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Auckland planner wins national Distinguished Service Award

Auckland Council planner Hayes Perkins is one of four planners who have been honoured this week with Distinguished Service Awards from the New Zealand Planning Institute.

The NZPI Distinguished Service Awards recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to planning over many years, have undertaken original research which has advanced planning in New Zealand and overseas, have made a major contribution to the affairs of the NZPI, or have achieved national or international recognition as a leader in the planning profession.

Hayes' award citation recognises him for his contribution to a wide variety of planning initiatives throughout Auckland in both the private and public sectors. He has worked in planning for a range of high profile organisations including BP (NZ) Ltd, Ministry of Works and Development, Lion Corporation Ltd, Railways Corporation Ltd, Telecom Auckland Ltd, and, more recently, Auckland City Council and Auckland Council. In 1990 he was the principal consultant in a study for the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, relating to an industrial project in Honiara in the Solomon Islands. The Distinguished Service Award also acknowledges Hayes' outstanding mentoring of planners over many years.

Hayes Perkins joins Christchurch planner Bob Nixon, Wellington's Gina Sweetman and Waikanae-based Stuart Kinnear in being recognised as leaders in their field in the 2014 awards.

NZPI CEO Susan Houston says all four 2014 Award recipients are not only among planning's leading lights but have made immense contributions over many years and their careers are stellar examples of positive planning in action.

"Planners in New Zealand have a critical and often thankless role in shaping our communities so it is important to recognise and celebrate their work. They are often at the forefront of solutions to some of our most complicated issues, from infrastructure development and transport requirements to protecting natural environments and resources," Ms Houston says.

"This year's award winners showcase what dedicated planners with a positive approach to planning can contribute to communities in New Zealand and internationally. Congratulations to all of them."

For further information on the 2013 Distinguished Service Award winners visit www.planning.org.nz.

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