



2degrees Auckland Business Awards

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CELEBRATE OUR FINALISTS

WHAKANUIA Ō TĀTOU WHIRINGA TOA

EMPOWERING BUSINESS & CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN THE **CENTRAL** REGION

2degrees Auckland Business Awards 2026
Regional Cocktail Event

PROGRAMME

MIHI WHAKATAU

TE AROHA GRACE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

WENDY PETRIE - Mistress of Ceremonies

AUCKLAND BUSINESS CHAMBER

SIMON BRIDGES - Chief Executive, Auckland Business Chamber

PRINCIPAL SPONSOR ADDRESS

JULIAN SMITH - General Manager SME, 2degrees

CATEGORY AWARDS

Best Emerging Business
Excellence in Customer Experience
Excellence in Innovation
Excellence in Marketing
People's Choice

WALK AND FORK MENU

CATEGORY AWARDS

Excellence in Strategy
Excellence in Sustainability
Employer of the Year
Excellence in International Business

SUPREME BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD

WALK AND FORK DESSERT

WALK AND FORK MENU

Vegetarian

Salt baked beetroot risotto, parmesan custard, petit salad (V/GF)
Roast vegetable medley (VE/GF/DF)

Non-Vegetarian

Braised beef cheek, creamy gouda mash, salsa verde (GF)
Roast Chicken, eggplant & coconut puree, minted goats curd, radish (GF)
Market fish, herb ghee jasmine rice, ginger & spring onion relish

Petit Fours dessert

Chocolate bar with hazelnut cream (GF)
Tropical mini pavlova (GF)

WINES BY LOVEBLOCK

2022 Méthode Traditionnelle
2023 Marlborough Pinot Gris (Organic)
2023 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc (Organic)
2023 Marlborough Chardonnay
2022 Central Otago Pinot Noir

Beer, orange juice and non-alcoholic beverages

FINALISTS

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BEST EMERGING BUSINESS

Te pakihi whakaihu waka

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Cahill Accounting Ltd

Caruso

Elevate Leadership

Empowerment Psychology

Global Active Fire

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EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Te kairangi o te arotaki ratonga kiritaki

SPONSORED BY BARFOOT & THOMPSON

Corporate Traveller

Kernel

MoaTrek New Zealand

Pullman Auckland Hotel & Apartments

Sweet Axe Throwing Co.

Waiheke Wine Tours

EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION

Te Kairangi o te aronga hou

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Accelerator

Anagenix

HikoTerra Ltd

PhaseFoam

Picobyte Solutions trading as myRUC

RosterLab

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EXCELLENCE IN MARKETING

Te kairangi o te whakatairanga

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& Breathe First Aid
Corporate Traveller
Kiwiana Immigration
SCG

The Following Hair Co.
The Whitening Co.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Te kōwhiringa o te tini

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Empower Therapies
FIRST FOUNDATION
Immigration Advisers New Zealand Ltd
Kernel
MoaTrek New Zealand
Southern Ferns Education
The Whitening Co

EXCELLENCE IN STRATEGY

Te kairangi o te whakarautaki me te whakamahere

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ABE'S Bagels
Brevity Ltd
Cahill Accounting Ltd
Crowe Consulting
Eden Park
FIRST FOUNDATION
Sapiens

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EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY

Te Kairangi o te Toitūtanga

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Anagenix
Crescent Nest
Echo
ImpacTex Textile Recycling
SCG

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

Te Kaimahi o te tau

SPONSORED BY CHAMBER EMPLOYMENT

Assurity Consulting
Dean Murray & Partners (DMP LTD)
Hirestaff
Red Badge Group
Sudima Auckland City
The Following Hair Co.
Wētā Workshop Unleashed

EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Te kairangi o te tāpaetanga ā-hapori

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China Travel Service (NZ) Ltd
Crescent Nest
Echo
Moxx Ltd

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BEST EMERGING BUSINESS

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PRESENTED BY ESTHER GILCHRIST

Providing uniquely Kiwi journeys to more than 15 million customers who fly to, from and within New Zealand each year. Air New Zealand is the flag carrier airline of New Zealand.

Cahill Accounting Ltd | Chartered Accountants delivering strategic advisory and financial clarity to ambitious New Zealand business owners..

