

Media Release:

WINNERS announced for the Zespri Bay of Plenty ExportNZ Awards 2018

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On Friday the 22nd of June the Bay of Plenty Exporting community came together to celebrate their wins of the last year and hear these success stories at the well-known annual awards dinner, sponsored by Zespri.

All five winners were announced at an Alice in Wonderland themed awards event at ASB Baypark Stadium Lounge in Mount Maunganui. The venue was transformed to fit the theme, with Te Radar as MC/Mad Hatter taking the group on an entertaining Adventure through Wonderland.

Exporters from all across the region were present at the event with Zivi taking out the 'Sharp Tudhope Lawyers Best Medium-Large Business' award and BeeNZ winning the 'YOU Travel Best Emerging Business' award.

The ExportNZ Service to Export Awards was this year awarded to a couple for their contributions both as individuals and as a team, which was a first! The deserving couple was Greg and Mandy Jarvis of BlueLab, who are well known within the Export Community as being generous and humble givers.

In a highly contested category with phenomenal finalists, Stuart Hazeldine, the Sales Manager at Sequal was recognised as a 'pioneer' who had shaped the business into what it is today in the 'Beca Export Achievement' category.

Genera were identified as the winner of the 'Page Macrae Engineering Innovation in Export' Award for their incredible efforts in sustainability that they are putting into practice in the biosecurity arena.

This year, the Winners of the Best Emerging Business, Best Medium-Large Business and the Excellence in Innovation Categories will become automatic finalists in the NZTE International Business Awards in November, and ExportNZ is excited to see them represent the Bay of Plenty on the National Stage.

The high calibre of companies and individuals who were named finalists in this year's awards meant there was serious competition across each and every category. As with any awards, there could only be one winner in each category:

YOU Travel Best Emerging Business Award

WINNER: BeeNZ

Page Macrae Engineering Excellence in Innovation Award

WINNER: Genera

Beca Export Achievement Award

WINNER: Stuart Hazeldine- Sequal

ExportNZ Service to Export Award

WINNER: Greg & Mandy Jarvis

Sharp Tudhope Lawyers Best Medium - Large Business Award

WINNER: Zivi

Congratulations to all of this year's very deserving winners, it was an honor to showcase your stories in front of our Export Community in the Bay of Plenty and you should be very proud of your achievement. We look forward to continuing to support your export journey as we take on the world together!

Comment from Head Judge, Barry Squires:

"Export Awards Judging is very rewarding and enjoyable. The very high standard of the entrants made the judges' job very difficult in selecting the finalists and eventual winners. It is fantastic to see so many successful Bay of Plenty exporting businesses doing so well on the global stage".
