



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	NZME / iHeartRadio
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, Rangl 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, Brynee 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 Pointon	ZM Network
Finalists		
Flava Relaunch	Alistair Cockburn, Storme Hitaua, Astley Nathan, Brad Watson, Ross Flahive	Flava Network
ZM's Best of the Last Decade	Brynee 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, Alan 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, Alan 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, Rangl 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, Elesa 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 Hollay	RNZ & Bird of Paradise
Finalists		
Voices from Antarctica	Alison Ballance, Phil Benge, 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	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 Chellew, 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 Leिताua 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
Cuyon 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 Le'itaua	RNZ National
Finalists		
Election 2020	Newstalk ZB Team	Newstalk ZB
Whakaari/White Island Anniversary	Sarah Robson, Jean Bell, Charlotte Cook, Te Aniva 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			
Emie & 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, Hillary 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	Carwen 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, 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, Kiriana Jones, Rykah Hadaway		MediaWorks
MediaWorks Integration Team			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	