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Shareholders Association Announces Expanded Business Story Awards

The Chairman of the New Zealand Shareholders Association (NZSA), Mr John Hawkins announced today that the Association would be expanding its existing Business Story of the Year Award to fill the gap left by the cancellation of the EY Awards.

Hawkins said NZSA was committed to supporting and improving the quality and scope of business journalism in New Zealand. The EY awards were an important recognition of the excellence we all want to see and the NZSA board believes it is important that we step in to build on their legacy, he said. Last year the inaugural NZSA award went to Tim Hunter from NBR.

As a completely independent organisation, the Association was free of conflict of interest concerns. Our judging panel is chaired by well known media personality and trainer Janet Wilson who is herself independent from NZSA, said Hawkins.

He said the Association has already obtained underwriting for this year's event from within its own membership and is currently seeking a sponsor partner. He added that full details would be released in a few weeks to allow plenty of time for entries and judging.

The awards will be presented in November as part of an expanded "Beacon" function where NZSA celebrates outstanding corporate leadership.

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