

# Civic Honours Awards Ceremony



# Order of Ceremony

5.00PM \* DRINKS ON ARRIVAL

6.00PM \* ARRIVAL OF HIS WORSHIP  
THE MAYOR OF HASTINGS,  
LAWRENCE YULE

6.05PM \* KARAKIA  
Kaumatua: Mr Jerry Hapuku

6.10PM \* ADDRESS TO THE RECIPIENTS  
OF CIVIC HONOURS AWARDS  
His Worship the Mayor: Lawrence Yule

6.17PM \* GUEST OF HONOUR SPEECH  
Denise Coulam, Chairperson of the  
East Coast Council of NZ Red Cross

6.35PM \* PRESENTATION OF AWARDS  
**DAVID SYKES**  
LONG SERVICE AWARD // CIVIL DEFENCE  
**JIM EDWARDS**  
ARTS AND CULTURE  
**PAULINE POHATU, TAPUTU KAUTAI, FERN HAWKINS**  
EDUCATION AND YOUTH  
**PHILIP HARMAN**  
SPORT AND RECREATION  
**SHAREE JONES**  
SPORT AND RECREATION  
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EDUCATION AND YOUTH

7.10PM \* KARAKIA  
Kaumatua: Mr Jerry Hapuku

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# Message from the Mayor

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2016 Hastings District Council Civic Honours Awards. Tonight we honour six individuals and one group, each of whom has given many years of voluntary service to the community.

Life always seems to be a rush these days and it can be hard to find time to put your name forward as a volunteer but it is well known that volunteering can have many benefits. Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together and helps make the district a better place to live.

One of the better-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people and organisations.

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.

Volunteering is very definitely a two-way street; it can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help.

While some people are naturally outgoing, others are shy and have a hard time meeting new people. Volunteering gives those people the opportunity to practice and develop their social skills, as they regularly meet with a group of people who have common interests.

The compassion you have shown in volunteering serves as an inspiration to us all. We all know just how stressful it can be for the people who find themselves in need of the services you provide, and I am sure that your words and actions will have gone a long way toward helping them keep their dignity.

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

Again this year, nominations have been received for volunteers from many different walks of life. 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.

As volunteers you are worth your weight in gold. You have given your time and talents without any compensation, and I gratefully acknowledge that contribution to our community.

I congratulate those of you who have been recognised with a Civic Honours Award. Your dedication is greatly valued by Hastings District Council and the community alike, and the award you will receive at this ceremony 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, Hastings District Council



Arts &  
Culture



Jim Edwards

The Ngā Tukemata-O-Kahungunu Trust was formed in 1990 by Jim Edwards and his wife Marie.

The name means the eyebrows of Kahungunu, well known in the history of the area between Mahia and Wairarapa. The trust was named in an effort to keep the legend of Kahungunu alive and so that the story would be retold every time someone asked about the trust. It was also hoped that the story would provide a link with the past and to traditional Māori values.

The Trust began as an arts and carving collective, helping to restore the self esteem of the hundreds of people who were left devastated by the closure of the Tomoana Freezing works in the 90's. The original group included 28 local artists and carvers and over the past 30 years the trust has touched thousands of lives.



The trust focuses its work on the support of people from all walks of life with disabilities. Jim and Marie identified a need to look after families, keep those who were disabled at home and make sure they're looked after right to the end of their days.

One of the trust's major projects has been the carving of a waka. It was originally moored at Ahuriri but during the millennium celebrations, with Hastings District Council support,



it was relocated to the Clive River where it now rests. The waka is used for training and tourist excursions and has been a focal part of the Waitangi Day celebrations at Farndon Park.

The Ngā Tukemata o Kahungunu Trust continues to be a hands-on therapy for those who have a permanent disability. It endeavours to upskill people with disabilities and help them find employment. Funding for the trust has always been very limited and Jim and Marie have had to dip into their own pockets to make up the financial shortfall.

Under the guidance of Jim and Marie, the Ngā Tukemata-O-Kahungunu Trust has made a significant impact on the community. It has helped uplift individuals and the region through the dedication and financial support given by these two people.



# Pauline Pohatu, Taputu Kautai, Fern Hawkins



Education  
& Youth





The Flaxmere College Parent Teacher Association is a group of supportive parents, grandparents and community members who work to assist the pupils in the development of their talents, self-esteem and character and to ensure they have the ability to lead a full and productive life.

Over the past 23 years, many people have put their shoulders to the wheel to help the students by offering their support to the PTA, but three people have stood out over that period of time.

Pauline Pohatu, Taputu Kautai and Fern Hawkins have been stalwarts of the PTA, even though

their own children left the college a long time ago. Some of their grandchildren have also completed their education at the college, but still these three women continue to volunteer their time and energy to the school.

They are there each day to run the college breakfast club. They follow this up by monitoring the student areas to ensure that all the pupils have everything they need to undertake their studies. If a student is unwell, needs to pick up sports gear or their uniform or visit town, the ladies are there to help sort out all the students needs.

They also support students whānau. This can be as simple as a visit to offer support or to provide a food hamper or clothing. An area at the college is set aside for new whānau and the ladies are often on hand to welcome these families to the school and assist with information on how they can become involved in their child's learning.

Another extremely valuable service provided by these ladies is the provision of food for pupils who arrive at school without lunch.

