WELCOME DRINKS, FOCAL POINT CINEMA FOYER

4.30PM

Entertainment provided by Kahurangi Maori Dance Theatre

HAKA PŌWHIRI

5.30PM

KARAKIA

5.35PM

Kaumātua Mr Jerry Hapuku
Waiata: Kahurangi Maori Dance Theatre

ADDRESS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF CIVIC HONOURS AWARDS

5.45PM

Her Worship the Mayor: Sandra Hazlehurst

GUEST OF HONOUR SPEECH

5.50PM

Ngahiwi Tomoana

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

6.05PM

Councillors Henare O’Keefe, Malcolm Dixon, Kevin Watkins

GROUP AWARD

• Dressage Hawke’s Bay (Northern)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

• Rana Tama Te Rangi Huata (Arts & Culture)
• Eric (Donald) Trask (Health & Welfare)
• Fae Louise Andersen (Health & Welfare)
• Frank Wilkins (Arts & Culture / Welfare)
• Maree Forde-Harris (Health & Welfare)
• Janice Hopkinson (Health & Welfare)
• Dennis Beets (Health & Welfare)
• Anthony Richardson (Health & Welfare)
• Jillian Patricia Frizzell (Health & Welfare)
• Wayne Clark (Arts & Culture)
• David Kitt (Arts & Culture)
• Margaret Kitt (Arts & Culture)

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

7.00PM

“Is You Is Or Is You Ain’t My Baby”, “The Folks Who Live On The Hill” by David and Margaret Kitt

KARAKIA

7.10PM

Kaumātua Mr Jerry Hapuku
Waiata: Kahurangi Maori Dance Theatre

REFRESHMENTS

7.15PM

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CEREMONY CONCLUSION

8.15PM
Message from the Mayor

It is my immense pleasure to congratulate the recipients of this year’s Hastings District Council Civic Honours Awards. Tonight we honour twelve outstanding individuals and one group who have given many years of outstanding voluntary service to our community.

These awards are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and thank the volunteers who give so selflessly back to our community. Volunteers are at the heart of our community - dedicating a tremendous amount of time and energy to help make Hastings a better place to live, work and play. As volunteers, you are creating a positive change on many fronts – recreation, sport, arts, culture, health and welfare – the list is endless.

The best volunteering involves the desire to serve others. It can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help.

Over the years we have received nominations from many different walks of life and we are also extremely grateful to the people who have taken the time to put pen to paper or go online, and highlight the amazing work people do for our community.

I congratulate those of you who have been recognised with a Civic Honours Award. On behalf of the Hastings District, I thank you all for your efforts in helping to make our community a great place. I wish you well with your volunteering in the future.

Sandra Hazlehurst
Mayor, Hastings District Council
Chairman of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated since 1996, Ngahiwi is passionate about the rights of Māori and other indigenous peoples’ to their estates and fisheries, and represents indigenous peoples’ views on the global stage. Ngahiwi has been and continues to be involved in whānau, hapū and iwi development across all spectrums and sectors of the community.

Alongside his role with Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated, Ngahiwi holds a number of key strategic positions that include: Deputy Chair of the Hawke’s Bay District Health Board; Chair of the Hawke’s Bay District Health Boards Māori Relationship Board (MRB); Executive Board Member for the New Zealand China Council and Forum Member of the NZ Police Commissioner’s Māori Focus Forum; Waipatu Marae Representative – He Toa Takitini; Member and Chair of the Pou Tahua Working Group for the Iwi Chairs Forum.

Previous positions held include the role of Chair of the Māori Economic Development Advisory Board and Board Member for the Pacific Cooperation Foundation and Chair of Te Ohu Kaimoana.

More importantly, Ngahiwi is a loving husband to Mere Tomoana, a father of six tamariki, grandfather to fifteen moko, and it is with his whānau in mind, that through all of these positions, responsibilities and vast experiences, he demonstrates his local, regional, national and international knowledge, pride and commitment to all things Māori, for the betterment of Māori katoa.
Dressage
Hawke’s Bay
(Northern)
It is no easy task to find 15 to 20 judges (with an equal or higher number of writers) to mark the competitions, set up nine show rings across two venues (A&P Showgrounds and Elwood Park), install the necessary temporary irrigation, and then, during the competition, manage the daily grooming of the arenas.

All of this work is completed with the minimum of fuss and with extremely good grace – and is always executed at the highest standards.

