

Civic Honours Awards 2020

27 AUGUST 2020



Civic Honours Awards Ceremony



CIVIC HONOURS AWARDS

HASTINGS & BRIGHTON



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Order of Ceremony

MASTER OF CEREMONY

COUNCILLOR HENARE O'KEEFE,
HASTINGS AMBASSADOR

4.30PM WELCOME DRINKS,
TOITOI – FUNCTIONS ON HASTINGS

5.30PM MIHI WHAKATAU

5.35PM KARAKIA

Kaumātua Mr Jerry Hapuku
Waiata: Kahurangi NZ Māori Dance Theatre

5.45PM ADDRESS TO THE RECIPIENTS
OF CIVIC HONOURS AWARDS

Her Worship the Mayor: Sandra Hazlehurst

5.50PM GUEST SPEAKER

Charlie Beetham



6.05PM PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Councillors Henare O’Keefe and Malcolm Dixon

GROUP AWARD

- Nourished for Nil
- Karitwhenua Stream Landcare Group
- Keirunga the Creative Hub “Rebuild Board”
- Choralairs

6.25PM MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Choralairs

6.30PM CONTINUATION OF AWARDS

Councillors Henare O’Keefe and Malcolm Dixon

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Betty Ho
- Kay Whelan
- Sukhdeep Singh
- Lesley Hurrey
- Ralph Hurrey
- Lochie MacGillivray
- Rizwaana Latiff
- Julianne McCracken
- James Stevenson
- Ross Duncan
- Matthew Scott Henderson

MAYORAL AWARD

- Patton Engineering

7.25PM KARAKIA

Kaumātua Mr Jerry Hapuku
Waiata: Kahurangi Māori Dance Theatre

7.30PM REFRESHMENTS

8.30PM CEREMONY CONCLUSION



HAWK
OPERA



Message from the Mayor

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you all to the 2020 Hastings District Council Civic Honours Awards. This ceremony is the highlight of our year and what a year it has been! We are incredibly excited to be able to celebrate our awards night this year after all of the challenges over the past few months. It has been a tradition of our council for the past 30 years and it's an honour to do it again.

COVID-19 and the lockdown has really shone a light on the value of our hard working volunteers and it is more important than ever that we celebrate our stars of community service.

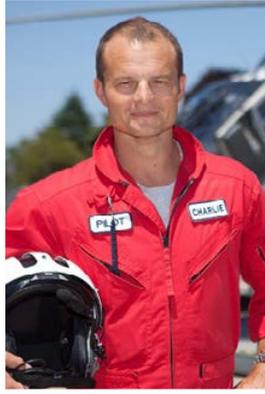
This year, we honour individuals and groups who not only shone very brightly during the COVID-19 lockdown, but also those who continued to serve our Hastings community in spite of it.

These awards are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and recognise those who give back in so many ways. Tonight is about saying an enormous thank you to our volunteers and community service stars who make Hastings great.

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 selfless and tireless work to help the people of Heretaunga, Hastings.

Sandra Hazlehurst
Mayor, Hastings District Council

Charlie Beetham



GUEST SPEAKER

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Nourished for Nil

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
Margaret Mead

Nourished:Nil



GROUP AWARD
**Health
& Welfare**



For the last three and a half years Nourished for Nil has redistributed excess, surplus or unsold food without judgement or qualification to members of the Hastings and wider Hawke's Bay community.



This food, which is sourced from supermarkets, cafes, catering, packhouses and people's gardens is saved from going to waste.

Nourished for Nil has two paid staff and more than 40 volunteers who run the organisation five days a week.

In 2018, 420 tonnes of food was rescued, rising to 780 tonnes in 2019. Already 2020's numbers are looking to be double last year's.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, more than 19,000 people were served over six weeks – equivalent to more than 900 food parcels a week.



Nourished for Nil

GROUP AWARD
**Recreation
& Sport**

Karituwhenua Stream Landcare Group



Karituwhenua Stream Landcare Group

Formed in 1992, and believed to be the first urban landcare group in New Zealand the Karituwhenua Stream Landcare Group has 52 members (20 active) who have planted hundreds of native and exotic trees in the area to encourage a wide range of birdlife.

