



2021 NZ Radio Awards Winners & Finalists

Best Content		
Best Content Director / Content Team		
Winners		
Matt Anderson, Amy Tempero, Christian Boston		More FM Network
Finalists		
Caitlin Cherry		RNZ National
Will Maisey, Kris Edwards, Christian Boston		The Breeze Network
Jason Winstanley, Edward Swift		Newstalk ZB Network
Best Entertainment Podcast		
Winner		
Black Sheep	William Ray, Tim Watkin, William Saunders	RNZ National
Finalists		
The Agenda	Matt Heath, Mike Lane, James McOnie, Jeremy Wells, Joseph Shuker, Joseph Durie	NZME / The ACC
The Self Love Club with Bel Crawford	Bel Crawford, Nick Baldwin	
Best News/Current Affairs Podcast		
Winner		
The Service	John Daniell, Guyon Espiner, William Ray, Tim Watkin, Veronica Schmidt, Adrian Hollay	RNZ & Bird of Paradise
Finalists		
The Detail	Emile Donovan, Sharon Brett Kelly, Alexia Russell, Jessie Chiang, Jeremy Ansell, Blair Stagpoole, Rangī Powick, Adrian Hollay, Mark Jennings, Tim Watkin	RNZ & Newsroom
The Unthinkable	Susie Ferguson, William Saunders, Liz Garton, Tim Watkin	RNZ National
Best Show Producer/Team - Music Show		
Winner		
Troy Scott	Steve & Kath	The Breeze Wellington
Finalists		
Ben Humphrey, Juliet Wrathall, Heidi Roberts, Max Middleton	The Hits Breakfast with Jono & Ben	The Hits Network
Anna Henvest, Sarah Mount, Jared Pickstock	ZM's Fletch, Vaughan & Megan	ZM Network
Best Show Producer/Team - Talk Show		
Winner		
Annabel Reid, Bridget Burke, Lydia Batham, Pip Keane	Checkpoint	RNZ National
Finalists		
Laura Beattie	Heather du Plessis-Allan Drive	Newstalk ZB Network
Dan Goodwin	Marcus Lush Nights	Newstalk ZB Network
Best Station Imaging		
Winner		
Alistair Cockburn, Brynnee Wilson		ZM Network
Finalists		
Joe Baxendale, Reagan White		The Rock Network
Josh Wood, Mel Dooley		More FM Network
Best Station Trailer		
Winner		
ZM's \$100k Secret Sound	Alistair Cockburn, Claire Chellew, Richie Simpson, Tom Harper, Gary Pinton	ZM Network
Finalists		
Flava Relaunch	Alistair Cockburn, Storme Hitaua, Astley Nathan, Brad Watson, Ross Flahive	Flava Network
ZM's Best of the Last Decade	Brynnee Wilson, Richie Simpson, Claire Chellew, Tom Harper	ZM Network
Best Video		
Winner		
NZ Hip Hop Stand Up	Chris Graham, Nigel McCulloch, Alice Murray, Tim Burnell, Kay Ellmers	RNZ National
Finalists		
Ryan's Pepeha	Aaron Ly, Nikora Price, Ryan Foster, Sidney Collett, Heemi Kapa-Kingi	Mai FM Network
Take it Easy Aotearoa	Ricky Bannister, Sharyn Casey, Jayden King, Dan Webby, Grant Brodie, Casey Sullivan	The Edge Network
Rock Drive with Jay and Dunc 'Poo Towns 100'	Jeremy Pickford, Jay Reeve, Duncan Heyde, Jack Honeybone	The Rock Network
'The Blackie Award'		
Winner		
The Siri Prank	Jono Pryor, Ben Boyce, Ben Humphrey, Juliet Wrathall, Heidi Roberts, Max Middleton, Aaron Watkinson, Todd Campbell, Allan George, Josh Todd, Annie Pryor, John Pryor	The Hits Network
Finalists		
The Trump Prank	Jono Pryor, Ben Boyce, Ben Humphrey, Juliet Wrathall, Heidi Roberts, Max Middleton, Aaron Watkinson, Todd Campbell, Allan George, Josh Todd, Lachie Oliver-Kerby	The Hits Network