Over the last 20 years the Dressage Hawke’s Bay organising committee has successfully run the Horse of the Year dressage competitions, with all the complications that come with running multiple grade events over a week. It involves huge amounts of voluntary effort and hours by very many people who give 110 per cent.
Rana Tama Te Rangi Huata

Te Rangi volunteers on a number of boards and committees, including Arts Inc Heretaunga and Ngā Toi Hawke’s Bay. The event for which he is possibly best known is the annual Fiesta of Lights, which he started with his brother Tama Huata in Hastings in 1998 to build pride and community spirit.

Now supported by 100 volunteers, the event attracts 15,000 visitors annually.

Te Rangi is very thoughtful, caring, enthusiastic, wise and meticulous, and has an eye for detail. He is compassionate and mindful of people who are less fortunate in one way or another.
Also the recipient of the last Heretaunga Taiwhenua Living Taonga Awards, held in 2015, Te Rangi continues to give back to the community, about which he is passionate. He is the first to acknowledge the hard work of others and is humble when receiving acknowledgements for his own achievements.

Te Rangi believes everyone should have the opportunity to be inspired and happy. He has a very positive attitude which motivates his passion to give of his talents and share with not only our community, but everyone he comes in contact with.
For decades Donald has dedicated his time to serving as an elder within his church. He has also been heavily involved in a number of voluntary roles across the community. Donald has spent considerable time guiding youth with learning difficulties and assisting in the establishment of SPELD Hawke’s Bay Inc.
Over the years Donald’s continued service and dedication has been recognised with the honours of branch patron and a life membership of the national organisation. Over the years Donald and his wife Aurea have also opened up their home to take care of children temporarily placed with them by the Department of Social Welfare. One of those youngsters stayed on as a foster child and is still part of the family today.

Donald is also dedicated to the spectacular landscape of Hawke’s Bay and is vice chairman of Hastings Heritage Trails Inc. A tremendous amount of his time and work has gone into helping develop the beautiful trails around Hawke’s Bay.

Donald has a passion for helping the community and is very good at looking after the elderly; taking them shopping, to church and to medical appointments.
Fae is heavily involved in a number of committees and spends numerous hours volunteering in the community.

Fae helps the elderly in Flaxmere with a variety of duties including taking them to medical appointments and cooking and delivering meals to people who are unwell, at her own expense.
Fae also organises outings and day trips for the elderly as well as taking them out of the region to experience other parts of the country.

Fae is a great organiser and nothing is ever a problem for her, no matter what project she gets involved with.
Frank Wilkins

INDIVIDUAL AWARD
Arts & Culture/Welfare

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Frank has been an active member of the Hastings Orphans Club for almost 30 years, continuing to volunteer today, despite being in his 90s. Frank is a well respected member and always performs his duties with his particular sense of humour and personalitity.

He is a stalwart of annual street appeals for many organisations, including the Heart Foundation, the Cancer Society and the Cransford Hospice Trust.

In the early 2000s Frank was a volunteer Hastings guide for the Hastings City Business Association, taking visitors and locals around the city centre on organised tours, explaining the history of the city and its art deco heritage. He was the key volunteer as these tours were established and dedicated hours of service. He was often the ‘go to’ person as he had a huge source of knowledge and always performed above everyone’s expectations.
Maree Forde-Harris

Health & Welfare

INDIVIDUAL AWARD
Maree has volunteered many hours at Duart House, Havelock North. As a committee member over the last 30 years she has been involved in restoring and maintaining the house and grounds. Maree is always on hand to bake, supply and sell plants for fundraising.

Over the years Maree has opened her garden to fundraise for Plunket; more recently her current property has been opened to visitors with all admission charges and plant sales going to Plunket and St Johns.

Maree has a passion for all she does in the community and she has been exemplary in her care and work.
Janice Hopkinson
INDIVIDUAL AWARD
Health & Welfare
Janice has been a long serving and valued volunteer for Presbyterian Support East Coast for nearly quarter of a century. From 1993 Janice volunteered at the Charity Shop (Stortford Lodge) and then from 1998 at the Presbyterian Support East Coast (PSEC) Joll Road Shop, in Havelock North.

Janice is an active Enliven volunteer, organising outings and driving the van for the elderly in Hastings. She also cooks at Cransford Hospice.

Janice is also a caregiver for St Columba Church, Havelock North, and is the convenor of after-funeral functions and other social activities.

