



THE BREEZE



Wellington's Easy Listening

94 98 FM 891 AM



2008 Business Excellence Awards

The 2008 Business Excellence Awards on Wednesday 12th November saw the Horticultural Hall packed for the gala dinner. The Awards winners and the judges' comments were:

Gibson Sheat Professional Service Award: Boulcott Hospital

Boulcott Hospital continues to be innovative and to invest in its business. Last August Boulcott marked the completion of a \$7 million upgrade which included the region's first state of the art surgery i-theatre (integrated), as well as a new administration block, eight more inpatient beds and a nine-bed day-stay facility with waht Boulcott Chief Executive and Anaesthetist Richard Grenfell describes as "five-star facilities". For more information visit www.boulcotthospital.co.nz

Other finalists: Lifestyle Health & Fitness Clubs and Gee and Hickton Funeral Directors.

Hutt City Council Research and Development Award: Tekron International

Supplier of specialised and minutely accurate GPS timing equipment to the power industry, Tekron does not compete on price. It competes on quality and despite the size and resources of its competitors; Tekrin's products are in use in some 40 countries around the world. For more information visit www.tekroninternational.com

Other finalists: Times-7 Research and the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Research (GNS)

The Breeze Small Business Award: Hutt Valley Personnel

A company that lives up to its motto 'local jobs, local people'. Hutt Valley Personnel's track record in meeting increasing competition and guaranteeing its placements gave it the edge over very strong competition. For more information visit www.hvpersonnel.co.nz

Other finalists: Jones Bros/LA Fitness, Oyster Retail and Celcius Coffee

IN-Business Wellington Manufacturing Award: Booker Spalding

This corporation is on the "cutting edge" of research, from testing fabrics and watching the next trends in fashion to examining and understanding why and how well-dressed staff contribute to better relationships and profitability. For more information visit www.bookerspalding.co.nz

Other finalists: Label & Litho and Superior Industries

Verve Consulting Not For Profit Award: Te Omanga Hospice

The hospice has become one of the best known brands in the region. The staff is known for their professionalism in all they do, whether it is for their on-going fundraising or the incomparable care they provide to their patients and their patients' families. For more information visit www.teomanga.org.nz

Other finalists: NZ Energy Forum and Youth Development Trust

Hutt News Retailer Award: La Bella Italia

Antonio Cacace treats his customers as family, talking to them and making them feel at home. The creative flair shown in establishing this business and its continuing growth has made it a popular destination. For more information visit www.labellaitalia.co.nz

Other finalists: Playdays Toyshop and Caffiend 36

Sustainable Business Award: Celcius Coffee

A company that has built its reputation and customer base on sustainability principles. Celcius Coffee has already taken out several major prizes in this area - now it has another to add to its growing collection. For more information visit www.celciuscoffee.co.nz

Business Hutt Valley Supreme Award: Boulcott Hospital