

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL **CIVIC HONOURS** **AWARDS CEREMONY**

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It is with great pleasure that I offer my congratulations to the recipients of this year's Hastings District Council Civic Awards. Tonight we honour seven outstanding individuals and one group, who have all given many years of voluntary service to the community.

Volunteers are at the heart of the community - dedicating a tremendous amount of time and energy to help make Hastings a better place to live. The role of the volunteer is becoming more crucial to the wellbeing of our residents as each year passes. As volunteers, you are creating a positive change on many fronts - community health care, sports and recreation, heritage and the arts, environmental protection, disaster relief and volunteer fire fighting - the list is endless.

The level of dedication shown by volunteers from around the district is gratifying and a tribute to the public spirit which exists in Hastings. It is gratifying that a large number of nominations have been received for people from many different walks of life. We are extremely grateful to the nominators who have taken the time to put pen to paper, and highlighted the amazing work that these people are doing for the community.

I congratulate those of you who have been recognised with a Civic Honours Award. Your dedication is greatly valued by Council and the community alike and this award is a token of our appreciation.

On behalf of the community, I thank you all for your efforts in helping to make Hastings a great place to live and raise a family and I wish you well with your volunteering in the future.



Lawrence Yule
Mayor



ORDER OF CEREMONY

**Arrival of His Worship the Mayor of Hastings,
Lawrence Yule**

Welcome by the Mayor

Karakia
Kaumatua: Mr Jerry Hapuku

Address to the Recipients of Civic Honours Awards
His Worship the Mayor: Lawrence Yule

Guest of Honour Speech
Councillor Henare O'Keefe QSM, JP

Presentation of Individual Awards

Presentation of Group Awards

Karakia
Kaumatua: Mr Jerry Hapuku

Refreshments

JANET HARRIS

HEALTH AND WELFARE

In 1992, Janet Harris began working as a volunteer for the Hastings Budget Advisory Service. Over the ensuing 20 years, Janet has helped manage the financial affairs of people who have struggled to make their money stretch just a little further. On occasions, it can take months to create order in a client's finances and sometimes that commitment can run into years.

Janet uses tact and empathy to help relieve the stress that families come under when they are struggling with a debt crisis.

In addition to working with the public, Janet runs education courses for Budget Advisory Service clients and other organisations, and for eight years has been a co-tutor of new volunteers. She also served on the Budget Advisory Services committee for 19 years and was secretary/treasurer for 10 years.

Janet provides an experienced and guiding hand when dealing with clients' financial affairs and also volunteers her services around the office, answering phone calls and inputting data into the computer system.

Janet Harris is now an integral part of the Hastings Budget Advisory Service and continues her outstanding service to the organisation.



KAYREN HATHERELL

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Kayren Hatherell is a true hero of Flaxmere.

The Flaxmere Planning Committee was established in 2005 and Kayren chairs this organisation which involves a dedicated group of residents who oversee the implementation of the Flaxmere Community Plan. The plan was developed following extensive public consultation and aims to significantly improve the cultural, social, economic and environmental wellbeing of Flaxmere.

As chairperson of the Planning Committee, Kayren is an important link between public organisations and residents, and played a key role during consultation on the plan. She has also been involved in the creation of the Flaxmere Park Reserve Management Plan and planning for the Flaxmere Village Centre upgrade.

One of the major outcomes from the Community Plan is the creation of the Flaxmere Festival. Kayren has helped organise the event for the last three years and the large crowd which turns out is testament to her desire to foster a sense of family in Flaxmere.

