



COMMUNITY BOARD AWARDS

Community Boards are a crucial part of local government. They're a key link between councils and the communities they serve. They ensure local voices are listened to and communities can influence what happens at the grassroots level. That's why we're shouting about the brilliant mahi our Community Boards do at this year's Community Board Awards.

This year we're celebrating ideas, collaborations or initiatives that have left a lasting positive impact on a community, innovative ways our communities have been engaged with, and Community Boards that have taken active steps to build strong and meaningful relationships with their councils.

Have an initiative that fits the bill? Submit today – so we can share and champion your Community Board's success together at the 2024 Community Board Awards.

HOW TO APPLY/

1. Please submit a written application of 2500 words or less, showing how you meet the criteria for the award. You may also provide supporting documentation, though this is not required.
2. Each application must be submitted and supported by the whole Community Board (rather than a single Community Board member).
3. Each application requires one key contact person who we will liaise with.
4. For the Partnering with Councils award, the council must be aware and/or part of the submission. Please provide evidence of this.

Please return your application by email to chloe.stewart@lgnz.co.nz.



ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

This Award is about celebrating the on-the-ground work Community Boards do to make their rohe a better place to live. The winning initiative will have positive impact in the community – whether that’s through a project a Community Board has worked on, an outcome they’ve helped deliver, a relationship they’ve forged and strengthened, or something else entirely. However it’s been done, the mahi has made a tangible difference in the lives of locals.

APPLICANT/	Community Board
ENTRY/	Community Board initiative or project

TO NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY BOARD FOR THIS AWARD, YOU MUST DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. A challenge or opportunity that your community faced
2. An initiative, project, outcome, or relationship that has helped solve the challenge or fulfil the opportunity
3. The ongoing positive impact the initiative/project etc is having, or will have, in your community
4. Any other key considerations that were part of this mahi, including but not limited to:
 - a. A genuine commitment to te ao Māori principles
 - b. Meaningful partnerships and/or engagement with any other key stakeholders (including community members)
 - c. Any cultural or environmental considerations that were incorporated in the work

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ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITIES

Community Boards are all about making sure local voices are heard, listened to, and respected. That's why this award is about championing the meaningful ways Community Boards have engaged with the people they serve and represent. The winner will have found innovative and authentic ways to connect with their specific community, and helped ensure that their voices are valued in local government decision-making.

APPLICANT/	Community Board
ENTRY/	Community Board initiative or project

TO NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY BOARD FOR THIS AWARD, YOU MUST DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. An innovative, meaningful way you've engaged with your community, especially those who aren't often heard from in local government
2. How you've moved beyond traditional engagement methods to ensure greater and/or broader community participation
3. Examples of how this community's views were not only identified, but also incorporated into Community Board or council decision-making
4. Any other key considerations that were part of this mahi, including but not limited to:
 - a. A genuine commitment to te ao Māori principles
 - b. Meaningful partnerships and/or engagement with any other key stakeholders (including community members)
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PARTNERING WITH COUNCILS

For Community Boards to be fully effective, they must forge and cultivate a strong relationship with their council. This award celebrates the meaningful ways they've gone about this, big or small. Whether they've partnered with council to deliver a big project, or simply set up regular coffee catch ups with councillors, the winning Community Board has made a genuine effort to build a stronger relationship with their council – so both can better serve the communities they represent.

APPLICANT/	Community Board (with support from/awareness of its council)
ENTRY/	Community Board and council initiative or project

TO NOMINATE YOUR COMMUNITY BOARD FOR THIS AWARD, YOU MUST DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. A practical, tangible way a Community Board has worked with its council or created an avenue for a stronger, more meaningful relationship
2. How this has improved the overall relationship between the Community Board and council, and how you plan to strengthen and build on this relationship moving forward
3. How this strengthened relationship has led (or will lead) to positive outcomes for the community
4. Evidence that the council is aware of and/or part of this submission
5. Any other key considerations that were part of this mahi, including but not limited to:
 - a. A genuine commitment to te ao Māori principles
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