

Industry Awards 2017: Meet hair and beauty's business and training superstars

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HITO, Kitomba, and NZARH are thrilled to announce the finalists for the 2017 Industry Awards.

The Industry Awards is an annual celebration of the Kitomba NZARH Business Awards and the HITO Next Generation Talent Awards. These awards celebrate excellence in business and training in the hair, barbering and beauty industries and are a highlight of the industry calendar. 2017 marks the eighth year of the Industry Awards, with over a thousand hair and beauty professionals, trainers, and businesses vying for top honours in business and training throughout the years.

Al Quinn, CEO of Kitomba said "the Kitomba NZARH Business Awards were created to build a culture of recognising and celebrating business excellence in the hair industry. And that's what we've done, changed the focus from just being technically and creatively excellent to celebrating those in our industry who are incredible business owners."

Maureen Bowring, NZARH Chairperson went on to say "I believe it is important to celebrate success in the industry and being involved with such an anticipated industry event is truly humbling. The standard of entries submitted this year was astounding and it is exciting to see the commitment and passion for the industry around the country."

HITO is thrilled to celebrate the businesses, apprentices, and trainers helping New Zealand's hair, barbering, and beauty industries perform to the highest standard. A highlight for this year's awards was the announcement of HITO's first beauty therapy apprentice of the year finalist: Machaela Robbins from Pamper Me in Thames.

HITO CEO Kay Nelson said:

"The HITO Next Generation Talent Awards celebrate the future of these industries. Our top trainers and training workplaces help nurture our future leaders, putting New Zealand's hair and beauty industries on an international level. Our top apprentices bring new ideas and innovation to our industries, constantly helping them grow and change with the times. Our Next Generation Talent Awards acknowledge these leaders and help the barbering, beauty, and hair industries move into the future".

The winners will be announced at the Industry Awards event on Sunday, November 19 in Auckland. Tickets are available from industryawards.co.nz.

Additional information

The NZ Hair and Beauty Industry Training Organisation (HITO) set the standard for hair and beauty training in New Zealand and manage apprenticeships for hair, barbering, and beauty therapy.

Kitomba Salon & Spa Software is driven by the desire to provide innovative, easy-to-use software with great support that helps New Zealand salons and spas be more successful.

The New Zealand Association of Registered Hairdressers (NZARH) are committed to raising the standards of the hairdressing industry nationwide and to giving a much-needed voice to our qualified members.

Thank you to the 2017 Business Awards sponsors: L'Oreal, Wella, Salon Business Coach and Comfortel.

HITO Next Generation Talent Awards Finalists

HITO Apprentice of the Year

- Callum Senior, Zurri Hairdressing, Auckland
- Gracie Nisbet, MPhosis Hair Studio, Hastings
- Jade Scott, VIVO Hair and Beauty Tory Street, Wellington
- Jared Kirk, Cuts @ Once, Nelson
- Jordan Carlton, Head Rush Hair Salon, Christchurch
- Machaela Robbins, Pamper Me, Thames

Jasmine McBeth Memorial Scholarship

- Chloe Hetaraka, Halcyon Hair, Invercargill
- Joseph Benfell, Biba, Auckland
- Tyler Nikora, Lifestyle Hair Studio, Paraparaumu

HITO Trainer of the Year

- Janine Simons, Mane Salon, Wellington
- Natasha Bird, MPhosis Hair Studio, Hastings
- Tammy Koteck, Head Rush Hair Salon, Christchurch

HITO Training Workplace of the Year

- Head Rush Hair Salon, Christchurch
- Zurri Hairdressing, Auckland

Kitomba NZARH Business Awards Finalists

Kitomba NZARH New Zealand Salon of the Year

- Buoy Salon & Spa
- Hair to Stare at
- La Villa Hairdressing and Extensions
- The Powder Room
- The Avenue Hair Studio

L'Oreal Grand Salon of the Year

- Buoy Salon & Spa
- Freds Hair & Beauty
- Hair to Stare at
- La Villa Hairdressing and Extensions
- Team Seven - High Fashion Hair

Boutique Salon of the Year

- Aurum Hairstylists
- Jomp Hair Design
- Protege Hairdressing
- So You Hair
- The Avenue Hair Studio

Excellence in Marketing

- Buoy Salon & Spa
- Hair to Stare at
- La Villa Hairdressing and Extensions
- So You Hair
- The Powder Room

Employer of Choice

- Buoy Salon & Spa
- Hair to Stare at
- La Villa Hairdressing and Extensions
- Protege Hairdressing
- The Powder Room

Salon Business Coach Fastest Growing Salon

- Hair to Stare at
- La Villa Hairdressing and Extensions
- Rodney Wayne The Palms
- Ross and Co Hair Design
- Team Seven - High Fashion Hair

Wella Sustainable Salon of the Year

- Cremebrulee Hair & Beauty
- Protege Hairdressing

- Shazly Experience Hair and Wellness
- The Powder Room
- Zurri Hairdressing

Business Stylist of the Year

- Buoy Salon & Spa - Chinney Yeap
- La Villa Hairdressing and Extensions - Jasmine Hutchings
- Mane Salon - Kiri Roberts
- Oscar & Co - Gene Edwards
- Team Seven - High Fashion Hair - Aaron Karam-Whalley

Comfortel Best Salon Design

- ASC Salon
- Dinh Collective
- Hair to Stare at
- Protege Hairdressing
- Zibido Hair

Best New Entrant

- Aurum Hairstylists
- Buoy Salon & Spa
- Cremebrulee Hair & Beauty
- Team Seven - High Fashion Hair
- The Avenue Hair Studio

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