# NIWA Manukau Science and Technology Fair Prize Giving Ceremony

# Tuesday, 30 August 2016 Míssíon Heights Junior College Theater 7 to 9 pm

Welcome
Catherine Hunter
Convenor's Address
Catherine Hunter
Presentation of Category Prizes
Prize sponsors
Musical Interlude
MHJC students
Presentation of Special Awards
Prize sponsors
Presentation of the Premier Award
Closing
Catherine Hunter

Your prize money comes in the form of a cheque which is found in your envelope.

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## Sponsor's Message



A very warm welcome to the 2016 NIWA Manukau Science and Technology Fair. It's a great pleasure for NIWA to support this outstanding event once again, and we congratulate all the students, parents, teachers and supporters who have worked so hard to bring it to life.

NIWA Science & Discrete Amp; Technology Fairs are a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talent and enthusiasm for science, and to gain recognition for their excellence and innovation. Across the country, thousands of students have been involved in researching, constructing and presenting exhibits. Participation is, on its own, a powerful learning tool. The experience is all the greater because these Fairs are above all else, fantastic fun.

Of course NIWA has a vested interest in nurturing a passion for science and technology among young New Zealanders. Enhancing knowledge in NIWA's key areas of scientific focus – the atmosphere, the ocean, and freshwater – is critical to the sustainable growth of New Zealand as a nation. We need fresh enquiring minds to maintain this momentum. A career in science and technology is as rewarding as it is important – and right here is where we hope a spark may be lit.

NIWA is the main sponsor of the Manukau, Auckland City, Wellington, Waikato, and Bay of Plenty Science & Plenty Science & Technology Fairs. These events form part of our long-term commitment to enhancing engagement with science and technology by young New Zealanders

Thank you to the organising committee, judges, schools and other sponsors for your commitment and support in promoting the NIWA Manukau Science and Technology Fair. Without you, this exciting event simply wouldn't happen.

Tracey Burton
NIWA School Education Co-ordinator

## Convenor's Report



Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Welcome friends and whanau to the 21 st NIWA Manukau Science and Technology Fair. Thank you for celebrating and sharing in the success of our award winners. The evening culminates hours of hard work and perseverance of students from schools around the region.

Through reflection, I have come to realize that what I love the most about the Fair is the variety of ideas and innovations presented. Year after year, no two projects are the same. Each student brings a different perspective and creativity to the world of science and technology. Without new and emerging ideas, like the ones we are showcasing tonight, society would not progress. Since the Fair's inception, we have seen bionic limbs change sports, laparoscopic surgery shorten recovery times, and online streaming replace VHS tapes. These scientific advances were only ideas before someone started testing and designing them. So students, I urge you to also reflect on your work. Understand that your ideas have the ability to change the future. Consider the "what's next" and use your ideas to make your mark on the world.

The "what next" is also valuable for teachers, mentors and families. Thank you for you cheering on your child throughout their journey. Your continuous feedback and support is a vital component of the developmental process. By asking questions, prototypes evolve and new tests are conducted on the quest to find the answer. Encourage students to challenge themselves, reflect on their successes and identify ways to improve for next year's competition.

Lastly, I would like to thank the on-going support and commitment of our sponsors and judges. Without their generous financial contributions or time given for judging, we would not be here tonight. Lastly, to the Committee, thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Fair. Your advice and collaboration is second to none and I truly value your support and effort in hosting such a successful community event.

Catherine Hunter Convenor

Category 1 – Years 7 and 8 Living World

Sponsored by Wai Shing Ltd.

Presented by Liz Palmer, Committee member, on behalf of Wai Shing Ltd

FIRST PLACE

**Ashley Tan** 

Does Paw Handedness Affect Behaviour?

Somerville Intermediate School

SECOND PLACE

**Thomas Donnell** 

Perfectly Imperfect

Somerville Intermediate School

THIRD PLACE

**Ryan Koshy** 

H2-Go For Gold

Somerville Intermediate School

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Ann Rawinia Cato** 

Puha vs. Kale

Pukekohe Intermediate School

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Abbie Jones** 

Stress!

Farm Cove Intermediate School

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Danielle King** 

Left Handed? Yeah Right

Somerville Intermediate School

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Hazel Stratford** 

Best Fert and Dirt Combo

Somerville Intermediate School

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Alysa Lai

Music or Not?