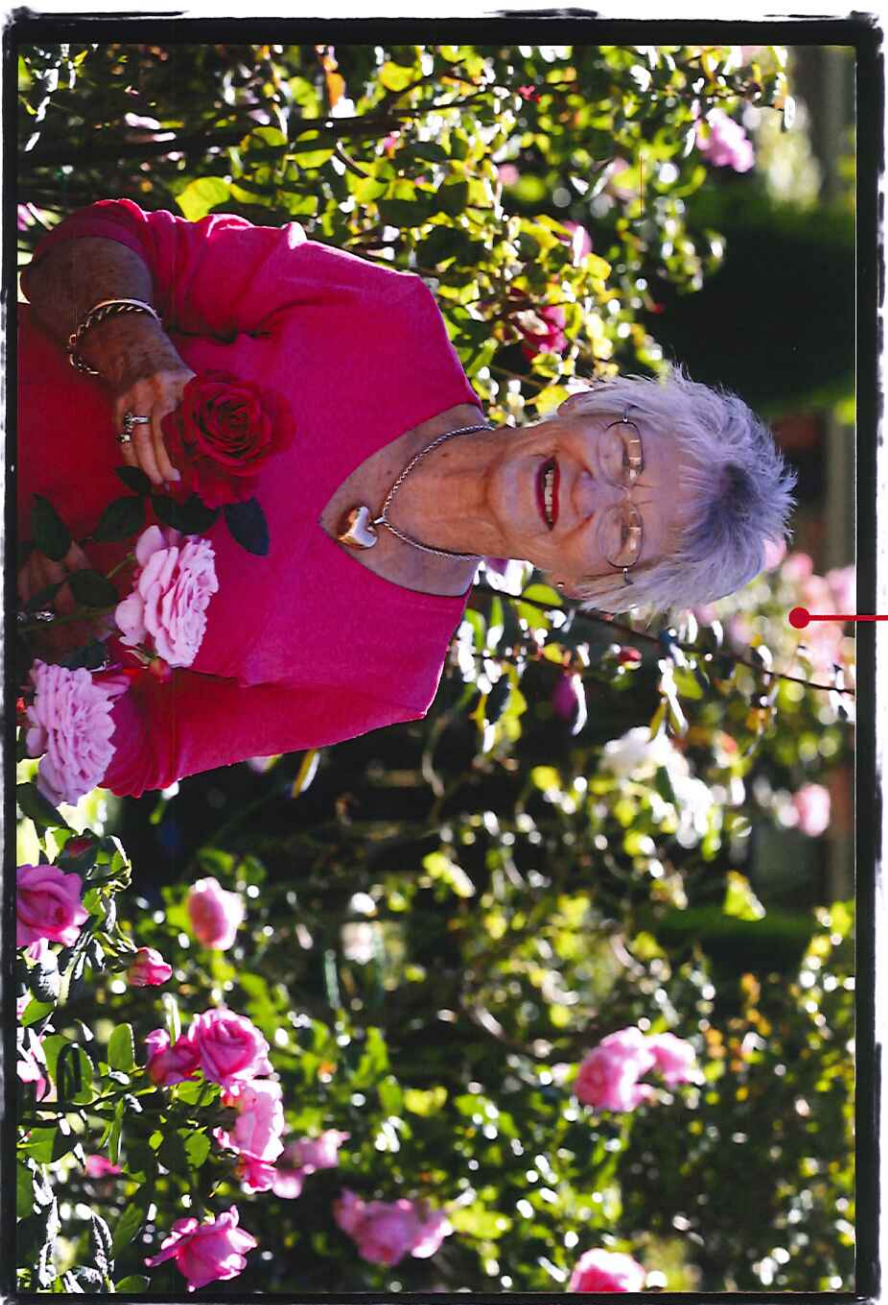
Kayren strongly supported a successful campaign to have more police officers stationed in Flaxmere and was one of the first people approached when the Police set up a new Community Safety Panel.

Kayren goes beyond the call of duty and always gives her time and energy willingly in an effort to improve the wellbeing of the Flaxmere community.



ANNETTE MARIE HILDESHEIM

HEALTH AND WELFARE



Annette Hildesheim is involved in a wide range of community activities but the one that stands out from the rest is sharing her love of pink roses.

About twenty years ago Annette created a suburban garden and then, years later, decided that all the colour and perfume shouldn't be kept just for the enjoyment of her family and friends. She opened the garden up for the benefit of the rest of the community and now takes enormous pleasure as residents from retirement villages, the elderly support group Enliven, and many other groups wander around her vibrant and exciting little oasis in the middle of Hastings. Hundreds of guests each year also get to enjoy a cup of tea and a taste of her delicious home baking while strolling about the garden.

Annette's first fundraising event for Cranford Hospice was held in November 1997. The dessert evening attracted 200 people and raised over \$2000 for the hospice. In November 2010 and 2011, Annette opened her garden on four occasions and raised \$2000 for the local breast cancer organisation.

Many gardeners from around Hastings have also benefited from Annette's generosity as she gives cuttings and plants to others.

