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New awards promote safety and recognise efforts to reduce crime and injury

Nominations are being sought for the inaugural “Mayor of Auckland’s Community Safety Awards”, which reward unique and innovative efforts to reduce crime and injury, and promote safety.

The awards ceremony seeks to recognise businesses, groups and individuals who have taken steps to make the city a safer place to live, work and play.

The chairperson of the Public Safety and Community Order Committee, Councillor Graeme Mulholland, says local initiatives often help to reduce crime and injury.

“We want to recognise those who are working to limit crime and injury rates in Auckland. Their work makes the city a safer place for all of us and these awards are a tangible acknowledgement of their success,” Mr Mulholland says.

“We will consider everything from a school road safety project to a workplace injury prevention programme to a business security initiative. It’s a great opportunity to reward innovative thinking and those who go the extra mile.”

The Public Safety and Community Order Committee will join forces with the police to judge the awards.

Mayor Dick Hubbard will present the four winners with a specially designed trophy at an awards ceremony on 9 August.

“I’m making a plea for people to nominate businesses, community groups, schools and individuals who have made a real difference in this area.

“The winners will stand out as a shining example of what can be achieved to make our city a better place and we hope they’ll inspire others to adopt similar safety initiatives”, says Mr Mulholland.

The “Mayor of Auckland’s Community Safety Awards” will be presented during the inaugural Safety NZ Week, promoted by the Accident Compensation Corporation.

The awards dovetail with Safety NZ Week’s aim to raise awareness about injury prevention and to encourage involvement in community safety. As part of Safety NZ Week, Accident Compensation Corporation, in partnership with Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand, will also be holding the New Zealand Community Safety and Injury Prevention Awards.

To be eligible for the Auckland City awards a person or group needs to have introduced a community safety project (focusing on crime reduction, injury prevention or road safety) in the Auckland city council area in the past two years.

To find out how to nominate a person or group phone 379-2020 or visit www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/projects.

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