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KAMO LOCAL HEADS TO ORLANDO TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS GLOBAL AWARD

Kamo local Vicki Marsh, has been named among the top one percent of McDonald's restaurant managers worldwide and will soon accept her award with winners from across the globe in Orlando, Florida.

Only 340 McDonald's restaurant managers worldwide will receive the Ray Kroc award– named after the company's pioneering leader - an accolade that includes a cash prize and a trophy.

Vicki who has been working for McDonald's for 20 years will be awarded her prize on April 13 at the Ray Kroc Awards Gala in Orlando hosted by Steve Easterbrook, McDonald's president and chief executive officer.

Vicki says, "I'm honoured to be selected among the best McDonald's restaurant managers in the world. A lot of people think working at McDonald's is a dead end job but that's far from the truth. There are plenty of opportunities at McDonald's and the best part of my job is developing my people and showing them those opportunities.

"I have an awesome team and I'm so proud of all of them. We're like a family and I feel like this award isn't just for me but is also a reflection of their hard work and success," she says

McDonald's owner-operators and regional management nominate restaurant managers for the Ray Kroc Awards to recognise their hard work, dedication, and commitment to McDonald's and its customers.

Sanjay Kumar, restaurant supervisor for McDonald's Kamo says, "Vicki was nominated for her commitment to developing and training talent from the ground up. Staff working with her have told us that Vicki's support and encouragement goes above and beyond that of a manager, helping them reach their goals in and outside the restaurant. We're delighted that we are able to recognise Vicki in this way for her commitment to McDonald's."

McDonald's is committed to creating employment opportunities for people of all ages and from all backgrounds, as well as providing training and education to help people gain the skills and experience they need to progress in their careers.

In New Zealand, McDonald's has NZQA-aligned and university level training programmes. Through a partnership with Massey University restaurant managers can gain cross-credits towards a Diploma or Bachelor of Business Qualification.

McDonald's also provides opportunities for progression and promoting from within; around 90% of restaurant management began their careers as crew members.

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About McDonald's New Zealand

New Zealand's first McDonald's restaurant opened in Porirua in 1976. Today there are 167 McDonald's restaurants across New Zealand, 80 per cent of which are owned and operated by local business men and women. The organisation employs over 9,000 people in restaurants nationwide, and is one of New Zealand's largest employers of youth. McDonald's was awarded 'retail employer of the year' in 2011 by Retailworld. In 2014 McDonald's spent around \$183 million with local suppliers, while New Zealand producers exported over \$312 million of food to other McDonald's markets. McDonald's is the primary supporter of Ronald McDonald House Charities in New Zealand, which provides accommodation for the families of seriously ill children and other services including mobile dental care units. For more information visit www.mcdonalds.co.nz

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