Caruso | AI-native fund administration software and expert services for private market fund managers.

Elevate Leadership | Coaching and developing leaders to lead with clarity, connection, and lasting impact.

Empowerment Psychology | Neuroaffirming mental healthcare organisation transforming lives through exceptional care, education and community partnerships.

Global Active Fire | Fast-growing fire protection company built by experienced people, protecting communities and raising industry standards nationwide.

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EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

SPONSORED BY



PRESENTED BY TERESA WEISS

New Zealand's largest privately owned real estate company which has been run by the Barfoot & Thompson families for over 90 years. It sells 1 in 3 Auckland properties.

Corporate Traveller | New Zealand's only TMC built exclusively for SMEs, 30 years of success with people-first service.

Kernel | Kernel is a platform helping Kiwis build wealth simply, with smart, low-cost investment tools.

MoaTrek New Zealand | Family-owned small group tour operator delivering trip-of-a-lifetime experiences across Aotearoa.

Pullman Auckland Hotel & Apartments | Five-star Auckland Central hotel with premium accommodation, dining, wellness facilities, and versatile event spaces.

Sweet Axe Throwing Co. | Creating unforgettable team-building and social experiences through immersive entertainment, hospitality, and genuine human connection.

Waiheke Wine Tours Ltd | Offering premium shared tours, luxury private experiences, corporate and incentive programmes, conference and team building events, Auckland wine adventures, Māori cultural experiences, and tailor-made itineraries.

EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION

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PRESENTED BY FIONA MORTON

Z Energy (Z) is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's leading transport energy companies, with a nationwide retail fuel and supply infrastructure network, alongside a growing public EV charging network at select Z retail and destination sites.

Accelerator | One platform that turns complex, real-time data into sharper insight and measurable business growth.

Anagenix Ltd | Producer of science-backed, clean-label ingredients from New Zealand whole fruits.

HikoTerra Ltd | HikoTerra is leading edge power electronics R&D company developing integrated energy storage and supply solutions.

PhaseFoam | PhaseFoam develops sustainable cooling solutions replacing diesel refrigeration for low-emission cold-chain transport.

Picobyte Solutions trading as myRUC | Providing Consumers and Businesses - eRUC solutions with compliance, telematics, and payments working seamlessly together.

RosterLab | RosterLab uses AI to automatically build optimised, fair, compliant staff rosters for complex healthcare teams.

EXCELLENCE IN MARKETING

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PRESENTED BY ABBIE MCKOY

LUMO was founded in 2016 with an ambition to pioneer the out of home marketing sector through innovation, digital first thinking and a promise never to compromise on quality.

& Breathe First Aid | & Breathe provides family-centred, baby and child focused, first aid and sickness education.

Corporate Traveller | SME travel management experts, trusted by 700+ Kiwi businesses for over 30 years.

Kiwiana Immigration | New Zealand education consultancy trusted by thousands - 800+ reviews, 4.9 stars.

SCG | SCG delivers creative, content, print and distribution services across multiple touchpoints for our clients.

The Following Hair Co. | Award-winning luxury salon redefining hair through education, innovation and exceptional experiences.

The Whitening Co | New Zealand's community-led oral care disruptor, combining proven results, bold marketing and exceptional nationwide growth.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

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PRESENTED BY RUDI BANSAL

Just like you, we're a New Zealand business. This is home for us and we're here for the long haul. As a Kiwi bank, we're focused on backing local and supporting Kiwi businesses, contributing to a stronger community and economy. We believe that when you join us, we join you and together we can do great things.

Empower Therapies Ltd | Empower Therapies delivers webinars, live training programmes and coaching to support recovery from a wide range of chronic illnesses.

First Foundation | Talent is everywhere in New Zealand. Opportunity is not. Just 17% of students from our lowest-decile schools reach university, against 70% from the highest. Closing that gap is our whole kaupapa.

Immigration Advisers New Zealand Ltd | Immigration Advisers New Zealand Ltd was established in Auckland with a clear purpose: to provide New Zealand's growing migrant community with immigration advice that is qualified, accountable, and genuinely personalised - in a sector where those qualities are far from guaranteed.

Kernel Wealth | Kernel is on a mission to help every New Zealander become wealthier. We're a digital wealth platform built for a new era of investing, one that combines a trusted passive investment approach with smart technology to make growing wealth simple, transparent and accessible.