Somerville Intermediate School

Category 2 – Years 7 and 8 hysical and Material World

Sponsored by Gunac South Auckland GME Ltd.

Presented by Robyn Mekkelholt, Owner, Gunac South Auckland GME Ltd.

FIRST PLACE

**Nathan Anderson** 

How big to boot

Somerville Intermediate School

**SECOND PLACE** 

**Rohnan Nankivell** 

Ripcord

Howick Intermediate School

THIRD PLACE

**Anav Ramsing** 

Power of Light

Mission Heights Junior College

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Max Vivian

Loop d' Loop

Tyndale Park Christian School

HIGHLY COMMENDED

**Cooper Hart** 

Slimy Solution

Drury School

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Devin O'Callaghan

Smarter Heating – or not?

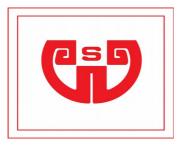
Pukekohe Intermediate School

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Elizabeth Wu

Wifi Blockers

Farm Cove Intermediate School





Category 3 – Years 7 and 8 Environmental Science / Planet Earth and Beyond

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Papatoetoe

Presented by John Bell, Past President, Kiwanis Club of Papatoetoe

FIRST PLACE **Hank Lin** *Bactricity*Somerville Intermediate School

SECOND PLACE

Mikyla Flexman

Flowing Water

Somerville Intermediate School

THIRD PLACE

Krystal Lal

The Best for Biogas

Howick Intermediate School

Category 4 – Years 7 and 8 Intermediate Consumer Science

Jointly sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Shamrock and Drury

Presented by Dean Tohill, President, Kiwanis Club of Shamrock and Ann van Daalen, President, Kiwanis Club of Drury

FIRST PLACE **Arwen Harrison**Decreasing the Drag

Rosehill Intermediate School

SECOND PLACE

Joshua Christophers

Insulation

Farm Cove Intermediate School

THIRD PLACE
Ru-Qing Xu
Faiza Aboobacker
Kathleen Tieu
To drink or not to drink?
Mission Heights Junior College

HIGHLY COMMENDED **Zarne Sorensen**Can you digest this?

Farm Cove Intermediate School

HIGHLY COMMENDED Oli Isom Clean Conspiracy Elim Christian College

**Kiwanis Club of Papatoetoe** 



**Kiwanis Clubs of Shamrock and Drury** 



Category 5 – Years 7 to 10 Technology / Innovations

Sponsored by KP Group Ltd

Presented by Jacqui Davidson of KP Group Ltd

FIRST PLACE **Tayin Patel**Fossil Hunting Port Waikato

Somerville Intermediate School

SECOND PLACE Harrison Redmayne Springs with Altitude Elim Christian School

THIRD PLACE
Alina Hayat
Brendan Hua
Caleb Ye
Firewatch
Mission Heights Junior College

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Jasmine Niederberger

Blinded by the Light

Pukekohe Intermediate School

Category 6 – Years 9 and 10 Living World Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Waiau Pa-Clarks Beach

Presented by Megan Allan, Governor - New Zealand South Pacific District of Kiwanis International

FIRST PLACE
Caiel Dayu
Ryan Iglesia
Eugene Chua
Correction?
Mission Heights Junior College

SECOND PLACE
Maya Louw
Molly Cooper
Musically Mindset?
Howick College

THIRD PLACE
Kate Hosking
Charlotte Domigan
Honey, I Killed the Bugs
Howick College

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Liam Cotton

Plant Growth in Green House

Howick College

HIGHLY COMMENDED Saana Wilson Exotic Eggs Howick College





Kiwanis Club of Waiau-Pa

Category 7 – Years 9 and 10 Physical and Material World

Sponsored by New Zealand Steel Ltd.

