

MEDIA RELEASE

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The Natural Health Products NZ 2025 Supplier of the Year Award winners were announced yesterday. The awards recognise excellence within the vital suppliers sector of our industry. Members were asked to nominate their favourite Contract Manufacturer, Ingredient Supplier, Materials Supplier, and Services partner - suppliers who have made a significant contribution to their business or the sector. Judges were impressed by the volume of nominations this year and also by the glowing praise in those nominations.

The winners were:

Category	Winner	Highly Commended
Contract Manufacturer	Nutrizone	
Ingredients	Aroma New Zealand	Hawkins Watts
Materials	Cospak NZ	
Services	Bioeconomy Science Institute (formerly Plant & Food Research)	New Wayz Consulting

Contract Manufacturer - Nutrizone

Judges noted the compelling comments from customers and suppliers of Nutrizone. Nominators said *“This is a team that combines excellence with warmth. Rescuing challenging projects, and working with us on really difficult projects. What makes them exceptional is the commitment and personal service they offer. They work with us, not for us!”*

Special Mention to Jignesh Patel and Noeline Jonkers

Ingredient Supplier – Aroma New Zealand

“Being able to trust that their products are efficacious, every batch, every time, is priceless. Aroma is reliable, compliant, communicative, and adds value beyond just raw material supply.”

Special Mention to Ben Winters

Highly Commended: Hawkins Watts

Materials Supplier – Cospak NZ

One nominator pointed out *“The Cospak team not only assists in the development of our packaging, but as someone that has worked with them for three years, I can confidently say that I’ve learnt so much from the team and through that experience have developed as a person as well.”*

Special Mention to Laura Simpson, Heather Fox, and Izabela Leyland

Services: Bioeconomy Science Institute (formerly Plant & Food Research)

“Plant and Food helps you do the science you want to do but you either don’t have the funding or the capacity to do so. They are the perfect blend of science and commercialisation. Genuinely a unique service from world class scientists who are putting New Zealand on the map with their science. “

Special mention to Carl Massarotto

Highly Commended: New Wayz Consulting

The awards were announced at Natural Health Products NZ’s Innovation Expo 2025. The annual one-day event moved to Aotea Centre, Auckland this year to accommodate another record turnout with 283 delegates registering. The increasingly popular event drew delegates from Australia, China, India, Japan, Singapore and across New Zealand.

General Manager Kerry Warn says “Our vision for the sector is to be widely acknowledged as the rising star in New Zealand’s value-added economy. This Expo, with the theme, *Creating Space for Innovation* is designed to share knowledge, to challenge assumptions, and to connect across disciplines.”



2025 Suppliers of the Year from left:

Kerry Warn of Natural Health Products NZ; Lee Parlane of New Wayz Consulting (Services, Highly Commended); Dr Dominic Lomiwes of Bioeconomy Science Institute (Services, Winner); Associate Professor Alexander Tups of Aroma New Zealand (Ingredients); Anton Bruell of Cospak NZ (Materials); Jignesh Patel of Nutrizone; Sandra Murray of Hawkins Watts (Ingredients, Highly Commended)

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