

# Civic Honours

31 MAY 2017

# Awards Ceremony



# Order of Ceremony

## MASTER OF CEREMONY

COUNCILLOR HENARE O'KEEFE,  
HASTINGS AMBASSADOR

5.15PM

## WELCOME DRINKS, COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOYER

*Entertainment provided by Kahurangi  
NZ Maori Dance Theatre*

6.00PM

## HAKA POWHIRI

6.05PM

## KARAKIA

Kaumatua Mr Jerry Hapuku  
Waiata: Kahurangi NZ Maori Dance Theatre

6.15PM

## ADDRESS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF CIVIC HONOURS AWARDS

His Worship the Mayor: Lawrence Yule

6.20PM

## GUEST OF HONOUR SPEECH

Anna Pierard, Creative Director, Festival Opera

6.35PM

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Councillor Malcolm Dixon

### **GROUP AWARD**

• DIY Coffin Club, Family Support

### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

- Dr David Barry, Education and Youth
- Colleen Marshall, Health and Welfare
- Pam O'Keefe, Family Support
- Susan Melville, Education and Youth

7.00PM

## MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

*“Allegro moderato and lento assai from Suite  
for Two Violins and Piano, Op. 71 by Moritz Moszkowski”*  
Nesta Lade and Miru Shimaoka - violin  
Christopher Eldridge - piano

7.10PM

## KARAKIA

Kaumatua Mr Jerry Hapuku  
Waiata: Kahurangi NZ Maori Dance Theatre

7.15PM

## REFRESHMENTS

*Entertainment provided by Kahurangi NZ Maori Dance Theatre*

8.15PM

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# Message from the Mayor



It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to this year's Hastings District Council *Civic Honours Awards*.

This evening we recognise the efforts of people in our community who go to extraordinary efforts to help make Hastings such a wonderful place to live.

The efforts of volunteers make a clear and demonstrable difference in our district.

As we thank them for their contributions, we also thank those people who have nominated them for these awards.

Typically, our hardest working volunteers are also very humble. It is not easy to get them to put their hands up for recognition.

I truly believe that we need to acknowledge the hard work they put in; not least because we can learn of the work they do, the results of their efforts and the satisfaction they get from it.

Hearing their stories can inspire others to take on voluntary work; becoming part of what is the caring culture of our community.

The four people and a group we are celebrating tonight work in a range of fields, from health and education, to youth and culture.

They are worth their weight in gold. They have given their time and talents without compensation, and I, on behalf of all our residents, acknowledge their contributions to our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'L. Yule'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Lawrence Yule  
Mayor, Hastings District Council



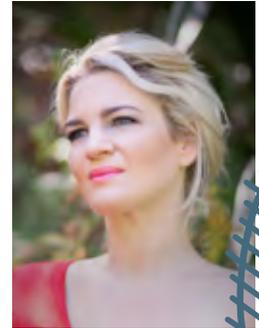
# Anna Pierard

## GUEST OF HONOUR

Raised in Hawke's Bay, Anna sought the world stage at a young age, clear as a teenager that she wanted to become an opera singer, like her Aunt in London.

In 2000 Anna travelled to the *Guildhall School of Music and Drama* to take up a scholarship and study singing. There, whilst studying for her *Masters*, she met her husband Jose Aparicio, a flautist and conductor. Both consequently moved to Amsterdam where Anna studied opera at the *Royal Conservatoire*.

Following her graduation, she performed at the *Amsterdam Concertgebouw*, *Palau de la Musica* (Valencia), *Teatro Castellar* (Castellon, Spain), *La Monnaie* (Royal Opera House, Belgium), *Opera du Rhin* (Strasbourg), amongst others. In 2009, she returned to New Zealand (NZ) and since, has performed frequently with *NZ Opera*, the *NZ Symphony Orchestra*, *Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra* and the *Auckland Choral Society*, as well as performing locally with the *Napier Civic Choir*.



In 2014, together with long time friend Sarah Walmsley, Anna founded *Festival Opera - Opera with a conscience*, and *Project Prima Volta*, the music programme dedicated to draw teenagers from diverse backgrounds together, to help them find common ground through preparation and performance in a variety of musical styles. four years on, the vision is as strong as ever, and the programme growing in profile. Basing the programme and opera company in Hawke's Bay enables Anna and her team to offer a world class opportunity to the wealth of young local talent and excite their audiences into supporting their achievements, both on and offstage.



GROUP AWARD  
*Family Support*

# DIY Coffin Club





The Mayor of Hastings opened the *DIY Coffin Club* on October 7, 2014. It meets every Tuesday at the old netball courts building, 707 Sylvan Road, Hastings.

The club has a diverse range of members, some with an imminent need for their coffin, some who are planning ahead and some who are volunteering their time to help others prepare their coffins. Preparing and personalising your own coffin can be fun and empowering; it enables members to have their coffin just how they and their family/whānau want.

*DIY Coffin Club* members are also very proud and privileged to have built baby coffins over the past three years for grieving parents who have lost a new-born baby. The club's caring, compassionate and skilled volunteers produce handcrafted coffins which are painted and lined.

A beautiful, fully-lined coffin for their baby is a precious gift and an immeasurable comfort for bereaved parents. The coffin symbolises that the community is not only aware of their loss, but that it hopes to help ease their burden at this sad time.

*The Ata Rangī Maternity Unit (Hawke's Bay District Health Board)* and all the parents who have received one of the coffins extend their appreciation to this thoughtful and caring group of volunteers, who selflessly give their time for this wonderful cause.



# Dr David Barry

Since settling in the region in 1972, David Barry has given his commitment and energy to improving the wellbeing of children and families in Hawke's Bay.