Janice is an amazing help and fellow volunteers and all the elderly people she has helped all love her. She has a natural, warm character as well as compassion and empathy for others. Her willingness to continuously give to the community over the decades has been of enormous value.
Dennis Beets

Health & Welfare

INDIVIDUAL AWARD
Dennis is a fireman with the Waimarama Volunteer Rural Fire Force. As well as attending training twice a month and fire call outs as required, he maintains all the machinery and equipment and undertakes any other associated work. He also maintains the grounds at the fire station.

Outside of his fire fighting work, Dennis helps the Waimarama community with working bees and maintenance at the school and marae, and beach clean-up days. Dennis organised a firewood fundraiser for a school camp, spending a lot of time splitting wood at the weekends.

Even in retirement, Dennis spends numerous hours out in the community every week, giving his time and expertise to the Hawke’s Bay community.
Anthony Richardson
Tony has been a volunteer for Heretaunga Seniors for over 11 years, dedicating a minimum of two days every week. Tony ensures that many of the 100 members get to the centre by driving them to and from the centre, as well as setting up and cleaning the centre for the daily programmes.

Tony is extremely passionate and caring and goes above and beyond for the members. His dedication to the Heretaunga Seniors is always performed in the most humble and modest manner.

Tony received the 2012 HB Volunteer Individual Excellence Award for his service to Heretaunga Seniors.
Jillian Patricia Frizzell

INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Education & Youth
Jillian is assistant principal at Hastings Girls’ High School. In her 43 years with the school she has carried out a considerable number of extra duties and voluntary hours, outside of her remunerated duties.

Away from school, Jillian is a hospital chaplain, chairperson of the Liturgy Committee for the combined Hastings Catholic Parish, is a regular service reader and administers communion. She drives elderly people to church, visits the sick, delivers hot soup to the ill and carries out front of house duties for Hastings Choral Society concerts.

Deeply respected in the community, Jillian is known for her selflessness and her embodiment of Christian values. She has spent a lifetime in education and throughout her career she has worked diligently on behalf of and in support of the underdog.

Jillian has been the recipient of the National Excellence in Teaching Award and Woolf Fisher Travelling Fellowship.
Wayne Douglas Clark

INDIVIDUAL AWARD
Arts & Culture
Wayne has been a volunteer fire fighter for 35 years and is the station officer at the Havelock North Fire Brigade. Wayne has received the 14 years Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and the 25 years Gold Star Award.

Wayne has also been in the Vintage Car Club for 25 years, volunteering to set up many vintage displays, among other things, including driving the traction engine in the Hastings Blossom Parade.

Wayne has dedicated many hours and weeks over the decades to helping the community.

Wayne has been maintaining and running the Hastings Town Clock voluntarily for the past five years. He also supports 1931 earthquake commemorations and events run by the Art Deco Trust with steam engines and traction engines.
David Kitt

INDIVIDUAL AWARD
Arts & Culture
David has been an integral part of the music scene in Hawke’s Bay for over 40 years. In 1954, David was a founding member of the Hawke’s Bay Jazz Club and has contributed on a voluntary basis using his musical talents to many different clubs, rest homes and retirement villages, and at civic events and concerts.

Both David and his wife Margaret have shown a real willingness to assist in many charitable events, such as Telethons in the 1970s and 1980s, which raised funds for International Year of the Child and Arthritis Foundation.

Always the gentleman, David has devoted a large portion of his life to bringing his obvious love of music to the people of Hawke’s Bay. His dedication, enthusiasm and vast knowledge continue to inspire young musicians today as the couple continue to give of their time, professional knowledge and talents.
Margaret Kitt

INDIVIDUAL AWARD
Arts & Culture
Margaret has provided more than 40 years of consistent quality music to audiences and congregations in Hawke’s Bay either singing solo or leading congregational singing. Margaret has been inspiring and dedicated to voluntary services through her musical talents.

Margaret and husband David were instrumental in helping raise funds after the Sacred Heart Church burnt down in the late 1980’s. Fundraising activities and concerts were used to raise the money to rebuild and refurbish the church.

Margaret is known for being a library of musical facts and always looks at the story behind the songs.
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. Alternatively, you can contact Duncan on (06) 878 2383 or duncan@duncanbrownphotography.co.nz.

Photographs of the evening will also be available from www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/civicawards