



2degrees Auckland Business Awards

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NORTH & WEST | CENTRAL | **SOUTH & EAST**

CELEBRATE OUR FINALISTS

WHAKANUIA Ō TĀTOU WHIRINGA TOA

EMPOWERING BUSINESS &
CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN
THE **SOUTH & EAST** REGION

2degrees Auckland Business Awards 2026
Regional Cocktail Event

PROGRAMME

MIHI WHAKATAU

TE AROHA GRACE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

KATE RODGER - Mistress of Ceremonies

AUCKLAND BUSINESS CHAMBER

ELLA ZHANG - Board Member, 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

EMPOWERING BUSINESS & CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN THE **SOUTH & EAST** REGION

BEST EMERGING BUSINESS

Te pakihi whakaihu waka

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Code Counsel
PELE baby Ltd
Pizzata
Smashies Burgers
Speedy Rentals
Velocity Leads

EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Te kairangi o te arotaki ratonga kiritaki

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Cliffside
Hunter Withers
Offshoot
Tipping Point Ltd
Waiata Shores Dental

EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION

Te Kairangi o te aronga hou

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Bioforce Ltd
Colour Me Kids
Health Horse
Hireace and Bargain Rental Cars
TAKE.IN
Wero Climb

CATEGORY SPONSORS



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PORT OF
AUCKLAND
TĀHAKI HIRANGA WAKA

FINALISTS

EMPOWERING BUSINESS & CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN THE **SOUTH & EAST** REGION

EXCELLENCE IN MARKETING

Te kairangi o te whakatairanga

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BROWN PRIDE NZ

Kora Fuel Cards

Manukau: Heart of the South

Tipping Point Ltd

Two Dudes

Ultimate Web Designs

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Te kōwhiringa o te tini

SPONSORED BY KIWIBANK

Cliffside

ComputerFood

Danika Cooper Jewellery

GLOW Restaurant & Bar

Hayley Maree's Beauty Academy

Hunter Withers

Pukekohe Business Association Inc

EXCELLENCE IN STRATEGY

Te kairangi o te whakarautaki me te whakamahere

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Kora Fuel Cards

Localised

PELE baby Ltd

Trees for Survival Charitable Trust

Wavelength Water Ltd

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EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY

Te Kairangi o te Toitūtanga

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Beautification Trust

Bioforce Ltd

Offshoot

Pact Group

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

Te Kaimahi o te tau

SPONSORED BY CHAMBER EMPLOYMENT

Beautification Trust

Kinetic Electrical East Tamaki and Franklin

GGE

GLOW Restaurant & Bar

GO Rentals

Hunter Withers

Localised

EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Te kairangi o te tāpaetanga ā-hapori

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Code Counsel

EIF International

Nutrizone Pharma Ltd

Otoki New Zealand

Tri-Star International

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BEST EMERGING BUSINESS

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PRESENTED BY SAM WINSTANLEY

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.

Code Counsel | Pioneering tech and marketing solutions, from IoT based hardware to AI-driven tech powering business growth.

PELE baby Ltd | Celebrating Pacific culture through thoughtfully designed baby products for modern families.

Pizzata | Pizzata is NZ's authentic pizza specialist, importing premium ingredients, equipment, education, and unforgettable pizza experiences.

Smashies Burgers | Award-winning smash burgers bringing exceptional food and genuine community connection to overlooked local towns.

Speedy Rentals | Speedy Rentals is a fast-growing Auckland vehicle rental company focused on reliable, customer-first service.

Velocity Leads | Founded at 16, delivering exclusive verified leads to finance and insurance brokers across Australasia.

EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

SPONSORED BY



PRESENTED BY DANIEL WEI

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.

Cliffside | A luxury glamping destination and venue for corporate retreats, weddings and unforgettable escapes.

Hunter Withers | Hunter Withers is Franklin-based Chartered Accountants supporting businesses with tax, accounting and advisory services.

Offshoot | Offshoot sprouted in 2012 as a family owned and operated business, built around one simple idea, to deliver products and services that are proven, offer genuine value for money, and will not harm people or the planet.

Tipping Point Ltd | Accelerating the success of small FMCG businesses through specialist bookkeeping expertise.

Waiata Shores Dental | Redefining modern dentistry through exceptional patient experiences, innovation and genuinely personalised care.

EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION

SPONSORED BY



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.

Bioforce Ltd | Bioforce is New Zealand's leading provider of beneficial insects and mites for sustainable crop protection.

Colour Me Kids | Colour Me Kids pioneers reusable children's colouring products, combining innovation, sustainability, and collaborative screen-free play.

Health Horse | Health Horse is a proudly New Zealand owned and operated equine nutrition and enrichment company dedicated to improving the health, wellbeing, and happiness of horses through innovative, practical, and scientifically informed products.

Hireace and Bargain Rental Cars | Hireace is New Zealand's specialist in commercial vehicle hire - trucks, cargo vans, minibuses, trailers, flat decks, utes, coaches, and equipment - the dependable partner for businesses, tradies, families, community groups, and schools across the country.

TAKE.IN | TAKE.IN develops wearable Breath Intelligence technology that helps people understand stress and regulate emotions.

Wero Climb | Wero Climb is a fun 16-metre climbing structure designed for all ages and fitness levels.

EXCELLENCE IN MARKETING

SPONSORED BY



PRESENTED BY PHIL CLEMAS

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.