Annette puts an enormous amount of time and effort into creating the perfect garden and is thrilled at how much pleasure it brings to others in the community.

DAVID WILLIAM HILDRETH

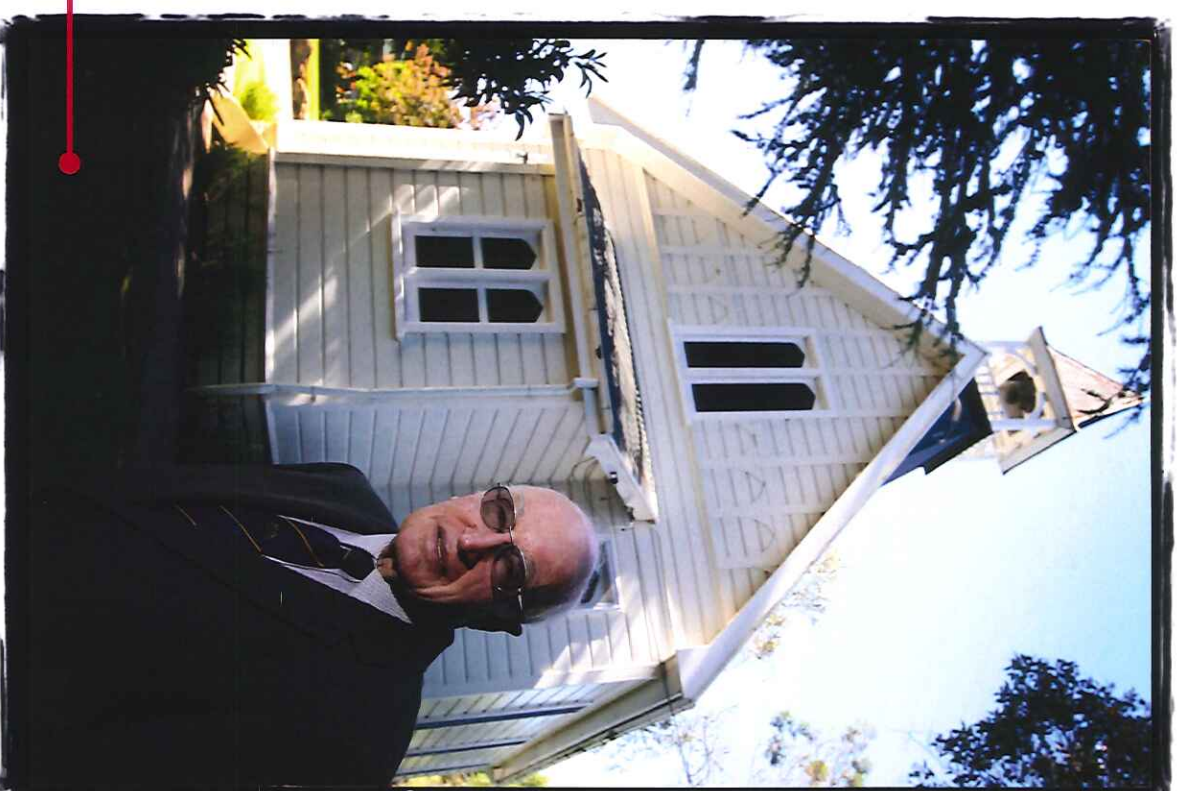
HEALTH AND WELFARE

David Hildreth has now retired from farming but he continues to dedicate his time to serving the community. He joined the Hawke's Bay Federated Farmers committee in 1954, and was secretary then chairman of the Matapiro branch of Federated Farmers. He has served on the committee of the Sherenden Hall Society since its inception and was a member of the Guthrie-Smith Board, which runs the farm cadet scheme.

Being a farmer, David obviously has a passion for rural life, and has been a dedicated and loyal member of the Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Society since 1948. He was elected to the general committee in 1970, became president in 1987 and then followed a term as the organisation's treasurer. He was awarded honorary life membership of the society in 1990. David is currently on the committee which will publish the history of the Hawke's Bay A and P Society, 1863 to 2013.

David's influence was not solely confined to farming issues. From 1954 until 1979 he was a Vestry Member for The Puketapu Parish of the Diocese of Waiapu and then rejoined in 2005 as chairman, during which time St George's Chapel Crownthorpe was restored and St Michael's Hall was added to the church at Puketapu.

