

Skin Therapy runner up at awards

By Robert Johnson

Thorndon clinic Skin Therapy has taken out second place for the best clinic category at this year's New Zealand Beauty Industry Awards in Auckland.

Owner Rachel Robertson says although it would have been nice to win, she was "very happy" with the achievement.

"It's the second time we've entered the awards. In 2011 we made the top five clinics in New Zealand and runner-up this year was fantastic."

Skin Therapy competed against over 1000 other clinics nationwide and was the only Wellington finalist this year.

After nearly 15 years in the trade, Ms Robertson says the runner-up award and her best therapist award from 2011 now allow her to "tick both the boxes".

Participants in the best clinic award has to submit a full business and marketing plan, financial records, policy and procedure manuals and client testimonials as well as a raft of other documents.

Ms Robertson started Skin Therapy seven years ago and says her interest in the beauty and skincare industry comes from



Thorndon clinic Skin Therapy owner Rachel Robertson shows off her runner-up trophy.

personal experiences.

"I suffered from eczema my whole life and experienced frustration finding suitable treatments. That led me to get involved in mainstream beauty therapy and then open my own clinic specializing in advanced skin care."

She says the best part of the job is helping people with skin conditions walk away with better self-esteem and a renewed sense of worth.

Ms Robertson has also launched her own skin care line 'Prologic' which has just been exported to the United States and she hopes to break into the European market within two years.