Brown Pride | Brown Pride empowers people through fitness, arts and community through a range of different programs.

Kora Fuel Cards | EKora helps everyday New Zealanders save on fuel through nationwide discounts, making budgeting easier.

Manukau: Heart of the South | Manukau: Heart of the South is a not-for-profit Business Association dedicated to championing the growth, vibrancy, and long-term success of Manukau.

Tipping Point Ltd | Accelerating the success of small FMCG businesses through specialist bookkeeping expertise.

Two Dudes | Kiwi-founded men's skincare and deodorant brand making grooming simple, effective and genuinely blokey.

Ultimate Web Designs | Ultimate Web Designs was founded in 2017 with a clear mission: to help New Zealand businesses move away from overpriced, underperforming websites and instead invest in digital platforms that actually generate results.

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.

Cliffside | BA luxury glamping destination and venue for corporate retreats, weddings and unforgettable escapes.

ComputerFood | Founded in 1996 in Pukekohe, Computerfood has grown to become one of New Zealand's largest specialist suppliers of printer consumables and ergonomic workplace products.

Danika Cooper Jewellery | Co-founded by Danika and Tumua, Danika Cooper Jewellery Limited is an East Auckland, Pasifika-owned studio that seamlessly blends deep cultural storytelling with the absolute precision of modern CAD and direct-metal 3D printing technology.

GLOW Restaurant & Bar | GLOW' is the feeling you have when enjoying good food, wonderful wines and beverages, with great friends providing a full day offering including Breakfast, Cafe, Lunch, Cocktails&Platters, High Teas, Out-Catering, Dinners and Private Functions.

Hayley Maree's Beauty Academy | Hayley Maree's Beauty is an award-winning beauty clinic and training academy based in Howick, Auckland.

Hunter Withers | FHunter Withers is Franklin-based Chartered Accountants supporting businesses with tax, accounting and advisory services.

Pukekohe Business Association Inc | The Pukekohe Business Association works alongside businesses, community groups and local organisations to create a vibrant, connected and thriving Pukekohe.

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.

Kora Fuel Cards | Kora helps everyday New Zealanders save on fuel through nationwide discounts, making budgeting easier.

Localised | Commercial smarts, community heart: delivering practical zero waste mahi and meaningful jobs across Tāmaki Makaurau.

PELE baby Ltd | Celebrating Pacific culture through thoughtfully designed baby products for modern families.

Trees for Survival Charitable Trust | Empowering young New Zealanders to restore native ecosystems through education, action, and community partnerships.

Wavelength Water Ltd | Innovative water solutions company delivering sustainable, high-quality treatment, efficiency, and environmental stewardship to communities.

will&able | A New Zealand social enterprise creating meaningful work for people with intellectual disabilities and neurodivergence.

EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY

SPONSORED BY



PRESENTED BY DMITRY GAFIYATULIN

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.

Beautification Trust | The Beautification Trust is a social enterprise based in Manurewa, South Auckland, on a mission to connect and empower communities to learn, love and look after the environment.

Bioforce | Bioforce is New Zealand's leading provider of beneficial insects and mites for sustainable crop protection.

Offshoot | Offshoot sprouted in 2012 as a family owned and operated business, built around one simple idea, to deliver products and services that are proven, offer genuine value for money, and will not harm people or the planet.

Pact Group | Leading New Zealand's circular economy through innovative packaging, recycling, and manufacturing solutions.recovery service providers.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

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PRESENTED BY LEAH GATES

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.

Beautification Trust | The Beautification Trust is a social enterprise based in Manurewa, South Auckland, on a mission to connect and empower communities to learn, love and look after the environment.

Kinetic Electrical East Tamaki and Franklin | Delivering smarter electrical, automation and service solutions for Auckland homes, businesses and industry.

GGE | George Grant Engineering Limited (GGE) is a structural steel fabrication company based in Papakura, Auckland, New Zealand, serving the construction industry across New Zealand and the South Pacific.

GLOW Restaurant & Bar | GLOW' is the feeling you have when enjoying good food, wonderful wines and beverages, with great friends providing a full day offering including Breakfast, Cafe, Lunch, Cocktails&Platters, High Teas, Out-Catering , Dinners and Private Functions.

GO Rentals | A proudly Kiwi-owned company creating exceptional New Zealand travel experiences through service, innovation and hospitality.

Hunter Withers | Hunter Withers is Franklin-based Chartered Accountants supporting businesses with tax, accounting and advisory services.

Localised | Commercial smarts, community heart: delivering practical zero waste mahi and meaningful jobs across Tāmaki Makaurau.

EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

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PRESENTED BY ALISTAIR KIRK

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.

Code Counsel | Pioneering tech and marketing solutions, from IoT based hardware to AI-driven tech powering business growth.

EIF International | EIF International is a family-owned logistics company delivering freight, warehousing, and supply chain solutions worldwide.

Nutrizone Pharma Ltd | Nutrizone Pharma is a trusted New Zealand manufacturer of quality dietary supplements, supporting businesses worldwide.

Otoki New Zealand | ENew Zealand's only Korean food manufacturer, turning local ingredients into Korean flavours since 1997.

Tri-Star International Ltd | Founded in 1990, Tri-Star International is one of New Zealand's leading independent freight forwarding and logistics providers, delivering personalised, professional supply chain solutions to businesses across New Zealand and around the world.

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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