David Hildreth has given a lifetime of support to the rural community and always treats others with respect and dignity.



PAUL MCARDLE

SPORT AND RECREATION

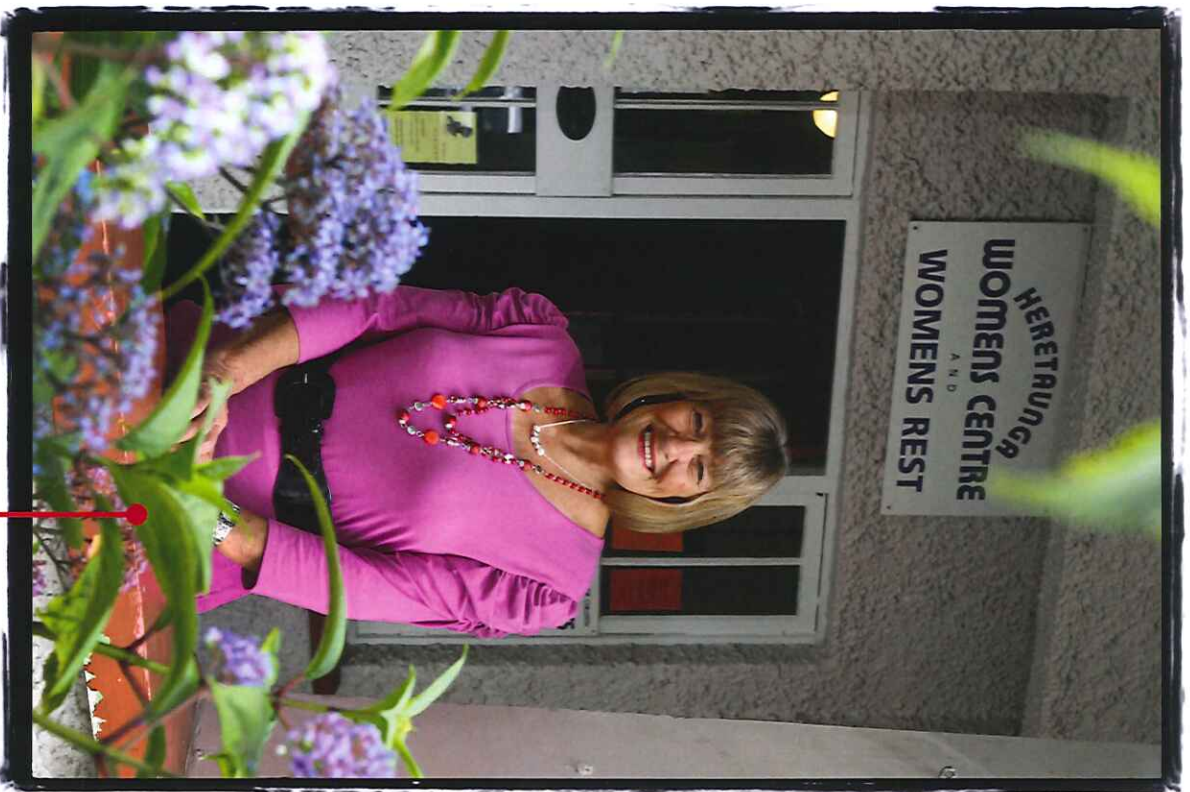
Since returning from Europe in 2009 Paul McArdle has been on a mission to make cycling a safe and easy transport option for everyone. He was instrumental in gathering strong community support and then inspiring Hastings District Council to apply for and win a Model Community bid from NZTA. This led to the creation of the iWay walking and cycling strategy which has seen many kilometres of on and offroad cycle lanes and pathways created around the Hastings District.

Paul and his wife Meg funded the construction of a cycle track at St Mary's School in Hastings and this project was further strengthened when they developed a cycle skills programme for the students. Similar tracks and programmes have now been established at five other schools around the region.

Paul has been honoured at a national level for his cycling initiatives and enthusiasm, being named the Cycling Advocates Network "Cycle Champion of the Year" in 2010, while the St Mary's School bike track won the "Cycling Facility of the Year".

It's only been a short while since Paul McArdle launched himself into the world of cycling but his impact on the lives of residents in Hastings District has been enormous. His desire to see children and adults cycling to school and work has resulted in sustainable transport options being placed high on the Council agenda. Council's vision is to make Hastings the cycling capital of New Zealand and Paul McArdle will play a strong part in that vision becoming a reality.





