

# Catergories & Criteria

Canterbury West Coast  
Wood Council  
AWARDS

## 1. Business Innovation

*(Business)*

This award recognises a business that demonstrates an exceptional standard of innovation whether it be product, performance or process with positive productive outcomes that add value to the forestry industry.

**To be eligible for this award the business must:**

- Demonstrate innovative expertise/specialisation/leadership
- Show evidence of significant success outcomes from innovative practices
- Be recognised by peers, company, clients, wider industry

## 2. Forestry Excellence

*(Individual involved in establishment, silviculture, fire)*

This award recognises an individual who works within one of these areas across the forestry operations chain and demonstrates excellence beyond best practice guidelines.

**To be eligible for this award the individual must:**

- Demonstrate leadership in the workplace assisting others and bringing about positive change
- Demonstrate a high quality of work output in line with environmental and H&S practices
- Show evidence of professional development (current and planned)
- Be recognised by peers, company, clients, wider industry

## 3. Harvesting Excellence

*(Individual involved in the harvesting crew)*

This award recognises an individual who demonstrates an excellence across a range of skills within harvesting beyond best practice guidelines.

**To be eligible for this award the individual must:**

- Demonstrate leadership in the workplace assisting others and bringing about positive change
- Demonstrate a high quality of work output in line with environmental and H&S practices
- Show evidence of professional development (current and planned)
- Be recognised by peers, company, clients, wider industry

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## 4. Wood Processing Excellence

*(Individual)*

This award recognises an individual who demonstrates an excellence across a range of skills within the wood processing chain beyond best practice guidelines.

**To be eligible for this award the individual must:**

- Demonstrate leadership in the workplace assisting others and bringing about positive change
- Demonstrate a high quality of work output in line with environmental and H&S practices
- Show evidence of professional development (current and planned)
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## 5. Distribution Excellence

*(Individual involved in vehicle operation, dispatch or logistics)*

This award recognises an individual who works within one of these areas across the distribution chain and demonstrates excellence beyond best practice guidelines.

### To be eligible for this award the individual must:

- Demonstrate leadership in the workplace assisting others and bringing about positive change
- Demonstrate a high quality of work output in line with environmental and H&S practices
- Show evidence of professional development (current and planned)
- Be recognised by peers, company, clients, wider industry

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## 6. Emerging Talent of the Year

*(Individual)*

This award recognises an individual employee who has excelled in their selected area of employment. This award can only be won once by an individual.

### To be eligible for this award the trainee must:

- Demonstrate a successful and purposeful commitment to personal development through industry training (current and planned)
- Demonstrate a high quality of work output in line with environmental and H&S practices
- Be recognised by peers, company, clients, wider industry

## 7. Contractor of the Year

*(Team/Company)*

This award recognises the entire team or company which provides outstanding service to the forestry industry.

### To be eligible for this award the company must:

- Deliver with conviction in areas of production, Health & Safety, HR management and communication
- Deliver their service reliably with a high quality of work output
- Be recognised by peers, company, clients, wider industry

Note: Training provider organisations are not eligible for this award.

## 8. Excellence in Environmental and Sustainability Management

*(Individual or Company)*

This award recognises performance of an individual or company that demonstrates above and beyond the general compliance of environmental management rules and regulations within the forestry industry

### To be eligible for this award the individual/company must:

- Demonstrate environmental leadership (within crew/business/industry)
- Show evidence of sound practices that foster a culture where environmental performance is improved through learning.
- Be recognised by peers, company, clients, wider industry

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## 9. Outstanding Health and Safety Management

*(Individual or Company)*

This award recognises performance of an individual or company that demonstrates above and beyond the general compliance of health and safety policies and regulations within the forestry industry

### **To be eligible for this award the individual must:**

- Demonstrate health and safety leadership (within crew/business/industry).
- Show evidence of sound practices that foster a culture where health and safety performance is improved through learning.
- Be recognised by peers, company, clients, wider industry

## 10. Customer Service Excellence

*(Individual or Company)*

This award recognises an individual or company who consistently goes above and beyond to deliver outstanding customer service. Whether it's supporting contractors on the ground, keeping customers informed, or finding smart solutions when challenges arise. These people bring energy, efficiency and professionalism to everything they do. Their commitment to service sets the standard for excellence across the industry, proving that great relationships are at the heart of great results.

### **To be eligible for this award the individual/company must:**

- Deliver outstanding service to customers, clients, or contractors.
- Demonstrate strong communication and relationship-building skills.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude and proactive approach to solving problems.
- Be recognised by peers, company, clients, wider industry.

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## 11. Outstanding Contribution to the Forestry Industry

*(Individual)*

This award celebrates an individual who has made a significant lifetime contribution to the forest or wood products sector within the Canterbury and/or West Coast regions. This individual may be either currently employed or recently retired.