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Infrastructure Asset Management  
Excellence Awards 2024

*The*  
**Āpōpō**  
**Awards**

**ĀPŌPŌ**

# The Āpōpō Awards

The Āpōpō Awards celebrate the pinnacle of achievement in infrastructure asset management in Aotearoa New Zealand

Successful infrastructure asset management brings together teams from local government, central government, consultants, contractors and suppliers, truly showcasing collaborative teamwork. The Āpōpō Awards celebrate and recognise projects and initiatives that enable sustainable communities through infrastructure asset management excellence.

All awards entries must select one entry category that best showcases the exemplary nature of the project or initiative.

Category winners will be considered for the 2024 Supreme Infrastructure Asset Management Excellence Award, with the winner presented Kōmata o Te Rangi.

## Invitation to enter

Organisations associated with outstanding examples of infrastructure asset management projects and initiatives are invited to enter the 2024 Āpōpō Awards.

## Award Categories

Innovation



Leadership



Improvement



Community



Sustainability



## One Supreme Award

Kōmata o Te Rangi



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# Submissions for the Āpōpō Awards are now open

Make sure you submit your entry by 5pm Monday 411 March 2024.



*Te Ara Awataha Greenway Corridor  
Regeneration - 2023 winners of  
Kōmata o Te Rangi*

# The Categories

## Innovation Award

Innovation is defined as the introduction of something new, a new idea, method or device, including that which is newly derived or developed from an existing idea, method or device. The Āpōpō Guide states that “Innovation in asset management is more than just adopting new technologies; it’s about fostering a culture that values creativity, experimentation, and the willingness to challenge the status quo.”

Throughout their submission, entrants in this category should seek to demonstrate to the judging panel the innovation delivered by their project or initiative and why such innovation is exemplary in the context of infrastructure asset management excellence.

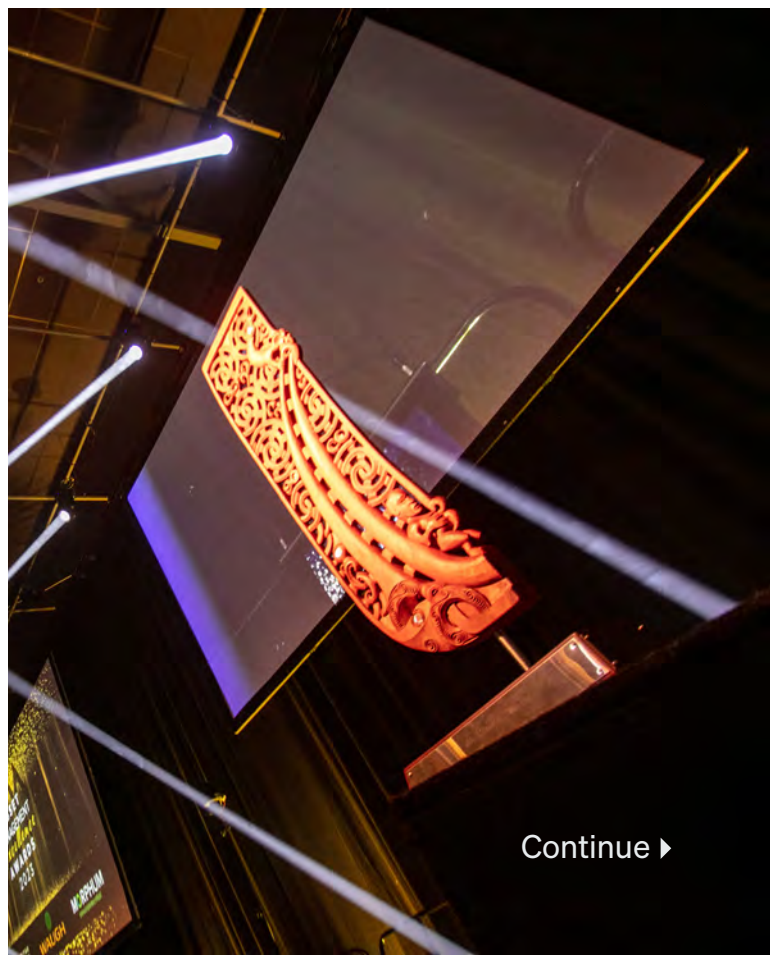
## Leadership Award

The Āpōpō Guide sets out that “Leadership is different from management, and to be a leader people must follow.” Leadership inspires and motivates others to strive to replicate or improve on the achievements exemplified.

Throughout their submission, entrants in this category should seek to demonstrate to the judging panel how their project or initiative has set a leading standard that others are, or should be, following and why such leadership is exemplary in the context of infrastructure asset management excellence.