They have also cleared the stream bed and formed pathways to follow the stream for almost a kilometre rising gently from the Te Mata Rd access with seating provided along the way.

The walkway, which has attracted national praise, is a haven for relaxing and enjoying the flora and fauna. It attracts up to 400 visitors a week from across Hastings and beyond.

Volunteers continue to develop the area to improve the visitor experience, which feedback shows people consider a “hidden gem”, and a “delightful, sheltered nature-rich walk.”





Keirunga Gardens Art & Crafts Society Inc.
The Creative Hub
Project: RE-BUILDING AND FINE REINSTATEMENT
OF ARTIST'S STUDIOS AND THEATRE
Stage 1 of 2 - New Complete
Keirunga Gardens Art & Crafts Society Inc. Phone: 0603 4025
www.keirungagardens.co.nz

Keirunga the Creative Hub “Rebuild Board”



The Keirunga Gardens Cultural Hub is a base for many local arts organisations – from painting to spinning, weaving, folk art, book arts, theatre, Tai Chi and more.

Following a devastating fire in 2016 that destroyed a considerable part of the garden's heritage building, dedicated volunteers led a project to demolish, fundraise and rebuild the community facility.



The Rebuild Board members took on additional responsibilities to oversee the work from start to finish.

Their efforts led to the opening of a new building in February 2019.



Keirunga the Creative Hub “Rebuild Board”



Choralairs

GROUP AWARD
**Arts &
Culture**



This Hastings-based choir was formed about 25 years ago as a small group within the Hastings Choral Society.

Their membership now sits at 17 singers who are experienced choristers and share their talents, musical knowledge and commitment with rest homes, retirement villages, numerous community groups and organisations and more across Hastings.

They are invited to perform on average once a month, although approaching Christmas they are even more in demand.

Their visits are much appreciated by those who they sing for – for older people the power of music has beneficial physical and mental health outcomes, and often takes them on a trip down memory lane, reminding them of “the good old days”.

The group rehearses every week for 90 minutes and has an extensive repertoire that is varied to suit individual audiences.



Choralairs

Betty Ho

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**





Betty is a true community champion, who for the last 14 years has been available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, going above and beyond to help out the Kiribati Hawke's Bay community.

As well as looking after her mother by herself at home, Betty often helps the local Kiribati community as a translator, for situations such as hospital and WINZ visits.

She fundraises for causes and families, and she drives people when they need transport.

She is an advocate for the Kiribati community as their representative for the Hawke's Bay "No to Violence" programme, and she attends workshops throughout New Zealand.

Her phone is ringing day and night with requests for assistance – without Betty the Kiribati community wouldn't function as well as it does.

Betty Ho

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**

**Kay
Whelan**





Driven by strong beliefs in justice, fairness and kindness, Kay has supported and advocated for women and other groups over many years.

A long-time volunteer at Heretaunga Women's Centre, for almost 10 years she has also been a member of the National Council of Women Hawke's Bay branch – nine years on the executive committee and as president from 2015 to 2019.

Her efforts have included bringing national issues back to the table in Heretaunga to give local women an opportunity to become part of the democratic process, and also supporting women to attend appointments and providing general advocacy.

Kay is also a keen supporter of the Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank and has contributed items to it, including pieces pertaining to Kate Sheppard who was the first president of the National Council of Women.

These efforts, along with her years of experience in the Family Court system and work with groups like Parents Centre, have made for a very valuable contribution to local women's lives.

Sukhdeep Singh

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**



Since Sukhdeep arrived in New Zealand in 2010 he has been a passionate advocate for the migrant community and at-risk youth.

He has been very active in the community, involved with: the Multicultural Association (currently the president), Te Taitimu Trust, Te Ora Hou Trust and the Sikh Society of Hastings.

Sukhdeep has been highly active with the COVID-19 welfare response, helping meet the welfare needs of more than 450 migrant people.

