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Bluff wins national awards

The Bluff Community Board walked away with a trophy and two certificates at the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference in Christchurch at the weekend.

In the national Best Practice Awards Facilitation Category, the Bluff Community Board won first place for its work to get the Bluff bus service up and running, which the judges described as a "gutsy project". The prize was a 125 year old slate tile from the original roof of Christchurch Cathedral, which had been made into a wall hanging.

The President of Local Government New Zealand Mayor Lawrence Yule was impressed with the project as it was a positive way to deal with a community problem - the lack of a bus service for Bluff residents.

The Bluff Community Board also received a high commended certificate for the Stirling Point Upgrade, undertaken in conjunction with the Invercargill City Council.

In-keeping with the conference theme of celebrating 20 years of community boards, Bluff Service Centre Manager Helen Williams was presented with a certificate acknowledging her more than 20 years' service to the Bluff Community Board.

Mrs Mitchell said it was tremendously heartening for the Bluff Community Board and Mrs Williams to have been recognised through these national awards.

The Board wanted to thank all those involved in making both the Bluff bus service and Stirling Point upgrade happen. She especially thanked the G A Waddel Charitable Trust, administered by the Perpetual Trust in Dunedin, which had provided the van for the Bluff Bus.

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