David worked as a Consultant Paediatrician at *Hawke's Bay Hospital* throughout much of his career, completing over 34 years of continuous service before retiring in 2006. During this time, he built the paediatric department from a team of two consultants to a level 2A special care baby unit that met international standards. This was extraordinary in New Zealand at the time.





INDIVIDUAL  
AWARD

## Education & Youth



David provided leadership for children's respiratory health, served as president of the *Hawke's Bay Asthma Association*, and was a member of the *Asthma and Respiratory Foundation* for 20 years. He has chaired the *Hawke's Bay Postgraduate Medical Society* and the *Hawke's Bay* division of the *New Zealand Medical Association*, and has served as Medical Director of the *Hawke's Bay Medical Research Foundation* for the past 22 years. These additional commitments were above and beyond those required by his position as a paediatrician.

David is held in the highest regard by his former colleagues at *Hawke's Bay District Health Board* for his knowledge and experience, and his high standards.

Even in retirement, David continues to support the community through charitable endeavours such as being a trustee and current chair of the *Scott Fund*, serving on the *Hawke's Bay District Health Board*, and as a trustee of the *Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank*.

David has given a great deal of his time and expertise to the *Hawke's Bay* community and is valued for his outstanding citizenship.

# Colleen Marshall



A dedicated mother and grandmother, 76-year old Colleen Marshall has been a faithful and invaluable volunteer at the *Heretaunga Seniors Community Centre* for the past 13 years.

Over this time Colleen has been the most versatile volunteer, helping in whatever capacity needed in addition to fulfilling the formal committee roles of secretary and treasurer. Colleen is an outstanding example of selflessness borne out by her length of service, wisdom and gentle calm manner.



As one of the mainstays of *Heretaunga Seniors*, it is the personal qualities Colleen brings to her role that are valued the most. The smooth functioning of the centre is due to Colleen's time and skill, her mentoring of new volunteers and her enduring dedication.

Kind, discreet and unassuming in whatever she does, Colleen ensures that any time she takes away is when it will least inconvenience the centre. Colleen's gentle sense of inclusion supports the social diversity of the centre and her composure has contributed

to the Heretaunga Seniors' reputation as a hospitable and welcoming community. With just three part time staff looking after the 100 members who come through the door each week, the centre depends on the significant contribution of its volunteers.

Colleen is also a reliable and committed volunteer with the *Hastings Red Cross*, delivering *Meals on Wheels* and assisting with the organisation's annual street appeal.





# Pam O'Keefe

Pam O'Keefe is the administrator at *Te Aranga Marae*, a member of the *Kai Collective Food Bank* and a vital component of the *Flaxmere Boxing Academy*. Considered by many Flaxmere residents as the 'Mother of Flaxmere', Pam makes all visitors to *Te Aranga Marae* feel at home.

Pam's compassion goes well beyond the day-to-day running of the marae; she puts her heart and soul into operating the facility to ensure it offers the best place for our whānau and visitors to the region.



INDIVIDUAL  
AWARD

# Family Support

She strives to provide a safe haven to welcome and connect with families when they are down, or at their wits end with stressful and challenging health and social situations. Families frequently drop in to meet and discuss their problems with Pam, who provides much needed support.

Pam, with her husband Henare, have fostered more than 200 children over 30 years and facilitated the successful reintegration of prison inmates back into the community.



# Susan Melville





Susan Melville has been the conductor of the *Hawke's Bay Youth Orchestra* since 1995. In that time, she has transferred her love of classical music to hundreds of young people, many of whom have gone on to professional orchestras, or to study music at university. Often going above-and-beyond, Susan has spent hours tutoring or writing orchestral parts for members without a part written for their instrument in the original orchestral score, as she believes that everyone plays a vital part in the end result.

To further develop and enrich the lives of her students, for nearly 20 years Susan has also helped organise on a volunteer basis a bi-annual *Festival of Youth Orchestras*, in conjunction

with the *Wellington Youth Sinfonietta*, the *Manawatu Youth Orchestra* and the *Kapiti Youth Orchestra*. These weekends of combined music-making and public concerts in formal venues provide highlights for players, as well as having far-reaching and continuing musical and social benefits.

Susan has been a loyal supporter and faculty member of the *International Foundation for Arts and Culture (IFAC) Handa New Zealand Singing School* since 1999. She was instrumental in organising and participating in a 2015 series of concerts, workshops and song recital tour across New Zealand, which significantly increased the profile of the school nationally.

Susan has also worked with *Havelock North High School* choirs since 2002, working with up to five at a time, conducting directing and accompanying as needed. She is held in high esteem by the entire school community and has been crucial in progressing students' cultural achievements. Showing diligence, conscientiousness and extreme professionalism in her approach to music, Susan's meticulous hard work has been reflected in her successes with the choirs in local and national competitions.

Susan's devotion and perseverance, work ethic, enthusiasm and vast knowledge continues to motivate and encourage aspiring young musicians.

## Photographer

DUNCAN BROWN

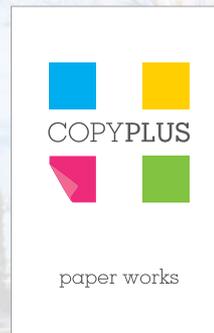
Duncan Brown has produced the great photographs that appear in this publication. For more than 30 years he has captured memories of special events in Hawke's Bay.

Photos from tonight's ceremony and the Awardee Portraits can be viewed, shared on social media, and purchased as digital files or prints at [www.duncanbrown.co.nz](http://www.duncanbrown.co.nz). Alternatively, you can contact Duncan on (06) 878 2383 or [duncan@duncanbrown.co.nz](mailto:duncan@duncanbrown.co.nz).

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