

# The ARC Sustainable Environment Awards

APPLICATION INFORMATION 2009

Closing date 4 November

Sustaining, protecting and enhancing the Auckland region's environment now and for the future.



# The ARC Sustainable Environment Awards 2009

The ARC Sustainable Environment Awards celebrate those individuals, groups, schools and businesses in our community who care for our environment and heritage and who work towards a sustainable Auckland region.

This year we have also included a special awards category "Beyond Recycling" for those who show leadership or innovation in the area of waste minimisation.

**Applications close on 4 November 2009.**

**Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on 25 February 2010.**

## General Category

### 1. Individual

#### **SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Awarded to an individual or teacher who has demonstrated leadership in their commitment to care for the environment and implemented active environmental practices to develop a sustainable environment in their community.

### 2. Sustainable Schools

#### **SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Awarded to a school or tertiary institution for commitment and practical action to implement sustainable practices and environmental projects that have enhanced the school and/or local community.

### 3. Youth

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL GUARDIANS OF THE FUTURE AWARD**

Awarded to a group or individual (under 25) for commitment and achievement in developing a sustainable environment in a school, university or community.

### 4. Sustainable Communities

#### **SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Awarded to a community group or family who have shown commitment, partnerships and practical action to improve the environment of our neighbourhoods, towns, cities and rural areas.

## Special Category - Beyond Recycling

### 5. Schools

#### **BEYOND RECYCLING - WASTE MINIMISATION AWARD**

Awarded to a school or tertiary institution for success in implementing waste minimisation systems or practises to reduce their waste to landfill.

### 6. Community

#### **BEYOND RECYCLING - WASTE MINIMISATION AWARD**

Awarded to a community group or family for commitment, partnerships and practical action to reduce or reuse waste.

### 7. Sustainable Business

#### **BEYOND RECYCLING - WASTE MINIMISATION AWARD**

Awarded to an organisation that has demonstrated leadership or innovation in the development and implementation of waste minimisation practices that focus on the reduction or reuse of solid waste.



## Judging assessment criteria

- Benefit to the environment
- Community participation
- Significance to the local community
- Leadership and innovation
- Sustainable management practices
- Project resilience
- Overall sustainability of your project
- Reduction and reuse of solid waste (additional for Beyond Recycling category only).

## How to enter

You can enter using this form or online at [www.arc.govt.nz/environmentawards](http://www.arc.govt.nz/environmentawards)

If you have no access to online information please call 09 366 2000 and press 1 to receive additional information. Call 0800 80 60 40 outside the toll free area - and press 1.

## Conditions of entry

The project must be in the Auckland region. Auckland Regional Council staff, councillors and their immediate family, are not eligible to enter. All projects may be used by the ARC for publicity purposes. Projects that have previously won an ARC environmental award are not eligible to enter. Entries must be received on or before 4 November 2009. The judges decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on 25 February 2010.

**Please note: The Judges may want to visit your project.**

# Application Form

Please return this form and all supporting information by 4 November to:

The ARC Sustainable Environment Awards, Programmes and Partnerships,  
Auckland Regional Council, Private Bag 92012, Auckland or [environmentawards@arc.govt.nz](mailto:environmentawards@arc.govt.nz).

Project title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of entrant \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Physical location of the project (please attach map if appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are nominating someone else, please also give your contact details:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Award category you are entering (please tick)

## Special Category - Beyond Recycling

Schools

Community

Sustainable Business

## General Category

Individual

Sustainable Schools

Youth

Sustainable Communities

Please attach a description of the project with this form. Include in your description:

### A project summary:

Include the project aims, objectives and timeframes.

### Provide more detail about your project:

Applications will be judged on the following criteria. The headings and questions should be used when completing your application.

### Judging assessment criteria:

#### a) Benefit to the environment

- What is the key environmental benefit (s) of this project?
- Give details and evidence of environmental improvement resulting from your project.

#### b) Community participation

- Describe who participated in the project and how they were involved in the planning, development and/or implementation of the project.
- Describe how the project/initiative was communicated to others in the community.
- Businesses - describe how staff participated in the project and changes that may have occurred within the internal culture of the company.
- Businesses - describe the level of involvement management had in your project and to what extent it was inspired and driven by staff.

#### c) Significance to the local community

- Describe the significance of the project for the local community including social, cultural or economic benefits.
- Provide evidence/data of the benefits of the project for you, your group or organisation.

#### d) Leadership and innovation

- Describe how your project has been able to influence others to undertake environmental action.

- Describe how your project is innovative in its approach or processes.

- Businesses - describe how your project has resulted in innovative practices, activities and infrastructure

#### e) Sustainable management practices

- Describe how your project has been able to balance economic, social and cultural elements to achieve a sustainable outcome.

#### f) Project resilience

- What are the longterm outcomes/benefits of this project?
- Describe any future environmental projects that you or your organisation may pursue as a result of this project.
- Businesses - describe how your project is reflected in the policies of the company, in particular procurement policies.

#### g) Overall sustainability of your project

- Describe how effectively this project contributes to sustaining, protecting and enhancing the environment of the Auckland region now and for the future.

#### h) Reduction and reuse of solid waste

*(Beyond recycling category only)*

- Describe how effectively this project contributes to all areas of waste minimisation including reducing, reusing and recycling solid waste.
- Describe the waste minimisation resulting from the project.
- Businesses - how have your waste minimisation efforts returned savings or increased profit for your company?