

ACC Workplace Safety Award and the Flo2Cash Excellence in Service Delivery Award Winner – Icon Security Group Ltd

This Albany-based security company, which formed in 2002 with the vision of providing professional, reliable and accountable security services to individuals, corporates, government and local body clients, has been described by judges of this year's awards as a business demonstrating sound knowledge of OSH policies and procedures. Icon Security Group has experienced considerable growth based on its adherence to its founding principles, and developed a strong brand recognition in a market dominated by large international organisations.

"Health and Safety is paramount to this organisation which operates 24/7 in an extremely autonomous environment covering a substantial area," said the judges.

They were also impressed that the growing reputation of Icon Security in a highly competitive market place caused them to be sought out by a leading overseas security provider and selected for a prestigious Government contract.



Helen and Gary Morrison (centre) of Icon Security, (pictured here with Siggie Rehburg and Rachael Jeffery of ACC) took home both the ACC Workplace Safety award and the Flo2Cash Excellence in Service Delivery award.

BCS Group Best Emerging Business Award Winner – Author-it Software Corporation

Author-it offers integrated, single-source documentation solutions incorporating authoring, content management, security and standards control, and publishing to print, online help and the Web. Its most successful innovation is Author-it Xtend, a market-first featuring 'authoring memory' to content management. Last year the company engaged with one of the United States' largest banks in a \$1.2 million contract for the provision of its products.

Described by judges as a company with a very strong growth story, Author-it is a well-planned and managed business which is reaping the rewards of a solid approach to business growth.

Benefitz Best New Start-up Business Award Winner – The Costume Studio Ltd

The Costume Studio clinched the title after judges called it a well-earned leader in a niche market. Owned by Denise Hosty, the Costume Studio was formed in 2006 to produce theatrical and operatic costumes. The company now makes hundreds of costumes and mascots for television commercials, ad campaigns, promotions and events for major companies throughout New Zealand and Australia.

"This business has put systems and processes in place to ensure it is well-run, and is harnessing opportunities which afford excellent potential for growth," the judges said.



Winners of the Benefitz Best New Start-Up Business Martin La Touche (left) and Denise Hosty of The Costume Studio Ltd receive their award from Aidan Bennett of Benefitz.

Chelsea Sugar Excellence in Exporting Award Winner – Winscribe Inc Ltd

WinScribe, a world-leading provider of digital dictation software supporting business requirements for dictation, transcription, voice recognition and workflow management, was founded in 1989.

"What set Winscribe apart is the extent and commitment to worldwide marketing and the depth of penetration into their chosen market segment they have achieved over the past 10 years of operation," said the judges. Now exporting to 25 countries and with over 500,000 users of their specialist digital dictation software, Winscribe are world leaders in their field.

North Shore Times Excellence in Sustainability Award

Winner – Takapuna Grammar School

A feature of the North Shore landscape since 1927, Takapuna Grammar is the only grammar school on the North Shore and has a reputation for commitment to the culture of traditional values and expectations relating to academic excellence, uniform, discipline and participation in