



HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Civic Honours Awards Ceremony

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

# Order of Ceremony

- \* ARRIVAL OF HIS WORSHIP  
THE MAYOR OF HASTINGS,  
LAWRENCE YULE
- \* KARAKIA  
Kaumatua: Mr Jerry Hapuku
- \* ADDRESS TO THE RECIPIENTS  
OF CIVIC HONOURS AWARDS  
His Worship the Mayor: Lawrence Yule
- \* GUEST OF HONOUR SPEECH  
Renata Lehmann, Manager,  
Volunteering Hawke's Bay
- \* PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
- \* KARAKIA  
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- \* REFRESHMENTS

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# Message from the Mayor

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2015 Hastings District Council Civic Honours Awards. Tonight we honour 10 individuals and one group, who have given many years of voluntary service to the community.

Volunteering is unique for many reasons. It generally improves a person's quality of life while returning a feeling of self-worth and respect, however there is rarely any financial reward for the individual. Other reasons to volunteer include skill development, socialisation, helping others, and above all, having fun.

In New Zealand there is a long-standing tradition that regards volunteering as a form of charity, but the best volunteering involves the desire to serve others.

Whatever motivated you to become a volunteer, residents of the Hastings District acknowledge your commitment and are very grateful for the time and energy you have given to your chosen cause.

This year, nominations have been received for volunteers from many different clubs and organisations. We are extremely grateful to the nominators who have taken the time to put pen to paper, and highlight the amazing work that the recipients are doing for our 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 make Hastings a great place to live and raise a family, and I hope that you have found some reward from all your efforts.



Lawrence Yule  
Mayor



Health &  
Welfare



# Age Concern Flaxmere

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Age Concern Flaxmere is a not-for-profit organisation that serves the needs of the elderly residents of Flaxmere and surrounding suburbs. The organisation provides programmes and services that are designed specifically to support and improve the social, physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of older people.

Age Concern relies heavily on volunteers to coordinate the daily activities of the organisation and pamper the members who attend the sessions. The organisation is credited with significantly raising the awareness of welfare and the advancement of services for senior citizens in Flaxmere.

Age Concern Flaxmere is governed by a board of 10 volunteers whose roles include treasurer, fundraising, planning activities for seniors and maintenance of the hall. The day-to-day operation is under the control of a manager and 2 staff who are constantly out in the community looking after those who require assistance.

The staff are employed on a part-time basis but undertake volunteer hours when the need arises. Their duties include coordinating programmes and services, providing transport for seniors (such as to the doctor or supermarket) and providing information about how

to access services from Government Departments.

Strong leadership over the years has established a platform for growth and development which has allowed the organisation to extend the range of services and support it can provide for the community.

Age Concern is highly valued in the Flaxmere community and over time has added significantly to the quality of life enjoyed by residents of Flaxmere and the surrounding suburbs.

# Kay Clapperton

The scouting movement in Hastings has benefitted enormously from the involvement of Kay Clapperton during the time she has spent as a leader of the Havelock North Scout Group.

Kay has been involved with the group for the past 14 years and during that time, has trained and helped many boys and girls achieve the Chief Scout Award, the highest honour in the Scout section.

Under her leadership, one Venturer Scout from the Havelock North group has gained the Queen Scout Award and two more are due to complete theirs this year. This is the organisation's highest youth honour and is recognised across the Commonwealth.



Kay also has a long-time passion for wildlife and has volunteered her time and energy to further a number of conservation projects. She became involved in the Cape Kidnappers Sanctuary and this became a vehicle for the scouts and venturers from the Havelock North group to learn about the efforts being made to restore wildlife to the Cape. The scouts have worked hard at a variety of projects at the cape ranging from planting native shrub to taking part in wildlife surveys and pest control.

This relationship has enabled the scouts to observe kiwi in their natural habitat and be present as new arrivals are released into the sanctuary.

Kay volunteers her time to run programmes for the scouts, teach them outdoor skills, lead hikes and other outdoor activities and also co-ordinates behind the scenes activity to ensure that the Havelock North Scout group functions effectively.

Her efforts have been of huge benefit to young people in Havelock North.



Education  
& Youth



Health & Welfare



# Ngaire Duffall

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For many years Ngaire has worked tirelessly for the community.

She became a foundation member of the Raupare Country Women's Institute in 1966 and subsequently took on the roles of secretary, treasurer and publicity officer.