Presented by Bruce Cooper, Mechanical Supervising Engineer

FIRST PLACE **Alex Coleman-Chaiman** *Intrusion Solution*Pukekohe High School

SECOND PLACE

Bella Lin

Emaan Hartley

Gluetastic

Mission Heights Junior College

THIRD PLACE
Katie Heaven
Yoshita Mantipragada
Handy Man
Howick College

Category 8 – Years 9 and 10 Environmental Science / Plant Earth and Beyond Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Papakura

Presented by Ewan Beck, Past Gov. NZSP District of Kiwanis International

FIRST PLACE
Jojo Coleman-Chaiman
What's in our Water?
Pukekohe High School

SECOND PLACE

Blake Fryer

Biodegradable or Not, Part 2

Pukekohe High School

THIRD PLACE
Ethan McCormick
Nutrient Nightmare?
Howick College



**Kiwanis Club of Papakura** 



Category 9 – Year 9 to 13 Secondary Consumer Science

Sponsored by Auckland Science Teachers Association

Presented by Catherine Hunter, Auckland Science Teachers Association

FIRST PLACE
Joanne Ting
Fluffin Muffins 2
Mission Heights Junior College

SECOND PLACE Alyssa Thompson Carpet Cleaner Howick College

THIRD PLACE **Dania Shafiq**Fermentation Flora

Manurewa High School

HIGHLY COMMENDED Nathan Phu Electrifying Liquids Howick College Category 10 – Years 7 to 13 Scientific Photography

Sponsored by Storage King, Botany South

Presented by Ross Jones, Assistant Manager, Storage King, Botany South

Nicholas Barker
Welcome to Auckland's Future
Somerville Intermediate School





Category 11 – Years 11 to 13 Senior Science Sponsored by NIWA

Presented by Ken Becker, Regional Manager (Auckland)

FIRST PLACE

Andre Yalda

Stamp Out Damp

Manurewa High School

SECOND PLACE
Alexandria Bunning
Ashleigh Murphy
Olivia Mearns
NZ Wind Turbines
Pukekohe High School

HIGHLY COMMENDED Amy Wang Zianne Mehta Node Where to Sit Howick College

Rashmeen Sandhu
Yuzhang Tan
Stray Cat Blues
Ormiston Senior College
Botany Downs Secondary College



#### The IET Innovation Awards

Sponsored by the Institution of Engineering and Technology

Presented by Yan Liu, IET Member

JUNIOR AWARD
Harrison Redmayne
Springs with Altitude
Elim Christian School

SENIOR AWARD Andre Yalda Stamp out Damp Manurewa High School



### **Award for Best Application of Electronics**

Sponsored by NIWA

Presented by Ken Becker, Regional Manager (Auckland)

Harvir Singh-Birl
Hruthin Pagadala
Carl Xie
Project X
Mission Heights Junior College



#### **MIT Engineering Award**

Sponsored by Manukau Institute of Technology, School of Engineering

Presented by Blake Wong-Ling, Schools and Youth Liaison, MIT

### Jasmine Niederberger

Blinded by the Light
Pukekohe Intermediate School



### **Best Project by a Maori Student**

Sponsored by Manukau Institute of Technology

Presented by Blake Wong-Ling, Schools and Youth Liaison, MIT

#### **Ann Rawinia Cato**

Puha vs. Kale Pukekohe Intermediate School

### Best Project by a Pasifika Student

Sponsored by Manukau Institute of Technology

Presented by Blake Wong-Ling, Schools and Youth Liaison, MIT

### Mikyla Flexman

Flowing Water Somerville Intermediate School



Sponsored by NIWA

Presented by Ken Becker, Regional Manager (Auckland)

#### **Hank Lin**

**Bactricity** 

## Somerville Intermediate School

### **Best Soil Science Related Project Award**

Sponsored by NZ Society for Soil Science

Presented by Carol Duffield, Committee member, on behalf of the Society

#### **Amy Jorgensen**

Sow, Grow, Know Elim Christian College







### **Best Use of Statistics Award**

Sponsored by the New Zealand Statistical Association

Presented by Carol Duffield, Committee member, on behalf of the Association

#### **Andre Yalda**

Stamp out Damp Manurewa High School

#### William Pickett

Can Music Beat Blood Pressure? Howick College



#### **Best Use of Flour Award**

Sponsored by the Baking Industry Research Trust

Presented by Carol Duffield, Committee member, on behalf of the Trust

#### FIRST PLACE

#### **Amelie Laing**

The effect of pH on the development of sourdough culture Howick College

### SECOND PLACE

### **Joanne Ting**

Fluffin Muffins 2

Mission Heights Junior College



### **Auckland Transport Travelwise Award**

Sponsored by Auckland Transport

Presented by Michelle Stanbury, Community Transport Co-ordinator Auckland Transport