From running sausage sizzles to provide funding for scholarships or to purchase canteen furniture, through to the support of parents and teachers, Pauline, Taputu and Fern continue to be an amazing part of college life on behalf of the Flaxmere Parent Teachers Association.



Sport &  
Recreation

Phil  
Harman

Phil Harman joined the Waimarama Surf Life Saving Club back in 1981 and is still an active lifeguard and Patrol Captain at Waimarama Beach.

During that period of time, he has been involved in a wide range of roles for the club including Club Captain, competitor, lifeguard, board member and examiner. Phil was a foundation member of the HB Rescue Helicopter Service Trust, where he volunteered as a crewman for eight years and later became the first full time crewman on the establishment of the Lowe Walker Rescue Helicopter Service. He is also a long serving member and co-ordinator of Surf Life Savings Hawke's Bay call out squad for Marine Search and Rescue.

He has been honoured many times for his efforts in surf life saving. He was named Surf Life Saving Hawke's Bay's lifeguard of the year in 2004, 2008 and again in 2010. He was also honoured nationally in 2010 with NZ Surf Life Saving's instructor/examiner of the year award.

Phil is also the HB district IRB Chief Examiner and in that capacity has helped upskill members of all Hawke's Bay surf clubs.

Phil has held various lifeguarding advisory roles at a district and national level and chaired the HB district lifeguard advisory committee for a number of years. As a senior member of the Waimarama Surf Club, he is involved in the training, development and coaching of new lifeguards, training and coaching of IRB (inflatable rescue boat) drivers and crewman, patrol captains, instructors and examiners.

Phil Harman has given unselfishly in volunteering his time and energy to the Waimarama Surf Life Saving Club. He takes enormous pride in providing top level service to both club members and visitors to Waimarama Beach during the summer.



A woman with dark hair, wearing a grey and white patterned sweater and black pants, is sitting in a stadium of blue plastic seats. She is smiling and has her hands clasped in her lap. The seats are arranged in rows, and the background is filled with them, creating a sense of depth.

# Sharee Jones

Sport &  
Recreation



Sharee Jones has inspired many young athletes from all around Hawke's Bay in their efforts to reach their potential and to perform at the highest level.

She is currently the Chairperson of the Hastings Athletics Club and HBG children's athletic committee, secretary of Athletics Hawke's Bay Gisborne and is on the Administration Committee of the New Zealand Children's Athletic Association.

Sharee has lent her support to a large number of athletes from the region over many years and continues to carry a huge workload, mainly behind the scenes. Some of her many and varied jobs are to enter athletes into competitions, ensure that

everyone knows what is going on in the club and encourages parents and supporters to become volunteers to help run athletics meetings.

As chairperson of the HBG children's committee, she helps organise all the children's athletics meetings in Hawke's Bay and uses the knowledge gained from being part of the New Zealand Children's Athletics Association to ensure that all athletes from around the region can participate in competitions, no matter what their skill level may be.

Since the passing of Hastings Athletics Club stalwart Alan Potts, Sharee has taken over running club nights each Tuesday evening, where 100's of young athletes hone their skills. She also

organises the clubs senior teams and ensures that the club is represented at regional, national and international events.

Sharee has coordinated a large number of teams that have successfully flown the regions flag at meetings all over the country. She is currently heading the organising committee for the North Island Colgate games in 2017. This prestigious event will be held at the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park and will be attended by around 1500 athletes from all over the North Island.

Sharee continues to show immense dedication in support of athletes from all around Hawke's Bay and Gisborne, on top of raising her family and working as a nurse.



## Education & Youth

# Leg-Up Trust

The Leg-Up Trust reaches out to disadvantaged youth who suffer from social or behavioral or emotional problems, by teaching them how to engage positively with horses.

The Leg Up Trust was set up in 2002 when founder Ros Rowe realised that horses could reach youth in a way no human could. She watched young people undergo a shift in attitude and outlook and decided that forming a

trust that was based on the relationship between humans and horses, rather than performance, could bring major rewards.

Many of the young people who come in contact with the Leg-Up Trust have been put in the 'too hard' basket and are in desperate need of a second chance at life. The Trust uses horses to instill greater confidence in these people, teaches them life skills and importantly, gives them



something to get up for in the morning. Many of the trusts clients have been through incredibly difficult times; some have suffered abuse, are at risk of suicide or are young offenders.

The trust teaches the young people how to work in harmony with the horse, how to communicate, manage anger, experience unconditional love and acceptance, gain confidence and learn clear boundaries.

The Leg-Up Trust also rescues abused and neglected horses, which arrive in the paddock with stories that resonate strongly with the young people, many of whom have been through similar circumstances.

The trust receives no government funding, so much of the volunteers time and energy is focussed on raising money to keep it afloat.

The trust is run by around six volunteers and three paid staff and in the rural setting just outside Flaxmere, lessons are mixed with practical jobs and time with the horses. Some students have been enrolled with the Correspondence School as mainstream schooling is not an option for them.

Over the past 14 years, the Leg-Up Trust has provided support and guidance for hundreds of disadvantaged youths from throughout Hawke's Bay.



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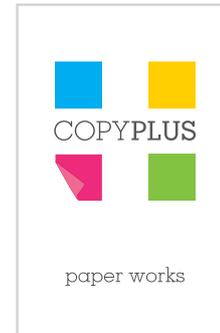
## DUNCAN BROWN

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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