



## Sport

In association with Hawkins Construction, the sport category celebrates those involved in sport in any capacity, as a player, official or volunteer.

### Katrina Grant

Katrina Grant is a member of the Silver Ferns and the current captain of the Central Pulse netball team, where her enthusiasm and determination have been instrumental in the team's development.

### Gareth Kean

Swimmer Gareth Kean has been winning medals and breaking records in events all over the world during the past twelve months, breaking two New Zealand records at the World Games final recently. He then won two medals at the World University Games.

### Ben Matulino

Stokes Valley's Ben Matulino was the only Wellingtonian in the Warrior's side at this year's NRL grand final, and just one of three team members to have played all 27 games this season.

### Conrad Smith

Conrad Smith is a Wellington lawyer currently doing a great job at centre for the All Blacks, not to mention the Hurricanes and the Wellington Lions.



## Government

In association with Westpac, the government category recognises efforts at both local and national government levels. Public service plays a significant role in the Wellington economy, with many great things happening and committed individuals at the forefront of developments.

### John Hamilton

John Hamilton is Director of Civil Defence. It's his job to make sure everyone's prepared and able to cope in an emergency, such as a large earthquake, and that's precisely what happened after the February earthquake in Christchurch. John was the National Controller during the emergency and responsible for co-ordinating the response in Christchurch.

### Peter Hughes

Peter Hughes has been chief executive of the Ministry of Social Welfare for the last ten years. On the eve of his departure, to run Victoria University's School of Government, he's been named top public servant, for the second year in a row.

### Kerry Prendergast

Kerry Prendergast was the Mayor of Wellington for three terms. She's been busy since 2010 as the chairperson of organisations as diverse as the NZ International Arts Festival, the Environmental Protection Authority, Netball Wellington Region, and Tourism New Zealand.

### Jim Stuart-Black

Jim Stuart-Black is the New Zealand Fire Service's National Manager for Special Operations, who ran the recent search and rescue ops in Christchurch. And if need be, he's ready and able to do it all again, anywhere.



## Business

In association with JacksonStone & Partners, the business category celebrates the terrific businesses based here in Wellington, large and small. They're committed to Wellington, critical to our economy, and often have inspiring and entrepreneurial leaders driving their success.

### Jan Cassells

Ian Cassells established 'The Wellington Company' in 1990 and continues to be a major player in the ongoing development of the city's urban environments and historic places. A passionate and visionary campaigner for Wellington, Ian believes what's good for the city is good for him.

### Sir Graeme Harrison

Sir Graeme Harrison built a billion dollar business - Anzco Foods - from nothing in 1984. Today Anzco employs 3,000 people, has assets of over \$500 million and revenue of \$1.2 billion.

### Jeremy Moon

Jeremy Moon is CEO of Icebreaker Clothing and Chairman of BetterbyDesign - the 'design in business' strategy for New Zealand. He's transformed New Zealand merino wool into a worldwide must-have, and helped local businesses shape a brighter future through design.



## Youth

In association with Massey University, the youth category recognises that our youth of today will, and are, shaping the Wellington of tomorrow.

### Steve Adams

Steve Adams is just 17 but at 2.134m (7 feet) the Wellington Saints basketballer is well suited to his new role in the University of Pittsburgh team, after winning a scholarship this year.

### Clare McCaul

Wellington bowler Clare McCaul won the World Junior Cup Singles title in Australia in April, and is a member of the eight-strong New Zealand open squad.

### Henare Mihaere

Henare Mihaere is Musical Director of the St Patrick's College Chorus, doing well at the International Youth Chorus Contest in Las Vegas and is National Youth Coordinator for the New Zealand Association of Barbershop Singers.

### Michael Moore-Jones

Scots College year 12 pupil Michael Moore-Jones is the entrepreneur behind both the educational website *They Don't Teach You This In School* and the digital letter-sending website *Duo*. He soon takes up an exclusive internship at MyCube in Singapore.



## Environment

In association with Opus International Consultants, the environment category celebrates those individuals who are making an important contribution to the environment around Wellington.

### Dr Lisa Argilla

Dr Lisa Argilla is the Manager of Veterinary Science at Wellington Zoo. She's a keen advocate for the Zoo's animals and is probably best known for nursing Happy Feet back to health (and then pushing him into the ocean).

### Anna Farrow, Ben Jagersma, Nick Officer & Eli Nuttall

Anna Farrow, Ben Jagersma, Nick Officer and Eli Nuttall are four postgraduate students from Victoria University. They were the only NZ entry out of 20 student teams competing in a US competition to design and build a solar-powered house.