Poo Towns 100	Jeremy Pickford, Jay Reeve, Duncan Heyde, Jack Honeybone	The Rock Network

Best Programmes			
Best Access Radio Programme			
Winner			
It's Getting Hot in Here	Laura Gartner, Tanya Didham, Victoria Harwood, Sheldon Murtha	Plains FM	
Finalists			
Namaste Nepal	Binod Parajuli	Plains FM	
The C Word	Helen King	Planet FM	
Best Children's Programme			
Winner			
Nanogirl's Great Science Adventures	Michelle Dickinson, Sophie Fern, Rangī Powick, Liz Garton, Kate Sparks, Jocelyn Bunch, Tim Watkin	RNZ & Nanogirl Labs	
Finalists			
What Will I Be Today?	Marie Silberstein, Jane Waddell, Victor Rodger, Renee Liang, Steph Matuku, Kyle Mewburn, Kay Ellmers, Adam Macaulay, Tim Burnell	RNZ National	
The Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show	Grace Bucknell, Phil Yule, Bjorn Brickell, Leanna Cooper, Daryl Habraken, Eden Bloore, Chris Newbold, Elesha Gordon, Julia Bloore, Josh Couch, Petra Bagust	Christian Broadcasters Assn / NZME	
Everybody Wants to Join the Fleabite Band	Robin Nathan, Shannon Williams	FleaBITE	
Best Daily or Weekly Feature - Factual			
Winner			
Black Sheep	William Ray, Tim Watkin, William Saunders	RNZ National	
Finalists			
Are We There Yet?	Katy Gosset, Alex Harmer, Adam Macaulay, Tim Watkin	RNZ National	
Country Life	Carol Stiles, Sally Round, Cosmo Kentish-Barnes, Duncan Smith, David Knowles	RNZ National	
Mediawatch	Colin Peacock, Hayden Donnell	RNZ National	
Best Documentary or Factual Talk Feature			
Winner			
The Service	John Daniell, Guyon Espiner, William Ray, Tim Watkin, Veronica Schmidt, Adrian Holloy	RNZ & Bird of Paradise	
Finalists			
Voices from Antarctica	Alison Ballance, Phil Bengé, William Saunders	RNZ National	
Widows of Shuhada	Lana Hart, Nicki Reece, Asha Abdi, Jumayah Jones, Asma Azhar, Janneth Gil, Liz Garton, Alex Harmer, Bryony Lastowicka, Tim Watkin, Justin Gregory	RNZ & Plains FM	
Best Music Feature			
Winner			
Coca-Cola Christmas on The Breeze	Will Maisey, Kris Edwards, Braydon Priest, Carl Thompson, Dixon Nacey	The Breeze Network	
Finalists			
Poo Towns	Jeremy Pickford, Jay Reeve, Duncan Heyde, Jack Honeybone, Raynor Perreau, Joe Baxendale, Grant Brodie	The Rock Network	
Rocktober 2020	Mike Lane, Greg Prebble, Joseph Durie, Tom Harper, Claire Chelley, Jacki Polkinghorne	Radio Hauraki Network	
Best Hosts			
Best Breakfast Show - Music Network			
Winner			
ZM's Fletch, Vaughan & Megan	Carl Fletcher, Vaughan Smith, Megan Papas, Anna Henvest, Sarah Mount, Jared Pickstock	ZM Network	
Finalists			
The Morning Rumble	Roger Farrelly, Andrew Mulligan, Bryce Casey, Ryan Maguire, Guy Mansell, Mel Abbot	The Rock Network	
Dom, Meg and Randell	Dom Harvey, Meg Mansell, Clint Randell, Hamish Phipps, Alex Mullin	The Edge Network	
Best Host - Music Network			
Winner			
Robert Scott	The Breeze Network Drive Show	The Breeze Network	
Finalists			
Steph Monks	The Edge Workday	The Edge Network	
Jen Bainbridge	The Rock Workday	The Rock Network	
Best Team Show - Music Network			
Winner			
Rock Drive with Jay and Dunc	Jay Reeve, Duncan Heyde, Jeremy Pickford, Jack Honeybone	The Rock Network	
