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**New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association announces the winners of the
2022 Demolition & Asbestos Awards**

The New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association (NZDAA) is pleased to announce the winners of the Demolition & Asbestos Awards 2022.

The Annual Awards Evening held in Auckland last week was attended by 160 people from 17 companies along with representatives from industry partners such as CHASNZ, WasteMinz and the Refrigerant Recovery Trust.

The 2022 Award Winners are as follows:

- **Health & Safety Best Practice Award:** McMahon Services
- **Environmental Best Practice Award:** Ward Demolition
- **Best Practice Award for Projects Under \$20k:** Ceres
- **Best Practice for Projects Under \$1M:** Grün Demolition & Asbestos
- **Best Practice for Projects Over \$1M:** McMahon Services
- **Supplier of the Year:** Beacon Safety
- **Assessor or Surveyor of the Year:** Aaron O'Keefe – Asbestos Consultants
- **Contractor of the Year:** Grün Demolition & Asbestos

The awards were judged by independent industry experts who were invited to be part of the judging panel. The NZDAA thanks each of the judges not only for their support of the awards platform, but also for their time and effort in reading every submission and carefully evaluating each category.

The 2022 awards judges were: Mark Anthony – International Journalist & Founder of Demolition News.com, James Williams – Health & Safety Consultant and Dr Terri-Ann Berry – Associate Professor at Unitec's Environmental Solutions Research Centre. The judges made comment that selecting the winners this year was a difficult task not only due to the quality of the projects or initiatives put forward, but also due to the record number of entries submitted in some categories.

Judge James Williamson who has been involved in the awards since their inception said, "it was harder than ever to select the winners, particularly in the \$1M categories. The quality and standard of the projects put forward this year was really high and some of the projects were really similar, so it was a real challenge to separate them and just choose one".

The Contractor of the Year Award is chosen by the judges from across all the entries that were received. The winner may be selected for the range and quality of projects they entered and not necessarily because they won a specific category. This year's Contractor of the Year award recipient was Grün Demolition & Asbestos a relatively new player to the industry.

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2022 Award Winner Summaries:

Health & Safety Best Practice Award

Winner: McMahon Services - Safety Certainty 2.0

The Safety Certainty Initiative 2.0 is designed to drive successful outcomes and lower levels of harm to our people and the environment. A key component of this initiative is the Safety 2.0 App. The development of the Safety 2.0 App by McMahon Services and implementation in 2022 has streamlined the process and made it easier for workers at all levels of the company to access and use the system. The app brings together several health and safety initiatives into one easy to use app. The Safety 2.0 app provides quick and easy access with access gained by scanning QR coded SIFER posters located in site smoko rooms and SLAM self-assessment cards issued on induction to site. In addition to the App, there are countless other safety procedures that McMahon as implanted under Safety Certainty 2.0. The comprehensive and thorough approach instituted by the Safety Certainty 2.0 program has proven to effectively reduce serious incidents.

Environmental Best Practice Award

Winner: Ward Demolition - Harrison Road, St Johns

The Harrison Road project presented particular difficulties because the large quantity of waste to be removed. The original waste pile was 14% of the structure, yet Ward was able to achieve only 7% of materials heading to the landfill with heir effective waste strategy Ward Demolition took several measures to achieve this low percentage of waste. The first step was to find materials that could be salvaged and sold for reuse. Of the remaining waste, 74% was sent to a local recycling facility, where the materials would be repurposed. Despite a tight deadline, Ward Demolition went the extra mile and crushed around 3,500 tonnes of concrete directly onsite, recycling it back into the foundations of the new development. Ward Demolition's processes earned them the first green star accreditation in New Zealand.

Best Practice Award for Projects Under \$20k

Winner: Ceres - Wadestown Substation

Ceres responded to Wellington Electricity's urgent need and cleaned a trench in a live substation in 2 hours. This work was essential to ensure work could be carried out to prevent a power cut. The time frame was a significant challenge to Ceres, with only 2 hours to remove the asbestos and ensure the area was safe for work. In addition, Ceres had to ensure their staff were safe while working around a live transformer and other live cables. Ceres manages to complete the project in the timeframe and make the area safe for critical electrical works.

Best Practice for Projects Under \$1M

Winner: Grün Asbestos & Demolition – Remediation after asbestos contaminated fire

When Grün first took on the removal of approximately 3500m² of asbestos from an abandoned tobacco factory in Motueka, there were already significant challenges to the site. The challenges only increased when Grün received a call that the factory was on fire. Grün was quick to respond to the urgent need. Grün immediately started work on remediation and cleaning of ash and asbestos debris from the main road. Grün then moved on to the full-scale remediation of neighbouring properties. The team at Grün worked tirelessly for weeks to complete the work and secure the safety of the neighbouring community.

Best Practice for Projects Over \$1M

Winner McMahon Services – Naenae Pool & Community Hall

McMahon worked tirelessly in the demolition of the Naenae Pool and Community Hall. The project involved extensive asbestos removal, both of asbestos identified in the thorough asbestos survey carried out before the works commenced and on the job by a McMahon Services' Class A supervisor. McMahon responded appropriately to the identification of asbestos, and ensured safe practices were followed. The same diligence was exhibited in McMahon's efforts to crush 13,000 tonnes of concrete for use as backfill on site. The recycle rate for this project was over 90%.