

Cast your vote for favourite business

It's time for the Mainstreet Wanganui annual Best of the Best public poll.

Mainstreet Wanganui needs you to tell them who your favourite CBD businesses and service people are.

If you have a favourite restaurant, gift store, café, bank or service professional that you think deserves recognition then Mainstreet Wanganui urges you, as a connoisseur of good customer service, to take a few minutes to fill out this year's poll.

Last year more than 1000 people completed the poll with some categories being decided by just one or two votes. The most popular and hotly contested categories were the hospitality categories, most particularly "Best Barista" and the professional service categories, most particularly "Best Bank".

Mainstreet Wanganui started the poll in 2011.

"I was inspired by the *Capital Times* public poll in Wellington," says Mainstreet Marketing Manager Elise Godge. "Each year they ask the public to vote for their favourite Wellington businesses and we would all read it around the tea room table to see who had come out on top in each category.

Public confirmation of good service can influence who you choose to shop with and where you choose to eat."

The poll has a range of categories ranging from best hairdresser to stand out service person, from best dressed to best bar and there are some local businesses and service people that have proven hard to beat in their respective categories, such as Lauren at Footloose who has won the "Best Dressed" category each year and House of Travel which has won the "Travel Agent" category almost every year.

While filling out the poll you can complete as many or as few categories as you like.