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Awards celebrate the best of Selwyn

Nine Selwyn businesses, groups and individuals have been recognised for their excellence with an award at the 2014 Faringdon Sensational Selwyn Awards.

Over 300 people attended a gala dinner at the Lincoln Event Centre on Saturday 26 July to enjoy the best of Selwyn's food and wine and celebrate exceptional people and businesses in the district at the biennial awards presentation.

The award winners are:

- *Arts and culture:* Josh Bashford – Josh is an emerging artist whose work reflects Samoan cultural influences. Josh works as a youth worker at Lincoln High School and encourages others in the arts
- *Community Service:* Adrienne Begg – Adrienne lives in Kirwee and has served as a volunteer for a wide range of organisations including local sports groups, the Courtenay A&P Association, Plunket and the Malvern Anglican Church
- *Sport:* Rosa Flanagan – Rosa is a talented athlete who has competed in the World Junior Track and Field Championships in Oregon and has broken an existing New Zealand record at the recent Hagley relays
- *Young achiever:* Eliza Grigg – Eliza lives in Hororata and competes nationally and internationally in skiing. She is the reigning New Zealand under 18 and under 21 champion in giant slalom
- *Business:* Fonterra Darfield – Fonterra employs 229 staff at its newest site at Darfield where it produces high quality milk powder, contributing \$18 million in wages to the Selwyn economy
- *Agri-Business:* South Island Agricultural Field Days – volunteers make up the executive and organising committees for the field days. Most volunteers are farmers or those working agriculture sector and take time from their busy lives to plan and run the field days
- *Tourism:* Quickenberry Guesthouse – the guesthouse is a small lodge located in the Lake Coleridge basin. It provides world class hospitality and delicious food
- *Environmental:* Southern Woods Tree Nursery – the nursery is committed to educating the community on indigenous plants and offer free workshops, local sponsorship and donations. They offer a variety of native plants for sale
- *Diana Isaac Cup:* Phil Garrett and family – the family farm near Leeston and have planted nearly 1.5kms of drains and streams at their farm as well as other planting areas

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe commented that the businesses and individuals nominated for the awards were inspirational examples to others and he congratulated those who won awards.

“The awards are an opportunity to recognise individuals in the community who provide service to the wider community and through their efforts helps make Selwyn a great place to live. They are also an opportunity to recognise individuals, groups and businesses that excel in their fields.”

“We would like to congratulate the award winners, finalists and nominees,” says Jake Hughes, Director of Hughes Developments. Faringdon is the awards naming sponsor and is a market leading residential development in Rolleston, created by Hughes Developments.

“The awards were a fantastic evening and a chance to celebrate both individuals and businesses who deserve recognition for their achievements,” he adds.

61 nominations were put forward, from which 30 finalists were chosen by 18 expert judges and nine category winners selected.

More information about the award winners and finalists is attached.

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Image attached: The 2014 Faringdon Sensational Selwyn Awards were celebrated at the Lincoln Event Centre with over 300 people attending the awards ceremony.

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