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Colliers' Michael Connolly takes top honours at South Island Property People Awards

Nearly 300 guests gathered at the highly anticipated South Island Property People Awards this evening to celebrate the outstanding contributions of industry leaders shaping the future of the South Island's built environment. In a night full of recognition and reflection, Michael Connolly of Colliers took centre stage, earning both the prestigious GHD Property Professional of the Year Award and the coveted Property Council Supreme Excellence Award.

"Unmatched in impact": Michael Connolly's legacy honoured

With a career spanning over four decades, Connolly's influence on the property sector has been profound. The judging panel commended Connolly's unparalleled impact:

"Michael's ability to forge connections, mentor future leaders, and contribute across the property industry is truly exceptional. His role as a trusted advisor, particularly after the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes, was critical in helping property owners navigate complex challenges with confidence and clarity."

Connolly's technical expertise and people-focused approach have made him a respected leader in both Canterbury and across the South Island.

Te Matatiki Toi Ora – Arts Centre Team wins Best Team Award

Another major highlight was the Te Matatiki Toi Ora – Arts Centre Team, who were awarded the Best Team Award. Consisting of Dave Pearson Architects, Heritage New Zealand, Holmes NZ LP, Leighs Construction, RCP, Rhodes and Associates, The Arts Centre Trust, and Warren and Mahoney, the team was praised for their exceptional collaboration and value-driven approach to a complex conservation project.

The judges noted, *"This team has set a benchmark in conservation through individual excellence and impressive teamwork."*

Philip Carter recognised for 40+ years of dedication

Philip Carter, director of Carter Group, was honoured with the Property Council Long Service Award for his enduring commitment to Christchurch's development, particularly post-quakes.

"Philip was one of a few local developers who remained loyal to the city when others left after the quakes. His vision and dedication have been instrumental in shaping the Christchurch we see today," said the judges.

Young Achiever of the Year: Tom Barclay of PwC

PwC's rising star, Tom Barclay, was named Greenwood Roche Young Achiever of the Year. The judges lauded him as a future leader, highlighting his relationship-building skills, leadership ambition, and consistent delivery.

"Tom's drive for excellence made him a standout candidate for this award."

Urban Design Award goes to Ō3 Collective for Dunedin's George Street

The Urban Design Award was presented to the Ō3 Collective for their work on the George Street Retail Quarter in Dunedin. The project, completed by Jasmax, AECOM, and Isaac Construction, was

recognised for revitalising the city's main street and delivering a people-centric, high-value destination.

"The team's respectful collaboration with mana whenua has given the street a distinctive, place-based identity that sets it apart as a high-value destination for locals and visitors alike," said the judging panel.

Sustainability Excellence: Waimarie Science Facility Project Team

The Performance Building Technology Excellence in Sustainability Award went to the Waimarie Science Facility Project Team at Lincoln University. The team's work on the 9,500m² facility was commended for its decarbonisation commitment and outstanding collaboration with iwi.

"Their dedication to documenting the sustainability journey and their attention to the human impact of the design is truly impressive," the judges commented.

Judges' Choice Award joint winners: Dunedin Railway Station and Te Rangihīroa Project Teams

Finally, the Anderson Lloyd Judges' Choice Award was shared by two standout teams: the Dunedin Railway Station Project Team and the University of Otago Te Rangihīroa Team. Both teams were celebrated for overcoming significant challenges to deliver impactful projects for the Otago region.

Leonie Freeman, chief executive of Property Council New Zealand, summed up the night's achievements:

"These awards celebrate not just buildings, but the people behind them—the innovators and leaders shaping our communities. It's a privilege to honour such dedicated professionals who are transforming our regions one project at a time."

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About the South Island Property People Awards

The South Island Property People Awards celebrate the people in property, recognising excellence and innovation in our region. The Awards are open to all South Island property professionals from throughout the property spectrum.

<https://www.propertynz.co.nz/property-people-awards/south-island>

South Island Property People Award Winners 2024

- **Property Council Supreme Excellence Award and GHD Property Professional of the Year Award**
Michael Connolly, Colliers
- **Greenwood Roche Young Achiever of the Year**
Tom Barclay, PwC
- **Urban Design Award**
The Ō3 Collective for George Street Retail Quarter, Dunedin - *Jasmax, AECOM and Isaac Construction*
- **Preformance Building Technology Excellence in Sustainability Award**
Lincoln University: Waimarie Science Facility Project Team - *AES Acoustics, BECA, DBC Building Services, Drew Hakin Consulting, Frank Millar and Co, Glasson Huxtable, Lab-works, Leighs Construction, Lincoln University, Powell Fenwick, Rider Levett Bucknall, Te Taumutu, The Building Intelligence Group, Warren and Mahoney, Westlab*
- **Property Council Long Service Award**
Philip Carter, Carter Group
- **Best Team Award**
Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre Team - *Dave Pearson Architects, Heritage New Zealand, Holmes NZ LP, Leighs Construction, RCP, Rhodes and Associates, The Arts Centre Trust, Warren and Mahoney*
- **Anderson Lloyd Judges Choice Award (shared)**
 - Dunedin Railway Station Team - *Allans Sheetmetal and Engineering, Dunedin City Council, John Meegan Roofing, Mastic Asphalters National Waterproofing, Michael Sinclair, Naylor Love, Salmond Read Architects, Wainwright and Hickey, and Wrens Painting, Decorating and Tiling Services*
 - University of Otago – Te Rangihīroa Team - *Jasmax, PFC, RCP, Southbase, University of Otago*

About Property Council New Zealand

Property Council is the leading advocate for Aotearoa New Zealand's largest industry – property.

Property Council New Zealand is the one organisation that collectively champions property, bringing together members from all corners of the property eco system to advocate for reduced red tape that enables development.

Property is New Zealand's largest industry, making up 15% of economic activity. As a sector, we employ 10% of New Zealand's workforce and contribute over \$50.2 billion to GDP.

A not-for-profit organisation, the Property Council connects over 10,000 property professionals, championing the interests of approximately 550 member companies.

Our membership is broad and includes some of the largest commercial and residential property owners and developers in New Zealand. The property industry comes together at our local, national, and online events, which offer professional development, exceptional networking and access to industry-leading research.

Our members shape the cities and spaces where New Zealanders live, work, play and shop.

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