



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Green Ribbon Awards 2006

INFORMATION SHEET

The Green Ribbon Awards are presented by the Minister for the Environment to recognise the outstanding contributions of individuals, organisations and businesses to sustaining, protecting and enhancing New Zealand's environment.

As a nation, New Zealanders are committed to environmental sustainability. We are all responsible for the state of our environment. Throughout the country there are people putting this commitment into action in their own backyards, communities and workplaces.

The Green Ribbon Awards are one way to formally recognise and thank these people for their efforts. They are a public acknowledgement of the initiative, dedication and sheer hard work of committed New Zealanders caring for our part of the world.

The categories

Rural sustainability

Awarded for outstanding efforts to sustainably manage land or maintain healthy waterways and lakes, especially by those working in the agriculture, horticulture, and forestry sectors, and by community care groups.

Urban sustainability

Awarded for outstanding contributions to urban sustainability, particularly practical action to improve the environment in our towns and cities.

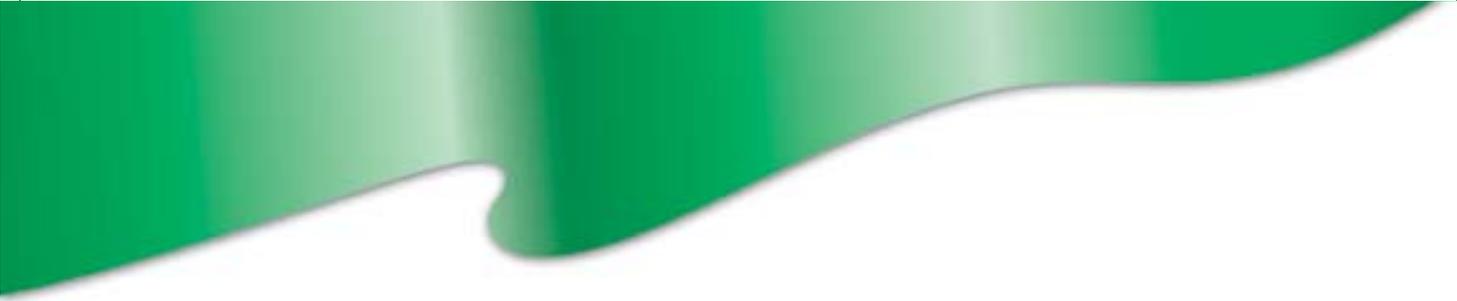
Caring for our water (fresh and seawater)

Awarded for efficient water use, actions to improve water quality, and projects that protect and conserve water. Activities could include reusing water, increased water conservation, reducing discharges to fresh and sea water or planting along water bodies.

Sustainable business

Awarded for outstanding efforts in reducing business impacts on the environment, such as reducing emissions, waste and energy use, implementing environmental management systems, environmental reporting, and encouraging other businesses to adopt good practices.





Young people making a difference

Awarded to young people who show personal commitment to improving our environment. This could, for example, be through practical action at school or in the community, or through efforts they have made to increase the awareness of others, such as setting up an environment group.

Community action for the environment

Awarded to an individual or group who have shown commitment in empowering the community to improve the environment.

Make a nomination

These awards are open to all individuals and organisations in New Zealand that are making a difference for New Zealand's environment. Nominations should be in writing. There is no nomination form, but the nominator must include the following information:

1. your name, postal address, email address and daytime phone number.
2. the name, postal address, email address and daytime phone number of the person, group or company you are nominating.
3. your relationship to the person, group or company you are nominating.
4. a brief outline of what that person, group or company has done for the environment.
5. a brief explanation of why you think that effort is outstanding, for example:
 - it is something that others are not doing
 - the person or organisation is achieving exceptional results
 - their efforts have influenced others to make a difference for the environment
 - the person or organisation is a role model for others in their sector.
6. supporting information such as project plans, photographs, drawings, articles or letters of support from others.

You should also:

- nominate your project in a single category only
- tell your nominee that you are putting them forward for an award.

*Note: Nomination material **will not** be returned unless a self-addressed envelope is supplied.*

Nominations should be sent by 31 March 2006 to: The Green Ribbon Awards
Community Relations
Ministry for the Environment
PO Box 10 362
Wellington

More information sheets can be obtained by:

- downloading the information sheet from our website at www.mfe.govt.nz
- writing to the address above
- phoning Donna Gardner on (04) 439 7414
- faxing (04) 439 7700
- emailing green.ribbon@mfe.govt.nz