

Thorndon salon earns top gong

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Skin Therapy beauty salon in Thorndon can claim to be the top salon in Wellington and the second best in New Zealand.

The salon was named runner-up for clinic of the year at the New Zealand Beauty Awards last month.

It was the only Wellington clinic in the top five.

Skin Therapy director Rachel Robertson said she was really pleased with the award.

“Our vision for the business is about providing clients with the absolute best,” she said.

“It’s not the one big thing; it’s the 100 little things. There are so many beauty therapy places that you need to have a vision and stick to it.”

Ms Robertson opened the clinic more than six years ago.

The staff treat skin disorders as well as the normal beauty therapy issues, such as anti-aging.

“We are quite different to other beauty clinics,” she said.

“Our patients come to us with a specific concern, but they’re usually with us for a reasonable amount of time.”

Ms Robertson said the application process for the awards was tough and took four months to complete.

She said the application for the same award two years ago was 600 pages long.

This year the process was all online and all four staff members had to contribute by submitting their qualifications, post-graduate training and job description.

She said the staff planned to continue post-graduate training to stay at the top of the industry.