



### 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 nominated for the TrustPower Community Awards. The Awards are judged on activities undertaken in the previous 12 months. Nominations that focus on future activities or the work of an individual volunteer will not be considered. For information on programmes designed to recognise the work of individual volunteers please contact your local Council.

### WHO CAN NOMINATE A GROUP FOR THE AWARDS?

ANYONE - groups and organisations can even nominate themselves! And best of all it will only take a few minutes of your time! Nomination Forms are available at your local Council offices or service centres, by calling TrustPower Community Relations on 0800 87 11 11 or by going to [www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards](http://www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards) where a Nomination Form can be downloaded or completed online. Nominations must be made on the official form.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

Nominated groups and organisations will be contacted to complete an Information Form, which asks for an outline of the voluntary group's work and achievements. Those nominated organisations that do not complete this form will not be included in the judging of the Awards. You can complete the Information Form online or download an Information Form at [www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards](http://www.trustpower.co.nz/communityawards). Alternatively to have a form sent to you please contact your local Council or call TrustPower Community Relations on 0800 87 11 11 extn 0. If your voluntary group or organisation is nominating itself please also complete the Information Form and enclose it with your nomination.

Any additional supporting information must be submitted on single-sided pages. Please DO NOT include any CDs, DVDs, brochures, annual reports or original photographs as such information will not form part of the judging process.

### WHAT ARE THE CATEGORIES?

The TrustPower Community Awards are divided into five categories, as listed below. On the Information Form nominated groups will be required to select one category under which to be considered. If, in the view of the judges, a nomination meets the criteria for consideration under another category the judges reserve the right to transfer the nomination to that category.

<b>A</b> HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT -	Improve and revitalise the local environment, culture or heritage.
<b>B</b> HEALTH & WELLBEING -	Provide services that enhance the social wellbeing of people.
<b>C</b> ARTS & CULTURE -	Enhance and increase participation in arts and creative leisure activities or Improve the community culture.
<b>D</b> SPORT & LEISURE -	Increase participation and/or enjoyment in physical sport, leisure activities and recreational pursuits or provide support services to participants.
<b>E</b> EDUCATION & CHILD/YOUTH DEVELOPMENT -	Improve and enhance the education of the community, or the educational development of children and youth.

The winner of each category will receive \$500 and a framed certificate and the runners-up will receive \$250 and a certificate. The Supreme Winner receives \$1,500, a framed certificate, a trophy held for one year and an all-expenses paid trip 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 nominations.

### HOW ARE THE AWARDS JUDGED?

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

- Volunteer Input . *volunteering involvement, commitment, passion and initiative*
- Utilisation of Resources . *cost effectiveness and service/project sustainability*
- Initiative and Creativity . *capacity to overcome difficulties or face challenges, innovation*
- Effectiveness of Activities . *success of service/project, achievement of objectives*
- Impact on District . *benefit of service/project on wider community/district*

The decisions of the judges will be final. All nominated organisations and the person who nominated them for the Awards will be invited to attend the Awards function, which will be held approximately four to six weeks after nominations close.

### For more information:

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