Finalists			
ZM's Bree & Clint	Bree Tomasel, Clint Roberts, Ben McDowell, Anastasia Loeffen, Ellie Harwood	ZM Network	
Jay-Jay & Flynny	Jay-Jay Feeney, Paul Flynn, Dave Rybinski, George Smith, Matt Anderson, Christian Boston	More FM Network	
Best Music Breakfast Show - Local			
Winner			
Cal & P	Callum Procter, Patrina Roche	The Hits Dunedin	
Finalists			
John, Flash and Toast	John Markby, Angela Gordon, Tauha Tekani, Tarsh Ieremia, Dean Mgovern, Erena Miller	More FM Northland	
Robert & Jeanette	Robert Rakete, Jeanette Thomas, Tania Burgess, Will Maisey	The Breeze Auckland	
Best Music Host - Local			
Winner			
Will Johnston		The Hits Bay Of Plenty	
Finalists			
Amber Russell		More FM Canterbury	
Sue White		The Breeze Canterbury	
Best Music Host or Team - Non Surveyed Market			
Winner			
Breakfast with Brent & Jacque		More FM Rodney	
Finalists			
Ocean Ford Breakfast	Jack Van Der Heyden, Carlos Hunia	Sun FM	
The Andrew Leiataua Breakfast Show		More FM Taupo	
Best Talk Presenter - Breakfast or Drive			
Winner			
Lisa Owen	Checkpoint	RNZ National	
Finalists			
Mike Hosking	The Mike Hosking Breakfast	Newstalk ZB Network	
Heather du Plessis-Allan	Heather du Plessis-Allan Drive	Newstalk ZB Network	
Best Talk Presenter - Other			
Winner			
Marcus Lush	Marcus Lush Nights	Newstalk ZB Network	
Finalists			
Kathryn Ryan	Nine to Noon	RNZ National	
Kim Hill	Saturday Morning	RNZ National	

Best New Broadcaster		
Best New Broadcaster - Journalist		
Winner		
Aaron Dahmen		Newstalk ZB
Finalists		
Charlotte Cook		RNZ National
Katie Todd		RNZ National
Best New Broadcaster - Off-Air		
Winner		
Alex Lansdown		The Hits Network
Finalists		
Dayna Ruka		MagicTalk Network
Steph Walsh		NZME Wellington
Lachie Oliver-Kerby		NZME
Best New Broadcaster - On-Air		
Winner		
Jayden King		The Edge Network
Finalists		
Connor Kitto		NZME Otago
Matthew Pledger		MediaWorks
Randy Sjafrie		Mai FM Network
The Johnny Douglas Award		
Winner		
Joel Harrison		ZM Network & Static 88.1
Finalists		
Cara Botica		Static 88.1
Emma Duffy		MediaWorks Northland
Best News & Sport		
Best News or Sports Journalist		
Winner		
Barry Soper		Newstalk ZB Network
Finalists		
Eva Corlett		RNZ National
Guyon Espiner		RNZ National
Best News Story - Team Coverage		
Winner		
Checkpoint Covid Lockdown Special	Pip Keane, Bridget Burke, Lisa Owen, Calvin Samuel, Annabel Reid, Lydia Batham, Nita Blake-Persen, Nick Truebridge, Logan Church, Louise Ternouth, Susana Lei'ataua	RNZ National
Finalists		
Election 2020	Newstalk ZB Team	Newstalk ZB
Whakaari/White Island Anniversary	Sarah Robson, Jean Bell, Charlotte Cook, Te Aniwa Hurihanganui, Dom Thomas	RNZ National
Mosque Shooter Sentencing	Belinda McCammon, Conan Young, Tim Brown, Logan Church, Nathan McKinnon, Eleisha Foon, Anan Zaki, Rachel Graham, Katie Todd, Anneke Smith	RNZ National
Best Newsreader		
Winner		
Nicola Wright		RNZ National
Finalists		
Niva Retimanu		Newstalk ZB Network
Raylene Ramsay		Newstalk ZB Network
Best Sports Reader, Presenter or Commentator		
Winner		