In 1995 she and her husband Ted joined the Hastings Chapter of Grey Power Hawke's Bay and began working to ensure that the elderly got a fair deal as this is the aim of Grey Power.

Their private phone number has been listed in the telephone directory and she was always ready to give help and advice.

15 years ago Ngaire willingly took over the discount book for the Association. She has worked tirelessly ensuring the discounts meet the requirements of the members and the book now includes 270 local businesses.

The discount book continues to be one of the biggest draw-cards for attracting Grey Power members. Ngaire renegotiates the deals every year and this takes an enormous amount of voluntary time and energy.

Ngaire's commitment, reliability and service to the elderly have been unwavering every year. She helps run the morning and afternoon teas for the Grey Power meetings, opens halls for meetings, greets people at the door and keeps in touch with members in times of illness.

Being a courier of library books for those unable to get to the library has been something she has also been happy to do.

Ngaire is renowned for her generosity of spirit and this has made her an invaluable part of the Grey Power operation in Hawke's Bay.

# Shirley Hodge

20 years ago Shirley came to live in Havelock North and since then has contributed her considerable skills to a number of community organisations.

In 1994 Shirley joined the Havelock North Ladies Probus Club and became an office bearer, including three terms as president. The club closed in 2013, but she continues to organise lunches which are an invaluable opportunity for social interaction and a shared meal between people, many of whom live alone.

Over the past seven years Shirley has delivered meals-on-wheels to people in Havelock North every Wednesday. She has undertaken this voluntary work in all kinds of weather and along with the meal, always brings a smile and a wonderful attitude.

Shirley is also involved in many other aspects of community life. For 17 years she

has been a volunteer at the Havelock North Library. This is a great service for residents, as she delivers reading selections to them. She also delivers books to Duart Rest Home and always carries out her responsibilities in a dependable, efficient and punctual manner.

Shirley has served on the Board of Managers at St Columba's Presbyterian Church and has looked after the church gardens. She has also acted as the church's co-ordinator of the Cranford Hospice street appeal in Havelock North.

Shirley approaches all these activities with energy, dedication and complete reliability and is one of the first volunteers for working bees and other community activities. Her warm, friendly and approachable manner makes her a huge asset to the community.







Arts &  
Culture  
(POSTHUMOUS)





# Te Amorangi Tama Huata

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Tama Huata of Ngati Kahungunu was a trailblazer for Māori arts and culture and held an intense passion for his people and culture.

In 1983 he set up the Kahurangi Maori Dance Theatre and this has become an enormously important vehicle by which Maori culture is taken around the world. The theatre continues to tour as it has done for more than 30 years.

He was a group leader of the Te Maori Exhibition in San Francisco in 1985, and about the same time set up the Takitimu Trust. This was followed by the formation of Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu, which was the first institution in the country to offer a degree course in the traditional Māori performing arts.

Tama founded the National Waiata Maori Music Awards in 2007 and this event continues to

recognise the talents of Maori singers, performers and writers.

In 1994 he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and went to the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, where he studied African history and dance.

He headed Nga Marae o Heretaunga, a group of marae from the Hastings district that created the Nga Pou o Heretaunga project. This involved the carving and installation of a series of pou in Hastings Civic Square that were designed and created by people from each marae.

Tama Huata helped the growth and development of Māori culture in New Zealand and on the world stage. His legacy remains in the music and art he created within the community.

Tama Huata passed away in February 2015.

*NOTE: These awards are generally presented to organisations and individuals who reside within the Hastings District. On this occasion, the Civic Awards Subcommittee was made aware that, even though Tama was a Napier resident, his community development work was mainly focused in the Hastings District. In making this award, the subcommittee acknowledges that regional boundaries don't exist when it comes to true community spirit.*



Sport +  
Recreation

# Mark Jenkinson

At the age of 14, Mark found himself on the committee of Hawke's Bay Kart Club and this signaled the beginning of a lifetime of voluntary work for the sporting community.

He was awarded life membership of the Hawke's Bay Kart Club in 1981 after 14 years on the committee, with terms as treasurer and president. He also became the president of the New Zealand Kart Federation and was awarded life membership of that organisation.

Mark is currently President of Vintage Karting NZ, an organisation he has coordinated since 1985.

He joined the Ocean Beach Kiwi Surf Patrol in 1989 and has now completed 26 consecutive years of surf patrols. He was awarded a New Zealand Police medal for his work with the IRB callout squad in Hawke's Bay, received a service award from Surf

Lifesaving Hawke's Bay and was awarded life membership of Ocean Beach Kiwi Surf Patrol in 2013.

Mark has been a long standing member of the Hawke's Bay Car Club including a stint as chairman. He was instrumental in acquiring land at Bridge Pa which has been developed into the Jack Young Motorsport Park.

During his time as Chairman of the HB Vintage Car Club, the construction of new facilities at Papakura Domain at Meeanee was completed.

For many years, Mark was the chairman of a group which raised funds for the NZ Foundation for the Blind, the Christmas Cheer appeal and many other worthy charities.

Mark's dedication to voluntary work has touched and enhanced the lives of many people in Hawke's Bay.



# Brian Kennedy

Members of the Bay Cities Symphonic Band have been extremely fortunate to have the services of Brian Kennedy since its inception in 2005.

Brian is a professional music director having trained with the Salvation Army in Scotland and England before arriving in New Zealand.

For a number of years he has been the Musical Director of the Symphonic Band and has been instrumental in the development of many students and adult musicians over a long period of time. The band is a community organisation which includes people of all ages, from high school students to seniors, who share a passion for playing music. With Brian's invaluable help, the band has won multiple awards at the annual National Festival of Bands and at the Hawke's Bay and Fielding Festivals.

In addition to presenting local concerts, the band often takes part in the Hastings Blossom Parade, Carols by Candlelight, Pukehou Carol Service, and encourages school bands by performing concerts with them. The band encourages young players to join and offers a sense of belonging whilst they learn about commitment and respect, at the same time as improving their musical skill.

Brian has continued his long term involvement with the Salvation Army Band and has been instrumental in encouraging students from Lindisfarne College and Hastings Girls High to reach the highest levels of musicianship through their involvement in the Concord Wind Bands.

Brian Kennedy has made a huge contribution to music in Hawke's Bay over many years.

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# Allan Potts

Allan gave a life time of service to athletics as an outstanding coach and administrator.

He coached his wife to the Olympic and Commonwealth Games and also coached their eldest son Richard to the Commonwealth Games and the world cross country championships. He was their youngest son Nicholas's coach when he won the 1999 New Zealand under 20 javelin title.

The highlight of his coaching career came when he was appointed as coach of the track and field section of the New Zealand team at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games.

Allan arrived in Hastings in 1983 and soon after became Chairman of the Hastings Athletic Club and President of the Hastings Harrier Club. He was a Board member of Athletics New Zealand for eight

years (1987-95) and a Council member representing Hawkes Bay - Gisborne on the national body for many years.

He was a New Zealand track and field selector for 20 years (1974-94) selecting teams for Olympic and Commonwealth Games and he was on the Oceania selection panel. He was a New Zealand cross country selector from 1972 to 1974. In 2002 and 2003 he was president of Athletics New Zealand and was a member of the national body's Honours and Awards sub-committee.

Closest to Allan's heart was coaching young athletes. Over a period of 20 years, he gave his time and energy to coaching young athletes from around Hawke's Bay and was there every day, rain or shine, seven days a week.

Allan was enormously respected for his coaching ability throughout the country and was extremely generous with his time and efforts on behalf of athletes in Hawke's Bay

In honour of his late wife he has organised the Sylvia Potts Memorial Classic athletics meeting in Hastings for the past 15 years.

Allan Potts passed away in 2014 after a long illness.



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(POSTHUMOUS)

# Julie Russell

Julie and her husband Mike Russell have, over the last 21 years, created a unique and extensive rural garden in which they have hosted the biennial Wildflower Sculpture Exhibition since 2008.

The exhibition raises funds for Cranford Hospice and the four outdoor art shows have resulted in donations totaling \$151,000.

The exhibition also benefits the arts community here in Hawke's Bay, providing a platform for exposure and sales for artists,

while introducing a huge number of new art viewers to sculpture.

Julie sees the exhibition as a great opportunity to excite others about the possibilities of art, believing that sculpture, with its many variations in scale, materials and purpose can delight and inspire even those with no previous interest or knowledge about art. The garden setting also offers artists a chance to reconsider how they create work for outside spaces.

The Russells' Round Pond Garden consists of four hectares and features



intensively planted hedges, garden rooms, perennial borders and roses, as well as specimen trees, olive trees, buxus and topiary features. There is a 200 metre expanse of poppies and wildflowers in the spring and early summer (giving the exhibition its name), and of course a large round pond.

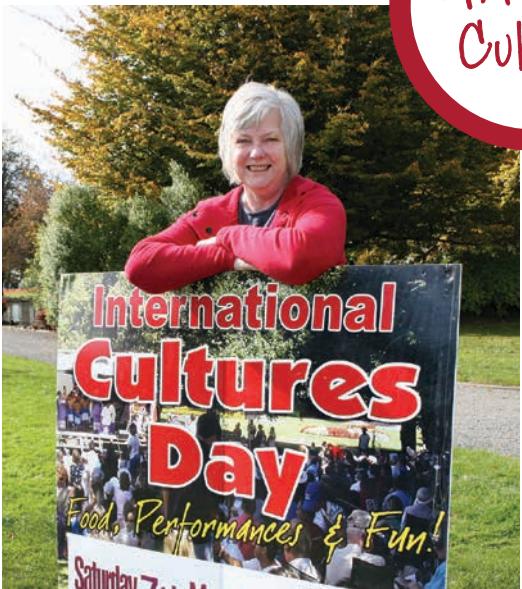
Julie and her team work to the aim of giving people meaningful arts experiences while supporting the vital work of Cranford Hospice. The next Wildflower Sculpture Exhibition will be in November 2016 and runs in association with the Hospice Holly Trail.



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# Sally Russell

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The NZ China Friendship Society gained the voluntary services of Sally Russell in 1992. She has been a member of the Hawke's Bay executive since 1996 and for the past 12 years she has been President of the branch and a member of the national executive.

Sally has worked tirelessly for the society and demonstrated the true spirit of volunteering. Her tenacity and unassuming nature has gained her the utmost respect from many local communities, in particular the Chinese.

Sally has also been a very active and valuable member of the Hawke's Bay Multicultural Society since it was formed in 2008 and she was elected onto the executive team and became secretary of the organisation in 2014.

In 2002 she assumed the leadership of International Cultures Day, an event that is held annually at Cornwall Park. Cultures Day offers the community an opportunity to celebrate and experience the cultural diversity of Hawke's Bay

and continues to thrive and grow each year.

In 1993 Sally became involved in setting up the Trade Aid shop in Havelock North. The implementation of the shop was done on a voluntary basis and she subsequently spent five years as a part time manager of the shop.

Sally is an Elder of St Columba Church, Havelock North and is involved in governance and activities including the pre-school 'mainly music' group. Nationally she represents the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand on the board of Christian World Service.

Her determination to undertake voluntary activities that have particular benefits to the ethnic communities in Hawke's Bay saw her become the Deputy Chair of Hastings District Council's community group that oversees the sister city relationship between Hastings and the Chinese city of Guilin.

Sally has a determination to make things happen and undertakes the activities without fanfare.

# Nan Tait

Students of piano have benefited from the skills and talent of Nan Tait for over 63 years, both as a private music teacher and at Queenswood School, Hastings, in the 1950's. She has taught piano, conducted singing classes and assisted on the musical side of productions and other gatherings. She also taught at Lindisfarne College and Woodford House.

Nan became a member of the Wellington Branch of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers in 1964, and is regarded as a valuable member of the Hawkes Bay branch, giving her support whenever she can.

She is an extremely skilled accompanist, who has supported countless singers and instrumentalists of all ages and levels of achievement throughout her career. When living in Wellington, she auditioned and was selected to be an accompanist on the

panel for the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation concert programme.

Nan helped students competing in the National Secondary Schools Chamber music contest and has performed in many concerts held in the Havelock North Function Centre as well as playing in Hastings and Napier concerts. She enjoyed entertaining residents at retirement villages and playing background music at openings of art exhibitions in Hastings.

Nan has given a lifetime to music in Hawkes Bay which has enabled musicians from all walks of life to reach their full potential as performers.

Nan Tait is renowned for her cheerful, caring and inspirational style of teaching and has demonstrated an enormous commitment to music.

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# 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 portraits and captured great moments from school events.

Contact Duncan to purchase photos of tonight's ceremony by phoning (06) 878 2383, email [duncan@duncanbrownphotography.co.nz](mailto:duncan@duncanbrownphotography.co.nz) or visit [www.duncanbrownphotography.co.nz](http://www.duncanbrownphotography.co.nz). Photographs of the evening will also be available from [www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/civicawards](http://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/civicawards)



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