

Mayoral Conservation Awards

2020 Nomination Pack



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Introduction

The annual Mayoral Conservation Awards recognise and celebrate community-powered conservation.

The Awards are an opportunity to acknowledge the significant effort made by mana whenua, communities, households, landowners, youth and schools across Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, in supporting our region’s nature to thrive.

COVID-19 has impacted this year’s awards, with the usual six categories reduced to three. Also, in response to feedback the nomination process has been simplified.

2020 is the inaugural year of the ‘Penny Hulse Supreme Environment Award’, recognising the contribution the former councillor has made to the environment. This award encapsulates the achievements of one of the winners of the three other categories - Collaboration, Schools and Youth, and Triumph Against Adversity.

Nominations are open to all conservation projects in the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland region carried out on private land, or public parks and reserves managed by Auckland Council or the Department of Conservation.

This year’s awards ceremony will take place on the first day of the ‘Auckland Festival Weekend 2020’, Saturday 28 November, in partnership with the Department of Conservation. Day Two’s ‘CitiSci’ event on Sunday 29 November is brought to you in partnership with Auckland Museum Institute and the University of Auckland’s School of Environment and will be held at the Science Centre, city campus. Visit <https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/articles/events/2020/11/auckland-pestival-weekend/> for more information.

1 Pest Free Auckland and COVID-19

Since the Government launched Predator Free 2050, we have seen an ever-increasing number of Aucklanders getting behind the push to restore our natural environment. It is relentless work eradicating or controlling pest plants and animals, and pathogens, to help restore nature. It is this growing commitment, and the hard work that accompanies it, that is helping us reach the goal of a Pest Free Auckland by 2050.

In our efforts to work towards this audacious goal, 2020 has thrown us the COVID-19 'curve ball' with its associated lockdowns and restrictions. Frustratingly this has meant delays and at times slowed the important mahi we're all doing. There was welcome respite for nature, alongside an opportunity for us to really acknowledge what is most important. Luckily our commitment to our wonderful environment continues despite the challenges we've faced and those still ahead. Now that's worth celebrating and rewarding!



Auckland Council's Pest Free Auckland initiative including the 'Auckland Festival Weekend 2020 featuring the Mayoral Conservation Awards and CitiSci' are all funded by Aucklanders through the Natural Environment Targeted Rate.

2 Categories and judging criteria

This year there are three award categories:

- Collaboration
- Schools / Youth
- Triumph Against Adversity

And the Penny Hulse Supreme Environment Award, presented to one of the winners of the above categories.

Applicants can choose the most appropriate of the three categories that best suits their project by considering how it meets the judging criteria.

We welcome photos and/or videos to support your nomination.



Long-tailed bat or pekepeka. Photo source: NZ Batman.

AWARD CATEGORIES	OVERALL CRITERIA	JUDGING CRITERIA
Collaboration	<p>This category recognises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • projects that have actively involved or mentored others in their community, and/or across a wider landscape or network to achieve significant conservation outcomes. 	<p>The winner of the Collaboration Award will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evidence of successful collaboration with neighbours, other groups, organisations or stakeholders • integration of projects and shared outcomes • sharing of resources, knowledge and capacity • a culture of openness and partnership with others.
Schools / Youth	<p>This category recognises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • schools (including kura kaupapa and early childhood facilities) who use an authentic learning approach to enable and empower students to take conservation action in their community • outstanding leadership and achievement by a young individual or group of young individuals (under 25 years old) to achieve positive conservation outcomes. 	<p>The winner of the Schools / Youth Award will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outstanding leadership and achievement • evidence of significant student/youth engagement in the project/initiative • engagement with the wider community • evidence of successful conservation outcomes.
Triumph Against Adversity	<p>This category recognises projects that have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • had to make significant changes due to COVID-19 or other challenges • successfully navigated these challenges for positive outcomes. 	<p>The winner of the Innovation Award will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evidence of the challenge faced • resilience and adaptability • creativity and initiative • refined techniques, methods or systems that have helped achieve positive outcomes • the impact made or that will be made.

3 Judging panel process

The judging panel will:

- assess each nomination against the criteria of the selected category
- decide on three finalists and a winner for each category
- decide on the Penny Hulse Supreme Environment Award from the three award winners.

The judging panel reserves the right to:Can

- decline giving an award in any category if they believe there are no exceptional entries in a given year, and
- change or move a nomination to an alternate category.

The decision of the judging panel is final.

4 Prizes

Finalists will be announced on [Our Auckland](#) on 19 November (search: finalists).

The category winners will be presented with their award/s on Day One of the Auckland Festival Weekend 2020, Saturday 28 November, an event to which all finalists will be invited.

- All finalists will be recognised by receiving a certificate of commendation signed by Mayor Phil Goff.
- All category winners will be recognised by receiving a 2020 Mayoral Conservation Awards framed certificate signed by Mayor Phil Goff.
- The winner of the Penny Hulse Supreme Environmental Award will receive a bespoke framed certificate signed by Mayor Phil Goff acknowledging both awards and \$2,000 towards their project.

Visit <https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/articles/events/2020/11/auckland-pestival-weekend/> for more information about the Auckland Festival Weekend.

5 Nomination rules

To enter:

- please fill in the nomination form at the end of this document or online, using the link below.
- provide three to six high resolution photos of one or more aspects of the project; you can also send short videos or provide links to these via email; see below for the email address.

Rules of entry:

- nominations are open to all community-powered conservation projects in the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland region
- a new aspect of the project must have taken place since 1 January 2020
- your nomination can be for the whole project or an aspect of your project
- your nomination can be for any of the three categories
- you cannot nominate the same project/aspect in more than one category, so remember to choose the category that best reflects your nomination.
- you can submit more than one nomination - you will need to fill in separate forms for each.

Nominations can be submitted:

Online:

https://engage.ubiquity.co.nz/surveys/mznx6_c25xb4cd2m13d6qwtxc00fm5hw13qv8mb6nztv0kpvv4_q0094_cm80

By email:

pestfree@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz (using the nomination form at the end of this pack)

Nominations close at 5pm on Wednesday 4 November 2020.

Nominations received after this date and time will not be included in the judging process.

Note: all applicants will receive a confirmation email to acknowledge the successful lodgement of their entries.

Questions? Please contact pestfree@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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NOMINATION FORM 2020

Project name	
Project key contact	
Email	
Telephone	
Nomination submitter's name (if different to above)	
Email	
Telephone	
Referee name (optional*)	
Email	
Telephone	
Referee's relationship to the project	

*If possible, please include a referee for your nomination. This should be someone who can speak knowledgeably about it.

Award category	Tick one
• Collaboration	
• Schools / Youth	
• Triumph Against Adversity	

Nominations close at 5pm on Wednesday 4 November 2020.

Please answer the following questions to demonstrate how your nomination meets the judging criteria as outlined in the Nomination Pack.

<p>1. Describe the project background and its purpose/objectives</p>	<p><i>(Max 300 words)</i></p>
<p>2. Describe how the project aligns with the chosen award category (respond to the judging criteria)</p>	<p><i>(Max 500 words)</i></p>

<p>3. Describe the outcomes of your project i.e. what changed/improved as a result? What was the impact and how did you measure this?</p>	<p>(Max 300 words)</p>

Nomination checklist – please complete the checklist to ensure you have met all the nomination requirements.

Items	Please tick
Nomination form completed, and word count complies	
Nominated entity, community group or person has agreed to be nominated	
3 to 6 high resolution photos sent as separate files	
Any supporting documents supplied, such as restoration plan (OPTIONAL)	
Video supplied (OPTIONAL)	
Referee – name and contact details supplied (OPTIONAL)	



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