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Taranaki Moununga wins Green Ribbon Award

Environmental restoration project Taranaki Moununga was tonight honoured to win the Philanthropy and Partnership category in this years Green Ribbon Environmental Awards.

The awards are New Zealand's most prestigious environmental awards and recognise exceptional work to conserve New Zealand's unique environment and species for generations to come.

Taranaki Moununga is an ambitious conservation project transforming the mountain, ranges and islands of Taranaki. It is a collaboration between the Taranaki iwi Chairs Forum, philanthropic investor NEXT Foundation, Department of Conservation and founding sponsors, TSB Community Trust, Shell NZ, Jasmine Social Enterprises and Landcare Research to bring the mountain and national park, He Kawa Ora – Back to Life.

Taranaki Moununga chairman Jamie Tuuta says he is delighted to win the award amongst so many deserving environmental groups.

“Our fellow finalists Genisis Energy Whio Forever and Project Crimson have long track records in protecting New Zealand's environment and I would like to acknowledge their great work. Taranaki Moununga works in collaboration with many conservation organisations in Taranaki and this award recognises the effort being invested into environmental restoration across the whole region,” he says.

Another Taranaki project, South Taranaki Underwater Club Reef Life Project also won the Coasts and Oceans category.

Taranaki Moununga director Jan Hania says it has been astounding to see the level of collaboration in Taranaki with many players all working towards a common goal. “Taranaki Regional Council, Wild for Taranaki, Taranaki Kiwi Trust, Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust, Nga Motu Society, iwi and others are all contributing and supporting each other in many ways including volunteering, sharing resources and skills to help achieve the challenge of restoring the ecological vitality in the region alongside the Taranaki community,” he says.

For more information on the awards and winners
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