At all times he helps people in many ways from filling out forms to going with them to hospital, attending local events and supporting those who struggle with their English.

Sukhdeep Singh

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**



**Lesley
Hurrey**

Lesley Hurrey



A board member and volunteer at Age Concern Flaxmere, Lesley commits a great deal of her time to this voluntary work.

She organises day activities, including outings, and arranges to drive people to individual medical appointments, and she visits people in their homes, at rest homes and keeps in contact by phone.

This can see her phone ringing at all hours of the day and Age Concern Flaxmere simply could not function to the level it does if not for Lesley's dedication and commitment.

During the COVID-19 lockdown period she kept in touch with everyone and delivered food or picked up medication for those who could not get out. With the libraries closed she lent out her own books to people living alone to brighten their day.

She's the "go-to" person that everybody relies on, and does this purely out of dedication to her role.



INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**

Ralph Hurrey


Hastings
NZRDA

Ralph Hurrey



For Ralph, there's barely enough time in the day to carry out all the voluntary work he does for the community.

He's a constant presence at Age Concern Flaxmere helping out driving, maintaining vehicles, cleaning up and taking rubbish to the dump, and organising dry firewood for those in need.

He also volunteers for Riding for the Disabled, helping to lead horses during therapeutic rides and carrying out general work around the centre that needs doing.

Along with his wife Lesley, he was tireless assisting people in need during the COVID-19 lockdown - driving around and making sure people's properties were clean and tidy.

A true gentleman who never complains, Ralph is always happy to help out and his efforts are much appreciated.



Lochie MacGillivray

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**



Lochie MacGillivray



His focus has been on helping farmers get through, including getting the Mayoral Drought Relief Fund up and running, leading the coordination of the “lifestyle feed runs”, and speaking for the farming community to media, MPs, transport companies and feed supply companies.

He has also been on-farm with those hardest hit, helping load and unload feed, and creating and analysing feed plans.

As chair of RAG, Lochie has been supported throughout by the whole RAG team, but their goals would not have been achieved without his capable, dedicated leadership.

His work is still not over – his focus and contribution will be required for another few months before RAG can step back into a less front line role.

This year’s drought has been described as the worst for Hawke’s Bay in living memory, coupled with COVID-19 proving a hugely challenging time for local farmers.

Through his voluntary leadership role at the Rural Advisory Group (RAG), Lochie has made a huge impact supporting the farming community faced with stock feed shortages and more.

Rizwaana Latiff

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**





Rizwaana is well known across the Hastings community, her involvement and activities spanning a wide spectrum of groups and organisations, with a particular focus on assisting migrant communities.

A member of the Hawke's Bay Multicultural Association (president March 2016 – November 2019), she was a key organiser of International Cultures Day in 2017 and 2018, and piloted the Women's Wellbeing Framework for the NZ Federation of Multicultural Councils, which is now rolling out nationally.

She has worked with Waipatu Marae to introduce migrants to Māori culture and is currently a member of Hastings District Council's diversity strategy working group.

Rizwaana has been president of Hawke's Bay Zonta from 2017 till now where she has been instrumental in organising events to promote women's empowerment.

From March 2018 to the present she has been the Hawke's Bay Settlement Forum president working with a wide variety of stakeholders, and has also been a member of the Hawke's Bay Plunket Board committee (2014-2016) when she helped to set up the Plunket Indian Mum's group, and with which she remains involved as a volunteer.

She was also instrumental in setting up Hastings Bellyful, an organisation providing meals to new parents.



Rizwaana Latiff

Julienne McCracken

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**



As a member of the Catholic Parish of Hastings Julienne is fully involved in all aspects of Parish and family life.

She is a Minister of the Eucharist and a reader at Mass, and is an integral part of the bereavement team that works with priests and undertakers to prepare for services.



She helps with the elderly of the Parish and also visits those who are sick, often making goodies to cheer them up.

One of the main instigators of “Flowers in Praise” – an inter-faith floral festival held in Hastings – Julienne is also a very valuable liturgy committee member.

