

Shareholders Association Announces Journalism Awards Finalists

The New Zealand Shareholders Association (NZSA) today announced the finalists in its **Business Journalism Awards**. These awards will be presented in conjunction with the Association's supreme accolade, **The Beacon Award** at a function being held in Auckland on November 7th.

The journalism awards encompass three categories plus the Young Business Journalist of the Year award. The NZSA Business Journalist of the Year is selected from one of the category winners.

Entries were open to all forms of media including print, on-line, radio and TV. NZSA Chairman John Hawkins said the response this year was exceptional with 30 individual journalists submitting almost 80 entries. The judges commented that the quality of entries was very high, and the chosen finalists work was truly outstanding.

The NZSA awards are completely independent with no corporate sponsorship and a judging panel independent of NZSA. The panel includes an expert financial analyst to ensure entries are examined for accuracy of content and analysis as well as journalistic excellence.

The finalists are:

Business News

Madeleine Chapman	The Spinoff
Jenny Ruth	NBR

Business Features

Liam Dann	NZ Herald/NZME
Rebecca Stevenson	The Spinoff/Stuff

Business Commentary

Tim Hunter	NBR
Rod Oram	Newsroom/Independent

Young Journalist of the Year	Announced on the night
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NZSA Business Journalist of the Year	Announced at the awards
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NZSA Beacon Award for Outstanding Business Excellence	Announced at the function
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The judging panel for the business journalism awards was:

Dr Gavin Ellis (Chair)	Editor, author, educator and consultant.
Dr Merja Myllylahti	Former London based financial journalist and current academic.
Mr Richard Harman	Journalist with 40 years' experience including radio and TV.
Ms Jane Arnott	Communications and marketing expert and author.
Mr Garth Ireland	Respected financial analyst, INFNZ fellow and advisor.

John Hawkins
NZSA Chairman