank you for taking the time to put yourselves forward for these awards. We have sought to be sensitive and compassionate to the impact Cyclone Gabrielle has inflicted in the region. Our heartfelt sympathies to all whanau and communities who have been devastated by the winds, floods, damage to our homes, roads and community assets in our region and communities throughout Aotearoa. We seriously thought to postpone the awards but have received positive feedback to continue and that is what we intend to do similarly to Te Matatini - Kapa Haka Aotearoa taking place in Tamaki Makaurau - Auckland this week. Thank you to our three local councils, Kaipara, Whangarei and Far North District Councils, The Northland Regional Council, Our regional and National Emergency and Civil Defence teams, our local and central politicians for your guidance and leadership. Nga manaakitanga ki a koutou.

Our awards would not be possible without the support of nominations. Your story, your people your way. Our awards also would not be possible without the solid support of sponsors who support and lift our Te Hiringa advocacy of "A celebration of excellence ... a celebration of Maori" and lastly but importantly we thank all our ticket and table buyers. Nga mihi nunui ki a koutou.

If you have not bought your tickets or table, now is the time to do so to avoid disappointment as this is an event that is popular with those who have attended previously.

If you have received an invoice for payment and not paid for your tickets by **Friday 24 February 2023** we will release the tickets to a wait list seeking to purchase tickets. We will endeavour to contact where possible before doing so.

We have a wonderful line up for the evening including an eight piece band to dance away the night. Purchase tickets at <https://tehiringa.org/tickets/>

Enjoy the evening see you there.

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