The Alternative Commentary Collective	Mike Lane, Jeremy Wells, Matt Heath, James McOnie, Jason Hoyte, Scotty J Stevenson, Mike Minogue, Manaia Stewart, Chris Key, Ben Hurley, Paul Ford, Dylan Cleaver, Leigh Hart, Joseph Durie, Joseph Shuker, Tom Harper, Claire Chellew	NZME / The ACC / iHeart Radio
Finalist		
Elliott Smith		Newstalk ZB Network
Best Sports Story - Team Coverage		
Winner		
The America's Cup World Series Auckland	Peter Montgomery, Chris Steele, Louis Herman-Watt, Andy McDonnell, Andy Duff, Gareth Lischner, Newstalk ZB Sports Team	NZME
Finalists		
North v South	Mike Lane, James McOnie, Matt Heath, Joseph Durie, Tom Harper	Radio Hauraki & the ACC
The ACC Super 7's Competition	Mike Lane, Joseph Durie, Tom Harper	Radio Hauraki & the ACC
Best Promotion		
Best Client Promotion/Activation		
Winner		
The Vibe with V Energy	The Edge Network Team	MediaWorks
Finalists		
Sharyn & Jayden's Give Us a Tow with RJ's	The Edge Network Team	MediaWorks
V Energy Game Changer	The Rock, George FM & Mai FM	MediaWorks
Best Marketing Campaign		
Winner		
A Christmas Special Like No Other - Christmas on the Breeze	Lee Gilmour, Will Maisey, Tiffany Montgomery, Jacquetta Hazlett	The Breeze Network
Finalists		
Flava - Old School Hip Hop & RnB Launch	Monique Hodgson, John Pelasio, Megan Sagar, Josh Todd, Sydney Plested	Flava Network
Matt Heath & Jeremy Wells - Live Headlines	Claire Chellew, Mike Lane, Joe Durie, Tom Harper, Lumo Digital, Pitchblack Partners	Radio Hauraki Network

Best Network Station Promotion		
Winner		
Coca-Cola Christmas on The Breeze	Will Maisey, Tiffany Montgomery, Braydon Priest, Nicky Ranson, Sarah Nickson-Clark, Carl Thompson	The Breeze Network
Finalists		
Ding Dong Ditch	Caitlin Coffey, Bex Dewhurst, Dena Roberts, Finlay Robertson, Anglea Wedekind, Ricky Bannister, Grant Brodie, Casey Sullivan	The Edge Network
The Rock 2000	Jacqueline Williams, Brad King, Reagan White, Jack Honeybone, Sophie Currie, Michael Baker, Ricky Bannister, Emily Reid, Joe Baxendale, Nicki Covich, Aileen Lau	The Rock Network
Best Single Market Station Promotion		
Winner		
Ernie & the Magic Kennel	Will Maisey, Tiffany Montgomery, Jeanette Thomas, Robert Rakete, Grace Rhynd	The Breeze Auckland
Finalists		
Christmas Pass the Parcel	Jess Taylor, Todd Fisher, Hiliary Schroeder, Mitch Fulton, Nikita Leck, Steve Broad, Chris Goodyear, Amber Russell, Lana Searle, Gary McCormick, Jason Mac, Samantha Baxter, Chris Bond	More FM Canterbury
Nick The Tix	Mitchell Fulton	The Edge Canterbury
Best Website and Social Content		
Winner		
The Edge Network	Ricky Bannister, Jerome Sears, MediaWorks Digital Team	The Edge Network
Finalists		
The Rock	Michael Baker, Raynor Perreau, MediaWorks Digital Team	The Rock Network
Radio Hauraki & the ACC	Joseph Durie, Tom Harper, Joseph Shuker, Finn Caddie	Radio Hauraki & the ACC
ZM On Line	Carven Jones, Sarah Mount, Gary Pointon, Megan Sagar	ZM Network
Associated Craft Award		
Winner		
MediaWorks Technology Team	Mike Heard, Christian Shearer, Kieran Connellan, Brad Wright, Rob Stewart, Blake Beale, Jim Cowan, Richard Brayne, Will Plummer, Bradley Hamilton, Ray Smith, Tony Grimwood, Dane Cookson, Christopher Smith, Graham Wright, Andrew Scott, Emma Michell, Peter Wallace, Bradley Bacon	MediaWorks