## Improvement Award

All organisations can seek to improve their practices in their pursuit of infrastructure asset management excellence. Whether improvement is from a basic or sophisticated baseline, ensuring that the lessons of the past and advances in thinking are applied to the present is critical to advancing towards excellence. Throughout their submission, entrants in this category should seek to demonstrate to the judging panel how their project or initiative has raised the standard of practices adopted so as to achieve exemplary outcomes not otherwise achievable in the context of infrastructure asset management excellence.



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## Community Award

The quality of life, wellbeing, and prosperity needs of communities are the centrepiece of infrastructure asset management. Whether the community is a remote rural area or a metropolitan complex, the infrastructure assets that enable the essentials of life and connection underpin the wealth, health and vitality of the people served. Throughout their submission, entrants in this category should seek to demonstrate to the judging panel how their project or initiative is an exemplar of step change for a community in the context of infrastructure asset management excellence.

## How to apply

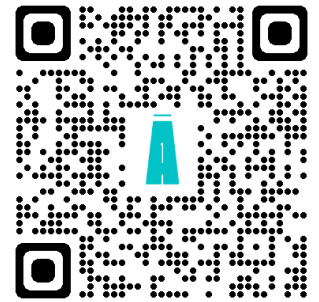
Application for The Āpōpō Awards must be submitted through Judgify by 5pm on Monday 11th March 2024.

## Sustainability Award

The impact of infrastructure on the natural and built environment can be significant. Creating, maintaining and renewing such infrastructure in such a way that sustainably minimises negative impacts and generates sustainably positive outcomes is critical to realising our social and cultural ambitions as a nation and obligations globally. Throughout their submission, entrants in this category should seek to demonstrate to the judging panel how their project or initiative is an exemplar of sustainably minimising negative impacts and creating positive outcomes for the environment, in the context of infrastructure asset management excellence.

[Click here to visit the portal](#)

Or scan this QR code



# Entry Requirements

## Entry rules

- Projects entered must have been completed after 1 April 2023. Where applicable, entered projects and initiatives must have been operational for long enough to show that objectives have been met.
- A separable portion of a project or initiative may be entered provided it functions separately.
- Entry is open to any organisation in New Zealand that wishes to enter NZ-based projects.
- The judging panel reserves the right to determine the best category fit for an entry.
- The decision of the judging panel is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Āpōpō have the right to use all award entry narrative, images and videos on the Āpōpō website, in Āpōpō social media posts, at the Āpōpō Awards Gala Dinner and as case studies or similar in the Āpōpō Guide, Āpōpō Digital Badges or other Āpōpō publications or material.

## Entry submission

- Each entrant must complete the details required in the entry portal (compulsory fields), including uploading images.
- Entries must be submitted by the closing time for the awards.
- Each criteria response is word limited as indicated.

## Finalists

- Finalists for each category will be advised by Monday 15 April 2024 and announced publicly from 16 April 2024.
- Finalists only will be required to prepare and provide a 30 second and 120 second video about the entry by 3 May 2024.

## Entry portal

- Each entry must be completed via the 2024 Āpōpō Awards [Judgify portal](#).
- Submissions are now open and must be completed by 5pm 11 March 2024.

*SH2 Waihi to Ōmokoroa Safety Improvements  
Excellence in Road Safety - 2023 winners*



# Entry Requirements cont.

## Entry details

All entries must provide the following information:

- Entry name, 7 words max (to be listed on finalist and winner trophy and certificates)
- Submitter organisation (to be listed on Kōmata o Te Rangi if Supreme Award winner)
- Submitter contact details - name, email, phone
- Submitter alternative contact details - name, email, phone
- Confirmation that submitter will attend the Āpōpō Awards Gala Dinner Wednesday 22 May 2024, Tākina, Te Whanganui a Tara Wellington.
- Confirmation that submitter has the approval of all named project participant organisations to enter the awards (eg submitter, client, contractor, consultant, project manager etc.)
- Entry participant organisations (up to the first 7 named organisations, including submitter, to be listed on finalist and winner trophy and certificates)
- Cost of project or initiative
- Project or initiative start and end dates
- Category entered (select one)
- Entry blurb 150 words (for finalist display boards and social media posts)
- Entry headline 60 words (for finalist announcements and social media posts)
- Entry 'hero' image
- Image showing the people/Āpōpō members involved
- Entry supporting images
- Submitter organisation logo
- Entry participants organisations' logos

## Delivery

300 words (weighting 10%)

- Describe how the project or initiative was delivered including initiation, consultation, community and iwi engagement, design, planning, management, governance, completion and review.

