



NEWS FROM
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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Members

The New Zealand Home Heating Association would like to thank all delegates who attended this year's NZHHA Conference at the Commodore Hotel in Christchurch. It was fantastic to see everyone come together once again for an enriching and enjoyable time. And it is worth noting that you all deserve special thanks and a pat on the back for your input over the Strategic direction session.

A special mention must be made to our Sponsors. Thank you for sponsoring of this major event, and a special thank you to those who also previously sponsored and have done so again.

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NZHHA 2017 EXECUTIVE

The 2017 NZHHA Election held at the AGM on 30th September produced the following executive outcomes for the 2016/2017 year.

President	Gavin Edwards	Installer
Vice President	Jason Hague-Smith	Retailer/Installer
Executive Committee	Kelvin Aldwin	Retailer
	Pieter Van Leeuwen	Manufacturer
	Prakash Sonar	Manufacturer
	Wendy Dunn	Retailer
	Mike Chilton	Installer

2016 AWARDS

The 2016 NZHHA Awards were announced at the Gala Dinner on 30th September.

The Awards were a highlight of the evening.

Installers of the Year

- Dean Buckingham - Buck Holdings Limited

Dean has been in the business over 23 years and has been based in Taupo for the last 12 years. As the sole certified independent fire installer in Taupo Dean has developed great relationships with Council, Retailers and Real Estate Agents. He is dedicated to the home heating industry and takes pride in his work and ensures when installing, he meets all the required specifications and standards.

- Alan Jury - AJ's Woodburner Installations and Service

Alan has been installing wood fires for 20 years and has been a long serving member of the NZHHA. Alan also gets involved with local and regional council assisting with advice and installation queries from inspectors.

Alan is an installer who makes sure the job is done right every time and testament to this is the fact that word of mouth is his best form of advertising.

- Gavin Baldwin- Wellington Fireplace Installations

One of the finest installers I have seen with a very sincere work ethic, attention to detail and a great communicator. The job is carried out with the highest of standards and always meeting the required code of safety. He can complete anything from an insert into an existing chimney to the most difficult multi-level home with a freestanding fireplace. Also, completing inbuilt with the framing linings, hearth, tile laying and surround formation. The complete installer! Countless testimonials from very happy clients and most of all me. He has worked for Wellington Fireplace for 4 years now and have trained him from the start, to now I can say he is a very able tradesman.

- Joel Simpson – Active Property Maintenance Services Ltd

Joel is our head installer; he has been with our company for 13 years now. He trains all the new staff on installations of wood fires and is also trained Diesel Technician. Joel has won previously for Installer of the Year based on a very awkward installation that Dave Pullen and Bruce Perkins were very impressed by. He has performed very well again this year and is currently training two staff members for us. Credit where credit is due, we would be lost without him.

Rookie of the Year

- Michael Lowe – Active Property Maintenance Services Ltd

Michael has been trained by Joel Simpson and has developed and taken on board all the necessary skills to be an excellent installer. His attention to detail is superb and he can carry out the complete job, from installation, tile and hearth laying and reinstatement of carpet.

Showroom of the Year

- The Dunedin Fireplace

With Dunedin Fireplace having just completed renovations (complete Rebuild) they now have one of the best display of wood fires in New Zealand with a broad range and many working models. With the addition of an outdoor area completing one of the finest showrooms in the country.

Website of the Year

- Active Property Maintenance Services Ltd

Active Property Maintenance Services has a new website for our showroom. Active Fire and Water, we had this built over the last summer and feel it reflects well on all the manufacturers that we support. It is easy to navigate and shows of our showroom well.

Outstanding Service to Industry

- Gavin Edwards

As President, he has forged through with the BCA council training programme in conjunction with BOINZ and the installer training programme. Hours and hours of personal time each week committed to NZHHA work and to answering questions from council, staff, installers and homeowners. Working with Government to get the NZHHA registered installers recognised as an LBP registered has been a constant message to officials.

TRAINING

As we come to the end of the year there are only limited opportunities for training left.

We still have a significant number of Technicians who have not completed their refresher training within the required timeframe.

Reminders are being sent out. You must register for the next available training course or your details will be removed from the Technician's list (Council lists) and you will be exempt from installing. We cannot stress how important it is for you to register if your training has lapsed.

The next training is:

Introduction to Solid Fuel Heating (Intro)

- Thursday 24 November – Christchurch, CANCELLED DUE TO LOW NUMBERS
- Thursday 24 November - Auckland

Solid Fuel Appliance Installation Technician (SFAIT) (and refresher)

- Friday 25 November – Christchurch
- Friday 25 November – Auckland, LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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- Monday 23 January - Nelson
- Thursday 23 February - Napier

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More dates for 2017 will follow shortly

For more information and to register see:



Thank you.

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