

# AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS 2015

## June

- Rotorua Museum has received a TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence award for the second time. The accolade, which honours hospitality excellence, is extended only to the top performing TripAdvisor listed businesses worldwide

## July

- Rotorua Lakes Council has been recognised in the 2015 Local Government New Zealand Excellence Awards. The council's Inner City Revitalisation project is a finalist in the Local Economic Contribution category. Judges praised the scheme for its commitment and partnership with business, and hailed the council's recognition of the importance of urban design and breathing new life into the inner city.

## August

- The International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) has awarded Rotorua with their most prestigious gold-level ride centre status, positioning the destination as one of six pre-eminent ride centres in the world.
- Destination Rotorua, Rotorua Lakes Council's tourism business unit, was named a finalist in the Tourism Marketing Category of the 2015 Tourism Industry Awards on the back of the success of the Famously Rotorua campaign.

## September

- Mayor Steve Chadwick gained special recognition at the prestigious NZ Wood-Resene Timber Design Awards announced at a function in Auckland on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## October

- New bio-waste technology developed in Rotorua has been recognised with an award. Terax 2013 Ltd's contribution to waste management technology has won the Innovation Award for Sustainability and Cleantech in this year's New Zealand Innovators Awards, run by the New Zealand Innovation Council. The technology was developed jointly by Scion and Rotorua Lakes Council with considerable support from the Ministry for the Environment.