

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AWARDS 2011

LEESTON/ SOUTHBRIDGE/ DOYLESTON

The Leeston Envirotown held the Ellesmere Responsible Business Award Presentations on Monday 10 October. The awards were presented by Heather Roy MP, who is resigning from parliament this year. She talked about her perspective on environmental issues and on life as an MP. There were displays of local arts and crafts including the local highly placed entry to last year's Wearable Art Awards entry by Loretta Johnson.

Refreshments were sponsored by Pat McEvedy local councillor; the frames were partly sponsored by Rolleston Warehouse and Leeston Envirotown. The major expenses for running the awards were paid by the Selwyn District Council through the Lincoln Envirotown Trust. Particular thanks need to go to Margaret Russell the Responsible Business Award Assessor and chief organiser.

52 Local businesses from Leeston, Southbridge and Doyleston gained awards for environmentally sustainable business practices with 24 gaining gold awards. This was a great improvement on last year when 29 gained awards with 6 gaining gold. Next year they will be aiming for platinum! Congratulations to all the business who took part, especially those who improved from last year. Some of the top businesses were CRT Leeston, Leeston Video Plus, Lay Associates Ltd



ROLLESTON RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AWARDS 2011

Rolleston celebrated their first Responsible Business Awards on Friday 21st October. Twenty five businesses gained awards. Kelvin Coe, Mayor of Selwyn presented the awards. Councillors Sarah Walters and Mark Alexander also attended. Three businesses gained platinum and 9 gained gold awards. John and Liz Veix of Solar Electric Specialists were delighted to receive the trophy which was a really amazing piece of petrified wood gifted by Rolleston Square Ltd. The other platinum winners were BNZ Rolleston and Rolleston Automotive. Huge thanks to Samantha Rowland who was the Rolleston assessor and co-ordinator of the awards. Thanks also for the support of the Selwyn District Council as well as New World Rolleston, the Warehouse Rolleston and Henry's of Rolleston



Liz and John Veix with the trophy for the most environmentally sustainable business



Platinum Winners:
From left: Sam Rowland Rolleston Responsible Business Award Assessor
Mayor of Selwyn Kelvin Coe
John Veix, Solar Electric Specialists
Bev Cowan, BNZ Rolleston
Natasja Van Der Zee, Rolleston Automotive

LINCOLN RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AWARDS 2011; NEW ENTRANT THIS YEAR WINS THE TROPHY FOR THE BEST ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Fifty two Lincoln business gained awards at this year's Lincoln Responsible Business Award ceremony run by the Lincoln Envirotown Trust (LET), with seven gaining the highest level platinum award. The awards were presented by Kelvin Coe, Mayor of Selwyn. The Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln came away with the prestigious trophy gifted jointly by Lincoln University and Ngai Tahu Property. The trophy was presented by Hirini Matunga, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Maori), Lincoln University and David Schwartfeger, Development Manager, Ngai Tahu Property.

Congratulations to the platinum awards winners: Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln, Dave Clarke Joinery, New World Lincoln, Lincoln University Early Childhood Centre, Lincoln Physiotherapy, ASB Lincoln, Landcare Research Lincoln.

Compared with 2010 there were two more with platinum awards and 25 gained gold awards (2 more than last year). This is a great indication that the standard continues to improve.

Prebbleton joined Lincoln for their award presentations this year, and their businesses gained 6 gold awards, but no platinum awards yet, so the challenge is out there for 2012, which Prebbleton Business can be the first to get platinum? The businesses are all sent a summary letter congratulating them on things they are doing well and with suggestions on what they can do to make further improvements.

LET would like to thank the community and the Selwyn District Council for their ongoing support. Also the two assessors, who did a fantastic job: Nick Reuther (with the help of Lin Roberts from Lincoln University) for Lincoln and Maree Dawson for Prebbleton.



Platinum winners, from left: Helen Burnett New World Lincoln, Sarah Harsent, (Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln), Helen Smith, Joyce McHerron (also Kidsfirst, holding trophy), behind the trophy is Nick Reuther, the Lincoln RBA assessor, to the right of Joyce is Karen Nelson-Cummings of Landcare Research, At the back is Dave Clarke (Dave Clarke Joinery) and on the far right is Marilyn Montgomery of Lincoln Early Childhood Centre. (Lincoln Physiotherapy and ASB Lincoln were unable to attend)



Trophy winners! From Left: Hirini Matunga, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Maori), Lincoln University and David Schwartfeger, Development Manager, Ngai Tahu Property, Helen Smith and Joyce McHerron of Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln



Trophy winners Sarah Harsent, Helen Smith and Joyce McHerron of Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln