



Civic Honours Awards

26 JUNE 2019

Order of Ceremony

MASTER OF CEREMONY

COUNCILLOR HENARE O'KEEFE,
HASTINGS AMBASSADOR

4.30PM **WELCOME DRINKS,
FOCAL POINT CINEMA FOYER**

5.30PM **MIHI WHAKATAU**

5.35PM **KARAKIA**

Kaumātua Mr Jerry Hapuku
Waiata: Kahurangi Māori Dance Theatre

5.45PM **ADDRESS TO THE RECIPIENTS
OF CIVIC HONOURS AWARDS**

Her Worship the Mayor: Sandra Hazlehurst

5.50PM **GUEST SPEAKER**

Wayne Forrest

6.05PM **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Councillors Henare O'Keefe and Malcolm Dixon

GROUP AWARD

- Cranford Hospice Gardeners (Health & Welfare)
- Hastings Citizens Advice Bureau (Health & Welfare)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Marie Dunningham (posthumously) (Health & Welfare)
- Patricia Ofa (Health & Welfare)
- Leon Stallard (Education & Youth)
- Rodney Triplow (Health & Welfare)
- Marie Edwards (Recreation & Sport)
- Selwyn Hawthorne (Recreation & Sport)
- Joseph Christensen (Arts & Culture)
- Brett How (posthumously) (Health & Welfare)
- Joan Thompson (Health & Welfare)
- Michael Lusk (Recreation & Sport)
- Elizabeth Carr (Health & Welfare)

7.10PM **KARAKIA**

Kaumātua Mr Jerry Hapuku
Waiata: Kahurangi Māori Dance Theatre

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8.15PM **CEREMONY CONCLUSION**

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As Hastings Mayor, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the 2019 Civic Honours Awards. The Hastings District Council has been celebrating outstanding volunteers in our community for the past 30 years and this event is the highlight of our year.

This year we honour individuals and groups who have given many years of generous voluntary service to our district.

Message from the Mayor

These awards are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and recognise volunteers who give back in so many ways to our community. It is our hard working, selfless people who make Hastings great. These volunteers dedicate a tremendous amount of time and energy to helping others in a quiet and unassuming way.

So tonight is about saying an enormous thank you to our volunteers and their families for their efforts. You are creating a positive change in many areas. Congratulations to those of you who have been recognised with a Civic Honours Award.

On behalf of the Hastings District, I thank you all for your hard work in making our community a great place to live. We are incredibly grateful for your tireless work for the people of the Hastings District.

Sandra Hazlehurst
Mayor, Hastings District Council

Wayne Forrest



GUEST SPEAKER

Certified life consultant and dream builder Wayne Forrest has worked with organisations and individuals for more than 10 years helping them build their dreams, accelerate their results and create richer, more fulfilling lives.

His passion is teaching others to unlock their true potential, live a life they love living, and his services as a transformational life coach and inspiring speaker are highly sought after.

The co-creator of CHB Swim 4 lives not-for-profit organisation, he has also been an Epic Ministries mentor for young men for a number of years at Central Hawke's Bay College.

He's a mentor for others with spinal injuries through Back-up NZ and his transformational in-depth coaching programmes help clients achieve new heights of success, meaning, and spiritual aliveness.

His workshops help people define, test and experience a crystal clear vision of the life they would love to be living and then achieve that aim.

Wayne's view is that a rugby accident he had more than 20 years ago, resulting in a dislocated neck and subsequently living his life in a wheelchair, happened for a reason – for him to spread aroha and inspire others.

He's not been defined by his circumstances - he's continued to embark on adventures, whether it be white water rafting or scuba diving, he's married and has four children, and overall he feels his life is blessed.



Weekly
Cranford Hospice
Gardeners

GROUP AWARD
**Health
& Welfare**



This small group of four skilled, committed volunteers often beaver away largely unnoticed, designing, creating and maintaining the Cranford Hospice gardens.

For years they have gathered once a week to plan, plant and maintain the gardens to a high standard on behalf of the Hawke's Bay community, and the loved ones who have donated to the garden in honour of a relative.



These gardens are of enormous value to patients, their visiting families and friends, and at the same time add an important place of peace and tranquillity for hospice staff.

The intangible benefit to the patients and visitors who walk or simply look out onto the colourful, immaculately maintained gardens cannot be underestimated.

Weekly Cranford Hospice Gardeners

Hastings Citizens Advice Bureau Incorporated

GROUP AWARD
**Health
& Welfare**



For 43 years the Hastings Citizens Advice Bureau has been helping people know and understand their rights and obligations, and how to use this information to get the best outcomes.

A recipient of the Hawke's Bay Volunteer Excellence Award in 2016 and International Year of the Volunteers Award in 2001, the organisation would not be what it is without its dedicated team of 29 trained volunteers.

Many of the volunteers have been with the bureau for more than 10 years, with one a member for 23 years, and over that time have touched or enriched the lives of many others.

With their calm approach, resourcefulness, leadership and commitment they have helped those more vulnerable members of the community with matters both simple and complex.



Hastings Citizens Advice Bureau Incorporated



INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**

Marie
Dunningham
(posthumous)



For 25 years Marie gave tireless service to Hastings District Grey Power, her last 12 years of involvement as president. She also held the roles of vice-president, treasurer and secretary.

She is remembered as always going the extra mile for the organisation, arranging for local MPs and councillors to speak at meetings, representing the local branch at zone meetings and national conferences, and making deputations on behalf of members to the hospital board and district council when they seemed to be getting a raw deal.



She also played a leadership role in the Hawke's Bay Live Poets' Society for more than 20 years, where as well as consistently contributing her own poems she was also a hugely enthusiastic committee member for many years.

Marie was known across all her activities as a friend to many, a kind, generous person who was devoted to her roles and will be missed.

Marie Dunningham

(posthumous)



A portrait of Patricia Ofa, a woman with dark hair, wearing a white flower in her hair and large hoop earrings. She is smiling slightly. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a fence.

(PT)
Patricia
Ofa

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**

Patricia founded the Talk to Me Flaxmere Trust and community group after hearing community concerns about suicide and has since actively collaborated with the Flaxmere community for suicide prevention.

Since 2015, this group made up of volunteers has worked with community stakeholders, partners and members of a range of agencies to deliver programmes focused on building resilience, leadership and strengthening the identity of youth.

This work is over and above her role with Rangatahi Services at Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga and her work with Flaxmere College, of which she is a long service member of the Board of Trustees, and her membership of the HB DHB's suicide prevention Local Response Team.

Patricia is committed to the kaupapa of suicide prevention and will continue to volunteer her time to make a positive difference to her community of Flaxmere.



(PT)
Patricia
Ofa

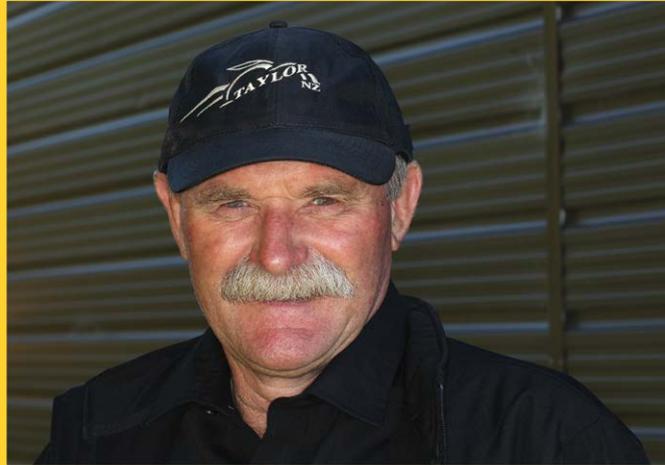
Leon Stallard



INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

Education & Youth

Leon Stallard



Leon has dedicated innumerable hours to support Hawke's Bay's fruitgrowers through his roles as Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers Association President 2005-2014, Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers Charitable Trust trustee (2005-current) and Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers executive committee member (1998-2005).

As the new president in 2005 he established the Hawke's Bay Young Fruitgrower of the Year competition – the first of its type for the nation's horticulture industry, which has since rolled out to other regions.

He was also instrumental in establishing the National Horticultural Field Days.

Both of these events have had a significant impact on the industry – the Hawke's Bay Young Fruitgrower competition has helped to attract and retain employees and boosted the recognition of the value of a horticultural career.

Even since standing down, Leon is always the first to put his hand up to provide assistance to other grower and fruitgrower association events.



INDIVIDUAL
AWARD
**Health
& Welfare**

Rodney Triplow



Rod has given more than 40 years voluntary service to the New Zealand Fire Service since starting out with the Havelock North Volunteer Fire Brigade in 1973.

Since that time he has worked his way up the ranks to Chief Fire Officer, a title he still holds today.

He has received multiple medals and associated bars including a 14-year long service and good conduct medal and the 25-year Gold Star medal.

Rod served on the executive of the Wellington Provincial Fire Brigade Association from 2001-2006 and was president of this organisation from 2005-2006.

He retired from competing in waterway competitions in about 1997, but subsequently became a judge up to national level, at which he is still involved.

Overall Rod contributed countless hours across many facets of the New Zealand Fire Service (now known as FENZ).

Rodney
Triplow



A woman with short brown hair, wearing sunglasses, a black jacket, and a patterned scarf, stands on a green golf course. A large, leafless tree is to her left. In the background, there are golf course buildings and a clear blue sky.

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Recreation
& Sport**

Marie
Edwards



Marie Edwards

For 20 years Marie has organised the Waitangi Day family celebrations at Farndon Park in Clive, incorporating historical European content with local iwi whakapapa.

This involves many hours over about two months each year co-ordinating the stalls, entertainment, rides, signs, refreshments and more for this popular community event.

The celebrations, that bring people together and help broaden their cultural understanding, would not have happened without her work, effort and care over the years.



Selwyn Hawthorne

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD
**Recreation
& Sport**



Selwyn Hawthorne

Both the Scouts Association of New Zealand Waiapu zone and Little Elms Charitable Trust are indebted to Selwyn for his relentless and much appreciated voluntary efforts supporting and helping with the Weka Point campsite re-development and the construction of the Little Elms building.

This was in addition to his fundraising and support for the Carters Cranford Hospice Build and Auction and the Air Training Corps 13 Squadron, Hastings.

A voluntary co-ordinator for the Weka Point campsite redevelopment to celebrate the Scouting NZ centennial in 2011, Selwyn's contribution included negotiating contracts, fundraising and logistics to reach a very successful conclusion.

He was a key player in the building of Little Elms village, contributing significantly to promotion and fundraising efforts, and supporting the construction of the building.

Since its completion, Selwyn has continued to be a staunch supporter and fundraiser for both Little Elms and the Trucking for Hawke's Bay Child Cancer Charitable Trust, of which he is a trustee.

He was made a life member of Little Elms Charitable Trust in 2010.



INDIVIDUAL
AWARD
**Arts &
Culture**

Joseph Christensen



One of Hawke's Bay's best known musicians, Joseph has contributed many voluntary hours to extending the knowledge and appreciation of music in the community.

This has included volunteering on numerous committees including chair of Opera HB from 2001 to 2005, chair of the New Zealand Choral Federation East Coast 2011-2016, and membership of the Hastings Creative Communities Assessment committee.

He has also served as a production manager or coordinator either unpaid or with a small honoraria, for many concerts and conventions.

Since 2004, Joseph has directed two adult choirs in the region (Hastings Choral Society from 2004 and Cantare since 2010), along with many school and extraordinary choirs.

Although paid a small honoraria for the adult choirs, the payments don't reflect the actual hours Joseph needs to spend choosing music, auditioning, teaching, choosing soloists, and working with accompanists, orchestras and bands.

His efforts give joy to performers and audiences and increase the knowledge and appreciation of music for all.



Joseph Christensen





(Gonzo)
Brett
(posthumous) **How**

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD
**Health
& Welfare**



Brett, aka Gonzo, served about 20 years as a volunteer crewman on the Hawke's Bay Lowe Corp Rescue Helicopter, dedicating an extraordinary amount of hours to helping others.

As well as participating in numerous rescues, he was always on standby even if not rostered on, and could be relied upon to step in if needed, and was one of the most skilled and reliable crewmen the service had ever had.

(Gonzo)
Brett
(posthumous) **How**

Along with pilot Charlie Beetham and the New Zealand Search & Rescue team (NZSAR), Brett received an award from NZSAR in May 2017 for a particularly difficult rescue of trampers on the Ruahine Ranges.

Aside from the rescue helicopter he also gave his time to Raureka School where he was on the board for about nine years, and he also served for many years on the Heretaunga Free Kindergarten Association board.

Renowned for his wicked sense of humour, Brett never sought recognition for what he did, he just liked helping others.



INDIVIDUAL
AWARD
**Health
& Welfare**

Joan Thompson



Joan Thompson

For more than 30 years Joan has been dedicated to the Catholic parish of Hastings serving as a Minister of the Eucharist, as a liturgy committee member, a Mass co-ordinator on Sundays and a regular organiser and helper at Masses for the deaf, part of the Church cleaning team, part of the annual “Flowers in Praise” festival, and a visitor to the sick.

In all her activities she has been exemplary – kind, thoughtful and practical, she is a good listener with a cheerful disposition.

Joan is always to be found in the parish kitchen before and after any function, she is devoted to the parish elderly providing transport for them to functions, and is part of the bereavement team.

A member of the St Vincent de Paul Society, for about 25 years Joan has been very involved visiting people in hospital and visiting and helping people in need, and in her spare time she knits for babies in hospital and makes blankets to keep patients warm in the hospital chapel.

Every parish needs a Joan Thompson.



Michael Lusk

PINUS BRUTIA
This tree is a direct descendant
of the tree on Lone Pine Ridge
at Gallipoli



INDIVIDUAL
AWARD
**Recreation
& Sport**

Michael Lusk

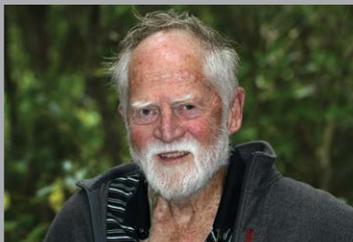
Mike is a volunteer caretaker for Te Mata Park, dedicating many hours to maintain, care for and make improvements to the park.

Mike set up the “Friends of Te Mata Park” voluntary group in 2002 after starting his own volunteer work in the 1990s. He still leads the group and also spends a lot of his own personal time working in the park.

He is also actively involved at Cape Kidnappers sanctuary, volunteers at Boundary Stream and Lake Opouahi, and was involved in the Hawke’s Bay Botanical Group.

In 2007 he received a Hawke’s Bay Environmental Award for “leadership in the environmental care and development of Te Mata” and his efforts have been enjoyed by thousands of the local community as well as out of town visitors.

It is largely thanks to his efforts that the park is the taonga that it is today.



INDIVIDUAL
AWARD
**Health
& Welfare**

Elizabeth
Carr



Elizabeth Carr

A chartered accountant for more than 20 years, Elizabeth has given her time and expertise to a number of charitable entities over the years.

This has included many voluntary hours contributed to the Te Mata Park Trust board, the Hastings Swimming Charitable Trust as a trustee, Hawke's Bay Cultural Trust as a trustee, Hawke's Bay Opera House as a trustee and a member of the Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga audit and risk committee for many years.

A key advisor for Mihiroa Marae and PukePuke Tangiora Estate, Elizabeth has dedicated more than 30 years to assisting with accounting and other duties, going beyond the call of duty.

Elizabeth's impact has been felt across the community through numerous organisations that she has given her time and commitment to, generously sharing her knowledge and capability.

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Photos

Photos from tonight's ceremony and the award recipients 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

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