#### FIRST PLACE

### **Jasmine Niederberger**

Blinded by the Light

Pukekohe Intermediate School

SECOND PLACE

**Harvir Singh-Birl** 

**Hruthin Pagadala** 

Carl Xie

Project X

Mission Heights Junior College



Prize for Best Year 7 Innovation, Invention, or Investigation

Sponsored by NIWA

Presented by Ken Becker, Regional Manager (Auckland)

**Harrison Redmayne** 

Springs with Altitude Elim Christian School



Prize for Best Year 8 Innovation, Invention, or Investigation

Sponsored by NIWA

Presented by Ken Becker, Regional Manager (Auckland)

**Hank Lin** 

Bactricity

Somerville Intermediate School



Prize for Best Year 9 Innovation, Invention, or Investigation

Sponsored by NIWA

Presented by Ken Becker, Regional Manager (Auckland)

Alex Coleman-Chaiman

Intrusion Solution
Pukekohe High School



Prize for Best Year 10 Innovation, Invention, or Investigation

Sponsored by NIWA

Alina Hayat
Brendan Hua
Caleb Ye
Firewatch
Mission Heights Junior College



Prize for Best Year 12 Innovation, Invention, or Investigation Sponsored by NIWA

Presented by Ken Becker, Regional Manager (Auckland)

Andre Yalda Stamp Out Damp

Manurewa High School



## Prize for Best Year 13 Innovation, Invention, or Investigation Sponsored by NIWA

Presented by Ken Becker, Regional Manager (Auckland)

Alexandria Bunning Ashleigh Murphy Olivia Mearns NZ Wind Turbines Pukekohe High School



#### **New Zealand Heritage Award**

Sponsored by NIWA

Presented by Ken Becker, Regional Manager (Auckland)

#### **Jasmine Goodwin**

Best Bait

Somerville Intermediate School



### **The Student Encouragement Award**

Sponsored by New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology

Presented by Nick Parker, NZIFST

#### **Caleb Pearson**

Whose bat is better?
St Joseph's Catholic School



### **Best Application of the Scientific Method**

Sponsored by the University of Otago and Canon

Presented by Xenia Bilton and Chris Masters

Tilly Smith
Laura Davies
Supergrass

Howick College



### The Eric Clague Kiwanis Award

Sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs of Counties Manukau

Presented by Megan Allen, on behalf of the Kiwanis Clubs of Counties Manukau

Rashmeen Sandhu Yuzhang Tan

Stray Cat Blues
Ormiston Senior College
Botany Downs Secondary College



#### **Premier Award for Best Exhibit of the Fair**

Sponsored by NIWA

Presented by Ken Becker, Regional Manager (Auckland)

**Hank Lin** 

Bactricity
Somerville Intermediate School



#### The John Bell Award

Presented by John Bell, past Committee member

Liz Palmer

Secretary

# Special Thanks to our Judges and Committee

Our team of judges are recognised as specialists in their fields. Judges are a mixture of professionals from local schools, universities, technology institutes and the science and technology industries.

### **Chief Judges**

Chandar Dewar, Carol Duffield, Lynn Dunbar, Catherine Hunter

### **Judges**

Xenia Bilton Caitlin Jelleyman Karen Brewer Hamish Jelleyman Michael Browne Dr. Sarah Morgan Alastair Caine Kareena Mantis Patrick Chan Dorit Naot Jamie Chow Mikesh Patel Dion Cowley Vanisha Patel Kiara Daly Chris Quill Annette Davies Arun Rodgers José Derraik Michelle Stanbury Ralph Thorogood Ben Doughney Mithila Durai Petr Tomek Ruby Huang Jinfeng Zhao

#### **Science Fair Committee**

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A special thanks to Mission Heights Junior College for hosting the NIWA Manukau Science and Technology Fair, to the support of Manurewa High School, and the Mission Heights Junior College Family and Friends.

We would also like to thank teachers for their ongoing commitment in supporting students entering the Fair.

Website: www.sciencefairmanukau.org.nz

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Botany Downs Secondary College
Drury School
Elim Christian College
Howick College
Howick Intermediate School
Manurewa High School
Mission Heights Junior College
Ormiston Senior College
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