

Guidelines



**COMMUNITY
AWARDS**

Empowering Volunteers

Volunteers are at the heart of every community - dedicating hours of time and energy every year to making their community a better place to live.

Trustpower understands that, which is why we celebrate and reward volunteers through our Community Awards programme.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TRUSTPOWER COMMUNITY AWARDS?

Any voluntary group or volunteer-based not-for-profit organisation working in the interests of their community can be entered in the Trustpower Community Awards. The Awards are based on activities undertaken in the previous 12 months. Entries that focus on future activities or the work of an individual volunteer will not be considered. (For information on how to recognise the work of individual volunteers please contact your local Council.)

WHO CAN ENTER A GROUP FOR THE AWARDS?

ANYONE! And best of all it only takes a few minutes! Entries must be made on the official form.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Groups and organisations that have been entered into the Trustpower Community Awards will be contacted to complete an Information Form which allows the group to outline their contribution to the community. These groups or organisations are only eligible for judging once the Information Form has been submitted. Information Forms can be completed online or they can be downloaded at www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards. Please ensure the Information Form is completed by a group member with relevant experience and knowledge of the group.

WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES?

The Trustpower Community Awards are divided into five categories, listed below. On the Information Form, groups need to select **ONE** category to be judged in. If, in the view of the judges, an entry meets the criteria for consideration under another category, the judges reserve the right to transfer the entry to that category.

Heritage & Environment

Improve and revitalise the local environment, culture or heritage

Health & Wellbeing

Provide services that enhance the health and social wellbeing of people.

Arts & Culture

Enhance and increase participation in arts and creative leisure activities or improve community culture.

Sport & Leisure

Increase participation and/or enjoyment in physical sport, leisure activities and recreational pursuits or provide support to participants.

Education & Child/Youth Development

Improve and enhance the education of the community, or the educational or social development of children and youth.

The winner of each category will receive \$500 and a framed certificate and the runner-up will receive \$250 and a framed certificate. The Supreme Winner receives \$1,500, a framed certificate,

a trophy held for one year and an all-expenses paid trip for two representatives to participate in the Trustpower National Community Awards.

The judges reserve the right to not award prizes in the case of there being no suitable entries.

HOW ARE THE AWARDS JUDGED?

A panel made up of Trustpower, local Council and community representatives judge the entries. The key criteria considered by the judges are:

- Volunteer Input - volunteering involvement, commitment and passion
- Use of Resources - cost effectiveness and service/project sustainability
- Initiative and Creativity - innovation, capacity to overcome difficulties or face challenges
- Effectiveness of Activities - success of service/project, achievement of objectives
- Impact - benefit of service/project on targeted audience and/ or community

The decisions of the judges will be final. Representatives of the entered organisations and the person who entered them in the Awards will be invited to attend the Awards function, which will be held approximately six weeks after entries close.

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Dates for when entries open and close for the 2015 Trustpower Community Awards are below.

REGION	ENTRIES OPEN	ENTRIES CLOSE
Dunedin	Monday 12 January	Friday 13 March
Waipa	Monday 12 January	Friday 13 March
Central Otago	Monday 26 January	Friday 27 March
Ashburton	Monday 16 February	Friday 17 April
Rotorua	Monday 23 February	Friday 24 April
Waitaki	Monday 23 February	Friday 24 April
Nelson/Tasman	Monday 2 March	Friday 1 May
Timaru	Monday 16 March	Friday 15 May
Far North	Monday 7 April	Friday 5 June
Whakatane	Monday 13 April	Friday 12 June
Grey	Monday 20 April	Friday 19 June
Westland	Monday 20 April	Friday 19 June
Tauranga	Tuesday 4 May	Friday 3 July
WBOP	Tuesday 4 May	Friday 3 July
Taupo	Monday 18 May	Friday 17 July
Invercargill	Monday 25 May	Friday 24 July
Clutha	Monday 25 May	Friday 24 July
Tararua	Tuesday 2 June	Friday 31 July
Palmerston North	Tuesday 2 June	Friday 31 July
Wairoa	Monday 8 June	Friday 7 August
Marlborough	Monday 15 June	Friday 14 August
Buller	Monday 15 June	Friday 14 August
Whanganui	Monday 22 June	Friday 21 August
Queenstown	Monday 3 August	Friday 25 September