An important role model within the church and wider Hastings community, she also helps St Vincent de Paul providing food and Christmas parcels, spends many hours tending the flower and vegetable gardens at the local priests’ residences and helps with the Parish Pasifika youth group.



Julienne McCracken

James Stevenson

INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**





A long-time Clive resident, Jim has contributed much to his community over the years, and also to local youth through the 11 Squadron Hastings Air Training Corps, which he joined as an officer in 1975.

He became a unit commander in 1985, a position he held for 10 years and his achievements throughout his time at ATC have included organising, planning and building a new Drill Hall at Bridge Pa that is the envy of ATC's throughout New Zealand.

He has also been a fundraiser for activities such as camps, outdoor experiences and equipment, all contributing to valuable life skills for the young people involved.

Jim has led and participated in numerous camps and community projects, and also organised the 50th jubilee of formation of Hastings ATC, the Freedom of the City parade in 1991, and the 75th jubilee in 2016.



A long-serving member of the Clive Lions group, he was a leading member of a dedicated team that restored the Clive Community Hall after a serious fire about 10 years ago.

He has continued to assist with hall projects and is very generous with his time and talent to a number of groups in the Clive area.

James Stevenson

Ross Duncan



INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Education
& Youth**



Ross has spent an impressive 60 years as a YMCA volunteer, having been involved in the organisation as a youth.

After training at the YMCA College in Homebush, Ross was a youth worker for YMCA in Hawke's Bay for nine years, before joining the board as a volunteer.

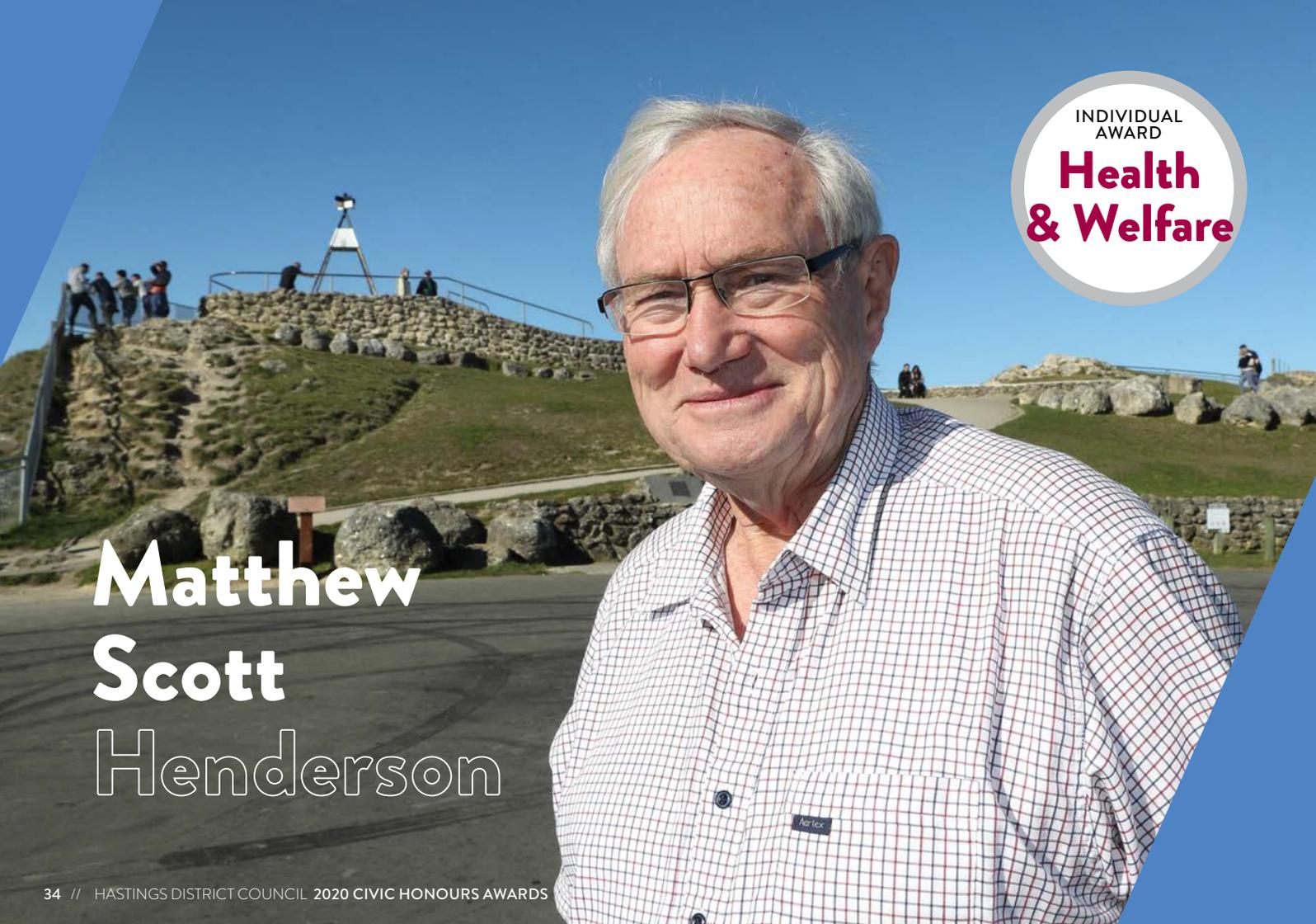
A life member of Hawke's Bay YMCA he has held posts on the national board, and has spent countless hours advocating for youth and the YMCA.