## Asset management principles

750 words (weighting 25%)

- Describe the asset management principles and practices that were addressed by the project or initiative in the context of the Āpōpō Guide, ISO55000 and/or other recognised asset management frameworks and thought leadership.

## Te Ao Māori principles

750 words (weighting 25%)

- Describe the Te Ao Māori principles demonstrated through the project or initiative including how these principles were respected and applied and how they informed the achievement of enhanced outcomes.

## Category exemplar

1200 words (weighting 40%)

- Describe why the project or initiative is an exemplar of the entry category.

# Award Judging

## Judging Panel

A panel of expert asset management professionals from a range of consulting, local/central government and contractor backgrounds with experience across all categories will be convened to judge each entry. The panel will consist of five or more judges.

## Judging process

Any judge associated with any entry will not score that entry and will not participate in any discussion of the panel related to that entry or that entry's category. Entries will be judged on the contents of the submission only. There will be no site visits.

## Criteria Weighting

All entries in each category will be judged against the following weighted criteria:

0%	Project overview
10%	Project delivery
25%	Asset management principles
25%	Te ao Māori principles
40%	Category exemplar
100%	

## Scoring scale

The judging panel will assign each entry scores from the following scale for each criteria.

- 0 Criteria not addressed.
- 1 Adequate or minimum acceptable standards/practices evident.
- 2 Some good practices or outcomes demonstrated, others adequate.
- 3 Good practices or outcomes evident in all respects.
- 4 Some exemplar practices or outcomes demonstrated, others good.
- 5 Demonstrated exemplar in all respects across all elements of criteria.

## Finalists

To be eligible for consideration as an Āpōpō Award finalist the weighted average score of an entry must exceed 75%. From those entries that have weighted average scores exceeding 75%, the judging panel will select up to three entries per category to be announced as Āpōpō Award finalists.

## Merit award

The judging panel may identify any finalist entry as the recipient of a Merit award.

## Category winners

The highest scoring finalist for each category will be announced as the winner of that category at the Āpōpō Awards Gala Dinner.

## Supreme Award winner

The entry determined by the judging panel as being most worthy and representative of Infrastructure Asset Management Excellence from the five category winners will be presented Kōmata o Te Rangi, representing the Āpōpō Supreme Infrastructure Asset Management Excellence Award.

## International Competitions

Āpōpō reserves the right to enter category winners and/or recipients of Kōmata o Te Rangi in international competitions.



# Kōmata o Te Rangi

Kōmata o Te Rangi is the Āpōpō Supreme Infrastructure Asset Management Excellence Award. This precious taonga has been presented three times since 2021.

The development of Kōmata o Te Rangi by Bronson Baker, an Auckland born carver of Ngati Tuwharetoa, Nga Puhi and Te Arawa descent, began in July 2021. Bronson was inspired by the passion that the Āpōpō team had for the Infrastructure Asset Management Excellence Award entries and the team's commitment to the improvements that projects like these can make to our day to day lives. Kōmata o Te Rangi, a taurapa is Āpōpō's Supreme Award, and is a symbol of the elite, a representation of a pinnacle, or the zenith.

He mea tīmata te whakairo nei a Te Kōmata o Te Rangi e Bronson Baker i te Hūrae 2021. He kaiwhakairo a Bronson nō roto mai o Ngā Puhi me Te Arawa.

Ka whakaohohotia a Bronson e te kaingākautanga o te kapa Āpōpō ki ngā kuhunga mō ngā- Tuku Taonga Whakahaere Rawa Kairangi me te tōngakingakitanga o te kapa nei ki ngā whakapaipaitanga ake i ngā hinonga nei e whai wāhi ai ki o tātou oranga i ia rā. Ko Kōmata o Te Rangi te taonga Nui Whakahirahira o Āpōpō, ā, he tohu o te hunga kairangi, he whakaauhanga o te poutūmārōtanga anō hoki.

It is an honour to present Kōmata o Te Rangi as a symbol of infrastructure asset management excellence. This award will be kept and treasured by our Supreme Award Winner until it is passed on to each subsequent winner, a tradition that will be continued for many years to come.

He hōnore te tuku i a Kōmata o Te Rangi hei tohu i te kairangitanga whakahaere rawa e whakaaturia ana i konei i tēnei rā nei i waenga i ngā hinonga toa whakamutunga. Ka pupuru, ka manaakitia ai e te Tino Toa mō ā tōna wā ka tuku ki te toa te haere ake nei, ā, ka tīmatahia ai tēnei hei tikanga e haere tonu ai mō ngā tau hia nei te haere ake nei.

To read more about Kōmata o Te Rangi, visit our website [here](#).

