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## **Commitment to excellence recognised at the Wellington Property People Awards**

A leader in the Wellington property sector was celebrated this evening at the Wellington Property People Awards, held at the Tākina Convention Centre. Gerard Earl, National Director of Occupier Services at Colliers, took home both the coveted Greenwood Roche Supreme Excellence Award and the Rolle Property Outstanding Leader Award, in recognition of his leadership, dedication, and industry contributions.

Since moving to New Zealand in 2009, Gerard has swiftly become a leading figure in asset management, redevelopment, and long-term investment strategies. His expertise has been instrumental in shaping key property developments throughout the Wellington region.

The judging panel praised Gerard, stating: “Gerard was a standout nominee in this year’s awards. His passion, enthusiasm, and commitment to the property sector have made him not only a respected leader but also a mentor and advocate. He is a deserving recipient of these prestigious awards.”

The night also celebrated other local industry trailblazers:

- **Shirley Yee** of TSA Riley received the **Beca Young Achiever of the Year Award** for her resilience, passion, and contribution to both her organisation and the Wellington property community.
- **Edith Boettcher** of The Woolstore Group was named **Catalyst Property Professional of the Year** for her contribution to the Wellington commercial property landscape and success in community-building. The judges commended Edith’s leadership, stating: “Her professionalism, integrity, and charitable efforts have left an indelible mark.”
- The **Unispace** team was the winner of the **Barnes Beagley Doherr Best Team Award** for their innovative work on Meridian Energy’s new offices in the Old Bank Arcade, earning them high praise for delivering one of New Zealand’s first Living Building Challenge-certified fit-outs. The judges remarked, “This achievement showcases the team’s collaboration, innovation, and commitment to sustainable building practices.”
- **Paul Robinson** of The Woolstore Group received the **Ortus International Long Service Award** for his decades of service to the property sector. A co-founder of The Woolstore Group in the mid-1990s, Paul’s leadership has guided the company through major commercial projects, including Porirua’s first Green Star-rated building. He has also been a long-standing advocate for sustainability in Wellington and a valued contributor to the Property Council’s Wellington Regional Committee.
- **Nick Baty** of Beca was honoured with the **TSA Riley Excellence in Sustainability Award** for his leadership in advancing sustainability initiatives within the built environment. The judges noted, “Nick’s dedication to sustainable outcomes reflects the growing focus on environmentally responsible practices in the industry.”

Leonie Freeman, Chief Executive of Property Council New Zealand, concluded the evening by celebrating the winners, saying: “The Wellington Property People Awards are a tribute to the individuals who are shaping the spaces where we live, work, and play. These winners represent the very best of the industry, and their achievements inspire us all to reach new heights.”

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## **About the Wellington People Property Awards**

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

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

## **Wellington Property People Award Winners 2024**

- **Greenwood Roche Supreme Excellence Award and Rolle Property Outstanding Leadership Award**  
Gerard Earl, Colliers
- **Beca Young Achiever of the Year Award**  
Shirley Yee, TSA Riley
- **Catalyst Property Professional of the Year Award**  
Edith Boettcher, The Woolstore Group
- **TSA Riley Excellence in Sustainability Award**  
Nick Baty, Beca
- **Barnes Beagley Doherr Best Team Award**  
Unispace  
*Meridian Energy*
- **Ortus International Long Service Award**  
Paul Robinson, The Woolstore Group

## **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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