Over the years he has mentored, supported and advised numerous staff and fellow board members, and was a driving

force behind such Hawke's Bay initiatives as the YMCA farm and training programme, Camp Opoutama, Hastings Sport Stadium and Michael's Place (a pub without beer) and many more.

Ross's efforts have also been recognised with the National YMCA Presidential Award for Distinguished Service.

Ross Duncan



INDIVIDUAL
AWARD

**Health
& Welfare**

**Matthew
Scott
Henderson**

Matthew Scott Henderson



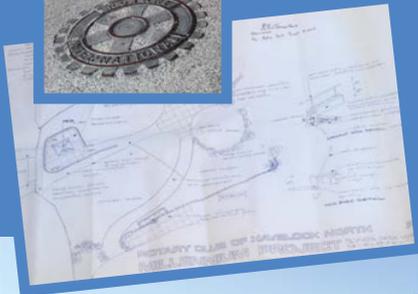
His community involvement also includes cleaning up the Kiwi breeding pens near Napier Airport, acting as a marshal for the club's Country to Coast fun run, arranging car parking wardens for the bi-annual Holly Hospice event, along with many other activities to which he has given countless hours.

His contribution to the club has been recognised with a Paul Harris Fellowship award given to Rotarians for outstanding service to their club and the community.

Outside of Rotary he has also participated for many years on the Cranford Hospice committee, chaired Radio Kidnappers, holds the role of an elder at St Columbus Church and been a chair of Lusk House, a facility for elderly people to meet.

Scott is a longstanding member of the Rotary Club of Havelock North, which he joined in 1968. President of the club in 1993/94 he continues to be an active member.

Participating in numerous projects, his most notable contribution to the community though Rotary was the project to develop Te Mata Peak Park, for which he was a driving force behind the development planning.

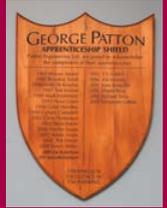




Mayoral
Award

Patton Engineering





Operating for 65 years, Patton Engineering Ltd is a long-time fixture in the Hastings landscape, which in more recent years has set its sights on giving back to the community.

In addition to its engineering services, this organisation has taken the extra step to support the district's young people into trades employment.

This has included supplying Hastings Boys High School with cutting edge equipment for the engineering and woodwork departments, and working with other local firms to encourage them to offer apprenticeship training.

The equipment supplied to the school has included new MIG welders and related woodwork shop gear.

Every second week eight young men are taken to the company's workshop to learn engineering, and from these efforts it now has about five apprentices from the school.

As well as promoting the apprenticeship opportunities to other businesses, Patton Engineering provides financial support to achieve this.



Patton Engineering



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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