

## ServiceIQ New Zealand Museum Awards: Finalists revealed

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Eight expert judging panels have selected the 26 finalists who will contend for top honours at the 2018 ServiceIQ New Zealand Museum Awards. Around 300 museum professionals from around New Zealand will gather in Christchurch in May for Museums Aotearoa's MA18 conference, *Outside Insights*, when Award winners will be announced at a celebratory event at Christchurch Art Gallery on Sunday 20 May.

Says Museums Aotearoa Executive Director Phillipa Tocker, "We are thrilled to announce the 2018 shortlist of finalists. A huge thank you to our specialist judging panels, who carefully assessed the applications for their category and negotiated fiercely to agree on the final shortlists. Thank you too, to all of the institutions that entered this year's Awards. The breadth of entries was extraordinary and it is a real privilege to witness the huge amount of time, expertise and professionalism that goes into these projects, in museums and galleries large and small around the country."

The Awards promote excellence by recognising institutions who have developed outstanding exhibitions, programmes, products or projects, that exemplify the highest standards and innovative practice, engaging with diverse audiences. Award winners serve as inspirational leaders to the sector: they embody the membership body's stated values of serving communities, developing expertise, research, mātauranga Maori and scholarship.

Service IQ New Zealand Museum Awards Convener, Tryphena Cracknell says, "This year there were a record number of Award entries, from all around New Zealand, testament to the high level of innovative practice in the sector. The judging panels had a difficult task in selecting a handful of winners and finalists but were really impressed by the diversity of exhibitions and projects; from increasing access, celebrating our histories, to finding new ways to work alongside and connect with their communities."

The Awards programme is sponsored by industry training organisation ServiceIQ. Chief Executive Dean Minchington says, "We see a great fit with these Awards. They encourage achievement and celebrate excellence – as we do in on-the-job training across all aspects of our service industries, including museum practice."

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### Full list of finalists follows.

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## **ServiceIQ New Zealand Museum Awards: Finalists**

### **Exhibition Excellence – Art**

#### **Hastings City Art Gallery**

#keeponkimiora, Edith Amituanai and Kimi Ora Community School

#### **MTG Hawke's Bay, Napier**

Tūturu

#### **Te Tuhi Centre for the Arts, Auckland**

Yona Lee, In Transit (Arrival)

Special mentions:

#### **Dunedin Public Art Gallery**

Shannon Novak: The Expanded Gallery

#### **MTG Hawke's Bay, Napier**

Yuki Kihara: Te Taenga Mai o Salome

### **Exhibition Excellence – Science and Technology**

#### **Kaikoura Museum, Kaikoura**

New Normal - The Kaikoura Earthquake Exhibition

#### **Pearson & Associates, Auckland**

Brave Hearts - The New Zealand Cardiac Story

#### **Otago Museum, Dunedin**

Far from Frozen

### **Exhibition Excellence – Social History**

#### **Akaroa Museum**

Revitalising Akaroa Museum

#### **Auckland War Memorial Museum Tāmaki Paenga Hira**

Pou Kānohi New Zealand at War

#### **Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT), Auckland**

Changing Gear

#### **Waitangi National Trust and Workshop e**

Treaty House Reinterpretation

Special mention:

**Tairāwhiti Museum, Gisborne**

Recovery: Women's overseas service in WW1

### **Exhibition Excellence – Taonga Māori**

**Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu**

He Rau Maharataka Whenua: A Memory of Land

**MTG Hawke's Bay, Napier**

He Manu Tioriori 100 Years of Ngāti Kahungunu Music

**Otago Museum, Dunedin**

Tūhura Otago Community Trust Science Centre

**Tairāwhiti Museum**

Kete Puāwai – Basket of Evolution

### **Most Innovative Public Programme**

**Ashburton Museum**

MindPlus Kids Curators Programme 2017

**Dunedin Public Art Gallery**

Gordon Walters: New Vision - A Complimentary Discourse

**Otago Museum**

Extreme Science - Taking Science to the Chathams

**Taupo Museum**

Dog Show and Gallery for Dogs

### **Museum Project Excellence Award**

**Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT), Auckland**

MOTAT Inventory Project 2016-2018

**Museums Wellington**

Flux

**Otago Museum, Dunedin**

Tūhura Otago Community Trust Science Centre

**Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Foxton**

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Special mention:

**He Tohu, Wellington**

He Tohu: Signatures that shape New Zealand

### **Arts Access Aotearoa Museum Award**

**Canterbury Museum**

The Bristlecone Project

**New Zealand Maritime Museum**

Knot Touch

## **Museum Shops Association of Australia and New Zealand Award - Best new product or range**

### **Christchurch Art Gallery**

Look Mum No Hands

### **Auckland War Memorial Museum Tāmaki Paenga Hira**

Being Chinese in Aotearoa: A photographic journey

### **Te Manawa, Palmerston North**

Santa's Cave Centenary Collectibles

### **The Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt**

The Pattern Project

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### **About Museums Aotearoa**

Museums Aotearoa is the professional association for New Zealand's public museums and art galleries and those who work in and support them. New Zealand museums and public galleries care for more than 40 million items relating to New Zealand's history, culture and creativity. Generating in excess of 1000 public exhibitions and publications and attracting well over 12 million visits each year, museums and galleries are ranked as a top attraction for New Zealand's overseas visitors. New Zealand museums are actively focused on enriching their communities by enhancing the quality of their facilities, collections, programmes, products and services.

<http://www.museumsaotearoa.org.nz>

### **About ServiceIQ**

ServiceIQ is the industry training organisation (ITO) for the aviation, hospitality, retail, travel, tourism, museums and wholesale sectors. We're all about empowering and motivating people to provide great service. This helps businesses remain competitive and New Zealand to be internationally recognised as a great place to live or visit. It also gives people working in our industries valuable skills and knowledge along with nationally recognised qualifications.

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### **MA18 Conference: Outside Insights, 20-23 May, Ōtautahi Christchurch**

<http://www.museumsaotearoa.org.nz/ma-conference>