Finalists		
MediaWorks Trade Marketing Team	Jessica James, Melissa Stephenson, Kat Blackburn, Alex Kenny	MediaWorks
MediaWorks Integration Team	Sunshine Moore, Nikki Flint, Sam West, Bex Dewhurst, Nicki Covich, Amber Howard, Jessie Matheson, Finlay Robertson, Aileen Lau, Penny Quirk, Jarrod Stevenson, Jess Smith, Abby Lawrence, Larissa O'Reilly, Arun Beard, Sophie Currie, Kirlana Jones, Rykah Hadaway	MediaWorks
Best Community Campaign		
Winner		
Coca-Cola Christmas on The Breeze	Will Maisey, Tiffany Montgomery, Nicky Ranson, Sarah Nickson-Clark	The Breeze Network
Finalists		
Northland Rescue Helicopter Fundraiser	John Markby, Angela Gordon, Tauha Tekani, Tarsh Ieremia, Dean McGovern, Erena Miller	More FM Northland
The Morning Rumble 'Day on the Darts'	Bryce Casey, Roger Farrelly, Andrew Mulligan	The Rock Network
Sales Team of the Year		
Winner		
NZME Auckland	Neil Jackson, Tweenie Hayward-Brown, Chelsea Norman, Elyn Ricketts	NZME
Finalists		
MediaWorks Gisborne	Debby Cresswell, Mandy Fitzgerald, Ander Bataritta	MediaWorks Gisborne
MediaWorks Waikato	Justine Dixon, Julie Rowlands, Kerriann Ashworth, Lesley MacDonald, Sarah Morrison, Stew Melrose, Ashlee Walsh, Deidre Robertson	MediaWorks Waikato
Best Radio Creative		
Best Commercial Campaign		
Winner		
Far North Reap & Waka Kotahi "Think"	Richard Matthews, Benjamin French, Hope Etherington, Kevin Etherington	MediaWorks
Finalists		
Spookers - Friday the 13th	Alastair Barran, Chris Hurring	MediaWorks
Taupo Violence Intervention - Unspoken Rules	Tracy O'Halloran, Lisa Soden, James Irwin, Stephen Lovatt, Jono Manx, Liam O'Halloran, Chris Ryan	NZME
Best Commercial Production		
Winner		
NRC - No Sense it Makes	Chris Hurring, Alastair Barran	MediaWorks
Finalists		
NZTA Northland Road Safety	Leanne McDonald, Andrea Hawcridge, Glenn Dwight, Tess Jamieson-Karaha	NZME
Spookers - Darin	Chris Hurring, Alastair Barran, Michael Wightman	MediaWorks
Rock Fishing - CAPS Hauraki	Ben French, Hamish Nixon, Dezley Davidson	MediaWorks
Best Single Commercial		
Winner		
Taupo Violence Intervention - Born to be a Man	Tracy O'Halloran, Lisa Soden, James Irwin, Stephen Lovatt	NZME
Finalists		
Rock Fishing - CAPS Hauraki	Hamish Nixon, Benjamin French	MediaWorks
NZTA Northland Road Safety - Speed Kills	Glenn Dwight, Andrea Hawcridge, Leanne McDonald, Tess Jamieson-Karaha	NZME
Best Voice Talent		
Winner		
Hannah Venneman		MediaWorks
Finalists		
Andy George		More FM
Richie Simpson		ZM Network

Station of the Year	
Station of the Year - Network	
Winner	
Newstalk ZB	NZME
Finalists	
Mai FM	MediaWorks
RNZ National	RNZ
ZM	NZME
Station of the Year - Non-Network	
Winner	
One Double X	Radio Bay of Plenty
Finalists	
Flava Auckland	NZME
The Breeze Wellington	MediaWorks
More FM Manawatu	MediaWorks
Sir Paul Holmes Broadcaster of the Year	
Mike Hosking	
Outstanding Contribution to Radio	
Kim Adamson	
Phil Gifford	
Services to Broadcasting	
Mike Berry	
Steve Rowe	
Pauline Gillespie	