JUDITH MARY RARERE-RYAN

HEALTH AND WELFARE

There is always a smile when Judith Rarere-Ryan is going about her daily tasks as a volunteer at the Heretaunga Women's Centre.

In the five years since becoming a volunteer, Judith has become an integral part of the centre. No job is too big or too small. She does the cleaning, organising, designing, setting up of displays, and helps with the counselling of women. She tidies the gardens and on Fridays makes sure lunch is on the table.

Judith has become the team leader of the Sexual Abuse Recovery Support group, the only one of its kind in Hawke's Bay. She is also a mentor and support person for new volunteers, and is renowned for giving one hundred and fifty percent to everything she does.

Judith is a believer in promoting the dignity of all women regardless of age, race, colour, disability or religion. She is honest and straight to the point, a fantastic listener with an awesome sense of humour.

Judith Rarere-Ryan brings the wow factor to her work at the Heretaunga Women's Centre. She arrives every day with a big smile and a hug which makes her a firm favourite with everyone.

DAVID SMITH

ARTS AND CULTURE

Singing is his passion, and David Smith has used this gift to entertain the Hawke's Bay community for the past 50 years. Whether his audience is young, middle aged or elderly, David manages to bring a smile to everyone's face.

David has a great singing voice and has taken the lead in many musicals, can be very comical when the occasion demands and plays the piano and piano accordion.

Over the last 20 years he has been the face of entertainment, which is put on by the A.F.B. Lusk Club Home Trust at their centre in Havelock North. David always has a kind word, a joke and a smile for everyone and often takes time out of his busy schedule to visit those who are in poor health.

David is a Life Member and Chieftain of the Hastings and District Scots' Society, is a member of the Hastings Orphans' Club and the Choralaids.

David Smith is a kind, giving, selfless man who uses music to bring light into the lives of many people around the region.



NAPIER HOST LIONS CLUB

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The true meaning of community spirit was demonstrated by members of the Napier Host Lions Club following the magnitude 6.3 earthquake which brought incredible destruction to Christchurch in February 2011. The disaster prompted the Hastings District and Napier City Councils to combine their resources to help Christchurch residents travel to Hawke's Bay and enjoy some time away from their devastated city. Over a thousand Canterbury residents took up the offer of free travel to and from - and accommodation in - Hawke's Bay. More often than not, the first people to offer the hand of friendship and a smile were members of the Napier Lions Club.

Group members were at Hawke's Bay Airport to pick up the visitors and deliver them to their accommodation which was offered free of charge by Hawke's Bay residents. They arranged supermarket visits for the visitors, accompanied them on shopping expeditions, took them to tourist attractions throughout the region and then returned them to the airport at the end of their stay. The club members offered their time, resources, friendship and smiles over and over again.

Stan Simmonds and his band of happy volunteers epitomised the spirit of Hawke's Bay. When the chips were down for Christchurch residents, members of the Napier Host Lions Club stepped up and showed how much we care for our fellow Kiwis.



NOTE: These awards are generally presented to organisations and individuals who are based within the Hastings District. On this occasion, the Civic Pride Committee felt that the significance of the Christchurch earthquake and the amazing response of the Hawke's Bay community had created an extraordinary circumstance which needed to be recognised. In making this award to the Napier Host Lions Club, the committee acknowledges that regional boundaries don't exist when it comes to true community spirit and caring for fellow citizens of New Zealand.

Group members 2012

From left to right: Wendy Lipp, Neil Nigro, Mike Bartosh, Tony Ganderton, Barrie Browne, Trevor Glover, Isabel Temple, Alex McFarlane, Nancy Bryan, Vince Allcock, Brian Stevenson, Alan Debrency.

PHOTOGRAPHER

DUNCAN BROWN

Duncan Brown has produced the great photographs that appear in this publication. For over 20 years he has captured memories of special events in Hawke's Bay. He has photographed weddings, produced that never-to-be-forgotten family portrait and captured great moments from school events.

To contact Duncan to purchase photos of tonight's ceremony, please phone (06) 878 2383, email duncan@duncanbrownphotography.co.nz or visit www.duncanbrownphotography.co.nz.

Photographs of the evening will also be available to download from www.hastingsdc.govt.nz next week.

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