### Judy Hutt

Judy Hutt is one of the directors of the Island Bay Marine Education Centre, which provides hands-on experience of the oceans for families, schools and folk of all ages. Fostering an interest in marine life leads to fostering the environment itself.



## Arts

In association with The Wellington Company, the arts category celebrates Wellington as the cultural capital of New Zealand.

### Peter Bush

Award winning photographer Peter Bush is best known for his rugby coverage - after more than sixty years behind the lens, he's been in the spotlight himself this year, with an honorary degree and an honour from the Queen.

### Gareth Farr

Gareth Farr's been busy - after winning an Arts Foundation Laureate Award, he wrote the opening music for the Rugby World Cup and has received standing ovations for his piece *Kaitiaki* currently touring with the NZSO.

### Tanemahuta Gray

Tanemahuta Gray, the creator of *Maui - One Man Against the Gods*, co-directed *Arohanui - The Greatest Love* and *Kowhiti Dance 2011* at the Wellington Opera House as part of Wellington's Rugby World Cup experiences.

### Suzie Moncrieff

Suzie Moncrieff has taken a great idea to an even greater cultural phenomenon. The Brancott Estate World of Wearable Art Awards has been wowing the socks off Wellingtonians and visitors since 2005 - 50,000 of them this year.

### Tom Scott

Tom Scott makes the pompous squirm and the rest of us laugh with his cartoons, columns and commentaries - he's now producing movies, - first *Separation City* and this year *Rage*, bringing the '81 Tour back to the streets of Wellington.



## Community Service

In association with Wellington Airport, the Community Service category honours those individuals who make an important contribution within the greater Wellington community. This category celebrates our unsung heroes, those who often work tirelessly behind the scenes, and fulfil crucial community functions.

### Des Britten

Fr Des Britten recently retired as Wellington City Missioner after 18 years of extending a helping hand and providing sustenance, both physical and spiritual, to those in need.

### Dean Gifford

Senior Police Constable Dean Gifford indulges in selfless good works - in the Solomon Islands where he's spent years organising deliveries of donated goods, and back home helping out in the Children's Ward at Wellington Hospital.

### Robyn Langlands

Worried that perfectly good nosh was being thrown away daily, Robyn Langlands set up Kaibosh Food Rescue, taking surplus food from businesses and redistributing it around Wellington charities.

### Gareth Morgan

Gareth Morgan is an economist and philanthropist who's recently been rescuing endangered species, notably a penguin and a football team. He actively encourages and supports others to do the same.



## Science & Technology

In association with Hutt City Council, the Science and Technology category lets us recognise the intellectual capital of Wellingtonians, and nowhere does this shine more than in science and technology.

### Dr Sue Huang

Dr Sue Huang is currently head virologist of the National Influenza Centre at ESR at Wallaceville and the World Health Organisation's flu monitoring representative in New Zealand. Sue has been recently keeping tabs on the swine flu epidemic.

### Prof Graham Le Gros

Professor Graham Le Gros, Director of the Malaghan Institute, is a leading researcher in the field of immunology. He's spent more than 25 years investigating the nitty gritty of asthma, allergies and parasitic diseases.

### Prof Tim Naish

Professor Tim Naish is the Director of Victoria University's Antarctic Research Centre - his research into past and present climate change on the great white continent and how that impacts on climate and sea-level patterns is acclaimed worldwide.

### Tim Norton

Tim Norton is the founder of several ventures that work online to enhance our lives offline - like personal budgeting and finance, growing businesses through quick, easy but high quality videos, and organising online communities to get cycling to work.



## Education

In association with Wellington City Council, the education category celebrates those individuals who may have made education their life's mission. The education sector makes a huge contribution to Wellington, from preschool right through to tertiary.

### Claire Bretherton

Claire Bretherton is Wellington's Carter Observatory Education and Public Programmes Manager who's inspiring Wellingtonians of all ages to visit the new planetarium and facilities, and to reach for the stars... and beyond.

### Kevin Gould

Professor Kevin Gould is a Victoria University lecturer whose passion and flair for teaching has earned him an Ako Aotearoa national award for Sustained Excellence in Tertiary Teaching, and packed lecture theatres for Biology 113.

### Prue Kelly

Prue Kelly is retiring from her job as principal of Wellington High School, after 17 years. Her compassionate, no-nonsense approach to education and young people has won her many admirers and as many awards.

Category winners and the 2011 Wellingtonian of the Year will be announced on Thursday 17 November at the Amora Hotel, Wellington. For ticket information visit [dompost.co.nz/wellys](http://dompost.co.nz/wellys)