MoaTrek New Zealand | MoaTrek New Zealand is a proudly family-owned small group touring company, home to two brands: MoaTrek and MoaTours.

Southern Ferns Education | Southern Ferns Education is a New Zealand-based international education consultancy dedicated to helping students achieve their study goals in New Zealand.

The Whitening Co | New Zealand's community-led oral care disruptor, combining proven results, bold marketing and exceptional nationwide growth.

EXCELLENCE IN STRATEGY

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AUCKLAND

PRESENTED BY CRAIG BONNOR

Cordis Auckland is proud to sponsor the Excellence in Strategy award. This category celebrates businesses that think ahead - setting clear goals, executing with purpose, and turning long-term vision into measurable success.

ABE'S Bagels | ABE'S Bagels, Australasia's favourite bagel brand, crafts bold, authentic bagels fuelling families since 1996.

Brevity Ltd | Providing practical engineering solutions through innovation, technology, and specialist expertise in the built environment.

Cahill Accounting Ltd | Chartered Accountants delivering strategic advisory and financial clarity to ambitious New Zealand business owners.

Crowe Consulting | Crowe Consulting was founded to help clients deliver high quality, well-coordinated projects.

Eden Park | New Zealand's national stadium delivering world-class sport, entertainment, culture and community experiences.

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Sapiens | We help ambitious podcasts, personalities, and brands become the most recognised names in their market.

EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY

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PRESENTED BY DHWANIL RAO

At Reliance Utilities, we're more than just an energy broker - we're your partner in making energy simple, fair, and tailored to your needs.

Anagenix Ltd | Science-led New Zealand natural health company delivering sustainable, clean, high-quality global ingredient solutions.

Crescent Nest | Reimagining oral care with dentist-approved performance, sustainable materials and circular design.

Echo | Echo is Aotearoa's leading technology lifecycle provider, delivering sustainable IT asset management and e-waste solutions.

ImpacTex Textile Recycling | Creating environmental, social and commercial value from materials others consider waste.

SCG | SCG delivers creative, content, print and distribution services across multiple touchpoints for our clients.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

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PRESENTED BY JONATHAN FAAMATUAINU

Auckland Business Chamber is supporting our local communities into work with practical work-readiness programmes and connecting job seekers with New Zealand's business network. Our approach is simple: help businesses access great people while creating employment opportunities that strengthen our communities.

Assurity Consulting | Assurity Consulting is a specialist Quality Engineering and Assurance consultancy helping companies navigate digital change.

Dean Murray & Partners (DMP LTD) | Trusted quantity surveyors delivering exceptional outcomes through expertise, relationships and commercial insight.

Hirestaff | Award-winning recruitment agency transforming business growth through innovative technology, exceptional people and outstanding customer service.

Red Badge Group | 100% Kiwi-owned security provider delivering reliable, people-led protection across New Zealand's most critical environments.

Sudima Auckland City | A people-first Auckland hotel creating inclusive hospitality, meaningful careers and memorable guest experiences.

The Following Hair Co. | Award-winning luxury salon redefining hair through education, innovation and exceptional experiences.

Wētā Workshop Unleashed | Wētā Workshop, a jaw-dropping, senses-shattering, awe-inspiring adventure into the heart of movie magic.

EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

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PRESENTED BY ANDREW CLARK

Port of Auckland exists to serve our customers and the people of Auckland. We're proud to facilitate the sustainable growth of international trade, tourism and commerce for Auckland and the upper North Island.

China Travel Service (NZ) Ltd | Leading NZ tourism company connecting New Zealand and China through travel, business events and partnerships.

Crescent Nest | Reimagining oral care with dentist-approved performance, sustainable materials and circular design.

Echo | Echo is Aotearoa's leading technology lifecycle provider, delivering sustainable IT asset management and e-waste solutions.

MOXX Brands | MOXX Brands creates award-winning consumer brands for modern shoppers across global retail markets.

SUPREME BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD

SPONSORED BY 2degrees

2degrees is committed to delivering digital outcomes for New Zealand Inc and enhancing the productivity of local businesses. With a strong challenger brand heritage, combined with its current scale and world-class mobile and fibre networks, 2degrees is well-positioned to empower their customers to focus what matters most - their business.

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