



Tim Hunter rewarded as the 2024 Business Journalist of the year in NZSA awards

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Tim Hunter, of NBR, was chosen as the 2024 Business Journalist of the year from a strong field of entrants spanning New Zealand media organisations.

Proudly hosted by the New Zealand Shareholders' Association (NZSA) and generously supported by Simplicity and NZX Limited, the awards showcase the best of New Zealand Business Journalism. Prizes were awarded in three categories, with additional awards for the Emerging Business Journalist of the Year (Kate McVicar, NBR) and the overall New Zealand Business Journalist of the Year (Tim Hunter, NBR).

NZSA CEO, Oliver Mander, also signaled NZSA's commitment to expand the awards from 2025 to include a "multimedia" category, supporting entries based on broadcast platforms (such as podcasts or visual journalism).

"In the same way that we argue for all investors to be allowed access onto a level playing field, we think it's only fair that those specialising in multimedia journalism are afforded the same opportunity," says Mander.

Mander also noted the difficult environment facing journalists, given the headwinds relating to social polarisation, the rise of alternative media sources and ongoing fragmentation of media channels.

The 2024 Awards are the seventh edition of the NZ Business Journalism Awards hosted by NZSA. “NZSA continues to support a strong business media that creates transparency and holds business to account” says Mander.

Finalists and Winners

Business News

- Victoria Young, BusinessDesk
[Leaked: Fletcher’s pipe problem](#)
- Cécile Meier, BusinessDesk
[Health IT project Hira reset](#)
- Matt Nippert, NZ Herald **WINNER**
[‘Brain Drink’ maker fighting to catch a ride on the currant](#)
- Dileepa Fonseka, BusinessDesk
[Ministry of Foreign Affairs Cloud IT investigation](#)
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Business Commentary

- Jenny Ruth, Just the Business
[Is Fletcher’s Capital Raising the most unfair ever?](#)
- Tim Hunter, National Business Review **WINNER**
[The hidden treasure in a Duval Share Offer](#)
- Ian Llewellyn, BusinessDesk
[When the facts change – the end of the golden weather for gentailers](#)

Business Features

- Jonathan Milne, Newsroom
[EV holiday power blowouts put pressure on lines network](#)
- Cécile Meier, BusinessDesk **WINNER**
[Daycare Dollars](#)
- Maria Slade, National Business Review
[Mysterious publisher leaves string of workers out of pocket](#)

Young Business Journalist:

Kate McVicar, National Business Review

Business Journalist of the Year Award

Tim Hunter, National Business Review

Judges

Three independent judges, Dr. James Hollings, Gyles Beckford and Jenni McManus, volunteered their journalism and business expertise to read and around 80 entries.

Dr. James Hollings

Dr James Hollings researches and teaches journalism across Massey University's four campuses. His current role is Discipline Leader, Journalism. Drawing on 18 years as a full-time professional journalist, his main research interests are around journalism practice, especially investigative journalism, with a special interest in journalism psychology.

He is also on the board or involved in governance of various journalism-related bodies, such as the NZ Centre for Investigative Journalism, and has advised on journalism-related issues to various corporate and government bodies, such as the NZ Law Commission.

His teaches the Master of Journalism course and an undergraduate course in Investigative Journalism. Having produced two film documentaries, he also has a specialty in long-form non-fiction content.

Gyles Beckford

Gyles has been a journalist for more than 35 years, including stints with provincial newspapers, a ministerial press secretary, a long stint as local bureau chief for Reuters news agency. He has over 20 years reporting on everything business, investment, economics and commerce.

He has worked with Radio New Zealand, presented on Morning Report, participated in the RNZ-Newsroom “Two Cents Worth” podcast, and is member of the combined RNZ-TVNZ unit that reported on the Panama Papers.

Jenni McManus

Jenni has nearly 40 years’ experience as a financial journalist, editor and newspaper owner. In 1991, she and the late Warren Berryman founded The Independent Business Weekly, an award-winning publication with a strong focus on investigative journalism. She is a winner of more than 21 journalism awards, including the Citibank award and Senior Reporter of the Year at the 1997 Qantas awards. She has ghost-written two books, In the Arena (with Diane Foreman) and A Woman’s Place (with Joan Withers) and taught the ATI journalism course from 1983-1986. She is currently the editor of LawNews, a weekly magazine published by the Auckland District Law Society, and does some freelance work.

Photos

Event photos will be available soon on NZSA’s website. An initial selection of images is available [at this link](#).

Looking ahead to 2025

The **2025 Business Journalism Awards** will be back in full force in November 2025. Entries are expected to close in early October 2025.

About NZ Shareholders Association

Since its formation in 2001, the NZSA mission is to represent, promote and protect the interests of investors in shares and other investment products. We aim to promote and encourage an active, efficient, fair and transparent market for raising capital, trading shares and other investment products.

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