

## **NEW ZEALAND SOCCER AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT GALA DINNER**

Close to 300 people enjoyed a gala occasion and the thoughts of former FA Cup winner Terry Phelan at the NZS Annual Gala Dinner held tonight (Friday) in Auckland.

Phelan regaled the audience with stories of the days with the Crazy Gang of Wimbledon through to his current situation as coach at Otago United in the NZFC. A highlight was stories around winning the 1988 FA Cup with Wimbledon in a famous upset over Liverpool at Wembley.

A special moment was the recognition of long service by former FIFA referee John Cameron with the Jim McMullan NZS Service award. The former national league referee has been involved in the game for 40 plus years as an official and still officiates in school matches and as a referee inspector today.

Auckland City dominated the NZFC awards taking out the Player of the Year (Grant Young) and Coach of the Year (Allan Jones).

Award winners were announced, from domestic to international and including media awards.

Ryan Nelsen won the Nike International Men's Player of the Year award and spoke to the gathering via a pre-recorded interview from Blackburn where is playing in the English Premiership.

Simone Ferrara won the Uncle Toby's Women's International Player of the Year.

The winners are listed in bold amongst the nominees below.

### **LEGO Small Whites Coach of the Year**

Paul Hobson, Birkenhead United 11<sup>th</sup> Grade and United Soccer 1

### **George Jackson Memorial Cup for Referee of the Year**

Neil Fox

Michael Hester

**Peter O'Leary**

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**Morrie Swain Shield for Assistant Referee of the Year**

Brent Best

**Paul Dunham**

Darrin Mitchell

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**Nike International Young Player of the Year**

**Steven Old**

Cole Tinkler

Craig Wylie



**Nike International Player of the Year**

Danny Hay

**Ryan Nelsen**

Ivan Vicelich



**Uncle Toby's International Young Women's Player of the Year**

Hannah Bromley

Emma Humphries

**Kirsty Yallop**



**Uncle Toby's International Women's Player of the Year**

**Simone Ferrara**

Hayley Moorwood

Rebecca O'Neill



**Lion Foundation National Women's League**

**Player of the Year**

Rebecca O'Neill

Capital Soccer

Rebecca Simpson

United Soccer 1

**Rebecca Tegg      Soccer2**

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**Lion Foundation National Women's League**

**Young Player of the Year**

<b>Caitlin Campbell</b>	<b>United Soccer 1</b>
Holly Nixon	Force 3
Katie Hoyle	NZ U19

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**Golden Boot – Women's National League**

Winner to be revealed in the week prior, subject to the Grand Final on the 26<sup>th</sup> November



**NZFC Young Player of the Year (U20 as at Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2005)**

<b>Dan Keat</b>	<b>Team Wellington</b>
Michael Mayne	Waikato FC
Cole Tinkler	Waikato FC

**NZFC Player of the Year**

Ross Nicholson	Auckland City
Blair Scoullar	Otago United
<b>Grant Young</b>	<b>Auckland City</b>

**NZFC Coach of the Year**

Declan Edge	Waikato FC
<b>Allan Jones</b>	<b>Auckland City</b>
Chris Milicich	Waitakere United

**NZFC Golden Boot – shared with 15 goals**

<b>Keryn Jordan</b>	<b>Waitakere United</b>
<b>Grant Young</b>	<b>Auckland City</b>

## **New Zealand Soccer Media Awards**

### **Writer of The Year**

Gary Birkett

**Michael Brown**

Simon Kay

Sunday Star Times

**Sunday Herald**

NZ Truth

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### **Photographer of the Year**

Rebecca Campbell

**Michael Bradley**

Shane Wenzlick

Newspapers

Kevin Clarke Photography

**Freelance – Photosport and Fotopress**

Auckland Stuff Newsroom & Suburban

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### **Broadcast Journalist of the Year**

**Michelle Pickles**

Craig Stanaway

**3 Sport – TV3**

ONE Sport - TVNZ

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### **Website of the Year**

Auckland City

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[www.aucklandcityfc.com](http://www.aucklandcityfc.com)

[www.soccer2.org.nz](http://www.soccer2.org.nz)

**Team Wellington**

[www.tw.org.nz](http://www.tw.org.nz)

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**Publication of the Year**

Halswell United Grass Roots Newsletter

Score Magazine

**Soccer Talk Magazine**

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**Programme of the Year**

Auckland City

**Canterbury United**

Waterside Karori

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**NZS/NZSMA Jim McMullan Service to Soccer Award**

**John Cameron**

For services to refereeing and football in the Waikato in a career spanning 40 years to the present day where John still officiates in schools matches and acts as a referee inspector.