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WEST COAST BUSINESS EXCELLENCE CELEBRATED



West Coast Scenic Waterways Retreat, winner of the Greymouth Star Rising Star Award

Take one veteran sports journalist, a sphagnum moss distributor, and a glittering event featuring ball gowns and tuxedos, and where would you be? The West Coast – where else!

They were just some of the components that added up to another exceptional evening at the 2018 Development West Coast Leading Light Business Excellence Awards held on October 26 at Shantytown.

The sold-out event, with 217 attendees, celebrated a host of exceptional West Coast businesses which ranged from a hardware store to eco-tourism ventures, a desktop CNC manufacturer to contracting businesses.

The guest speaker of the evening, internationally renowned thought-leader, Graham Dockrill inspired the audience, while TVNZ's Peter Williams kept everyone entertained as the MC.

This year's Supreme Winner was Hokitika's Coastpak

Besgrow, a 30-year-old family-owned company which manages, harvests and processes sphagnum moss from West Coast swampland, before selling its product to customers across New Zealand and around the world.

Joining Coastpak Besgrow on the winner's podium over the course of the evening was Martin and Co Mitre 10, AgFest West Coast, Tourism West Coast, the West Coast Wildlife Centre, MBD Contracting, New World Hokitika, and West Coast Scenic Waterways.

Development West Coast chief executive Chris Mackenzie congratulated all of the winners, saying the calibre of all entrants was as high as ever. "The evening would not have been as enjoyable and successful without the support of the sponsors who have supported the awards for many years and the judges who had the difficult task of reviewing the entries".

WINNERS

NZME Small Enterprise Award: [AgFest West Coast](#)

Crombie Lockwood Medium Enterprise Award: [Coastpak Besgrow](#)

Duncan Cotterill Large Enterprise Award: [Martin and Co Mitre 10](#)

Westland Milk Products Not for Profit Award: [Tourism West Coast](#)

Christchurch Airport Tourism and Hospitality Award:
[West Coast Wildlife Centre](#)

ACC Workplace Safety Award: [MBD Contracting](#)

Department of Conservation Environment Award: [New World Hokitika](#)

Greymouth Star Rising Star Award: [West Coast Scenic Waterways Retreat](#)

Development West Coast Supreme Award: [Coastpak Besgrow](#)

LEADING LIGHT TROPHIES



West Coast Wildlife Centre, winner of the Christchurch Airport Tourism and Hospitality Award

The trophies for the 2018 Development West Coast Leading Light Awards were crafted by local artist Ian Boustridge.

The Christchurch Airport Tourism and Hospitality Award has a new home at the West Coast Wildlife Centre in Franz Josef.

"It's a great honour for the West Coast Wildlife Centre to win such a prestigious award and I'm so proud of the team in Franz Josef for all their hard work and commitment to conservation. Thanks to the Department of Conservation for their strong commitment to our partnership together," says Richard Benton, Director of the West Coast Wildlife Centre.

Upcoming Events

Health and Safety Seminar: protecting your future

12 November

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Blaketown Rugby Clubrooms, Greymouth
FREE

13 November

5:30pm – 7:30pm

RSA, Westport
FREE

[Register online: www.bsm.org.nz/rsvp.html](http://www.bsm.org.nz/rsvp.html)

GET MORE TIME FOR BUSINESS WITH YOUR FREE NZBN



The New Zealand Business Number (NZBN) is here to save local businesses time and money when working with each other, or government agencies. That is the message from Beth Williams, NZBN Manager, from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. "Local businesses are at the heart of communities like the West Coast. With 97% of businesses in New Zealand having 20 employees or less, small businesses contribute in a big way to our economy," says Beth.

One of those small businesses is Em's Power Cookies, based in Westport. Nutritionist Emily Miazga started the business in 2004 and now

supplies energy snacks to hundreds of stores across New Zealand. "When starting out in business, building your networks and finding great suppliers and retailers is key," Emily explains. With products to manufacture and a business to run, the paperwork quickly starts to pile up.

"We understand that businesses spend a lot of time repeating the same information, whether that's through invoicing, billing or onboarding a new supplier," Beth explains. "We've introduced the NZBN to help give back some of that time, so people like Emily can focus on doing what they actually got into business to do in the first place."

The NZBN is a unique identifier for

every Kiwi business. It links to the information businesses are most often asked to share, like their physical address, phone number and website.

"Instead of repeating these details over and over, businesses can just provide their NZBN. All that information can be found on the NZBN Register at nzbn.govt.nz," says Beth. "For example, organisations like New World, who Emily supplies to, pull their supplier information directly from the NZBN Register. It's quick, easy and best of all it's free for everyone."

Companies have been given an NZBN automatically, while sole traders, partnerships and trusts can get theirs for free at nzbn.govt.nz.

Business Spotlight: Em's Power Cookies
Cool Kiwi businesses doing cool things for Kiwis

