

Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Service and Youth Service Award Nominations 2023

	Community Service Award Nominee	Service location	Length of service	Activity or service	Who in the community has benefitted from the nominee's activity service?	Letters or evidence of support	Previous Community Service Award or Civic Award Recipient	Nominators
1	Canterbury Society of Model and Experimental Engineers	Halswell Domain	19 years	Canterbury Society of Model and Experimental Engineers (CSMEE) runs the miniature trains in Halswell Domain, initiating their Halswell Domain activity in 2004 after moving from their original site in Spreydon. They have recently expanded their activity to include miniature boats on the adjacent pond. The miniature trains run every Sunday from 1pm to 4pm, weather permitting, with a typical attendance of 1,000 people or more. An idea of their popularity across a large number of people is their social media presence, having a Facebook page with 14,000 followers. This is a remarkable level of success and commitment given that the miniature trains are entirely run by volunteers.	The value of facilities such as the miniature trains to the local community is that they boost its cohesiveness. Most obviously, the miniature trains provide a bumping space for people to meet and chat informally. A Halswell Residents' Association survey from February 2022 quantified this, with nearly 20% of respondents expecting to meet someone they know at facilities such as the miniature trains. This sort of opportunity is often limited in rapidly growing areas such as Halswell, where many people are comparatively new to the community. Furthermore, the miniature trains provide a great bonding experience between children and grandparents. CSMEE actively welcomes volunteers, with a team of 20 meeting each week to maintain and improve the facility. Having this system of volunteering also allows retirees to give back to the community and maintain social contact as opportunities for ongoing social contact, can be limited.	Not provided	Not previously awarded	John Bennett David Hawke
2	Alan Aitken	Riccarton	Over 35 years	Having grown up in Riccarton, Alan has served this community in countless ways. In 1996 he founded the Community Development Trust as a way of serving young people through kids camps, teenage camps and community youth work in Hornby and Riccarton. He continued as its manager for 19 years and continues still as an advisor and mentor for many of the staff. Alan has also served in a variety of leadership capacities at Riccarton Community Church for over 35 years, as a youth pastor, pastor and is currently a trustee. Alan has also been instrumental in setting up the 24-7 Youth Work network which serves over 80 different schools across New Zealand. 24-7 Youth Work started in 1999 through a partnership of Spreydon Youth Community (SYC) and Riccarton High School. Alan has written policies, established numerous systems, and served on the leadership team for the network where he continues as a trustee. Alan has also served as a trustee for Riccarton High School and the Gloriavale Leavers Trust.	Thousands of kiwis have been impacted both directly by Alan's service to the community and through ripples of his influence throughout New Zealand. In Riccarton, Alan's faithful service through local organisations such as Riccarton Community Church and Community Development Network Trust has been transformational both for the community of young people and families served, as well as highly influential for dozens of up-and-coming leaders. One of Alan's finest strengths is in his humility which means that he empowers the next generation of leaders to step up into his shoes, and he completely supports those leaders to grow and thrive.	Not provided	Not previously awarded	James Harris Carol Renouf
3	John Chang	Citizens Advice Bureau West Branch Hornby	19 Years	John works with a range of clients who make contact with Citizens Advice Bureau seeking advice or assistance on a wide variety of issues. This involves working with clients by phone, face-to-face, and email. John has worked continuously as a Citizens Advice Bureau volunteer for a total of 19 years. Initially, he joined the North Canterbury branch in 2004, and in 2008 then joined the Christchurch West branch where he has maintained regular and reliable involvement with weekly shifts ever since. It is estimated that John has completed around 900 shifts during his time volunteering with Citizens Advice Bureau.	John's volunteer work with Citizens Advice Bureau provides a range of services that support all areas of the Christchurch community and beyond. Support is sought by people of all ages, cultures, socio-economic groups and genders. This includes the provision of a range of information and advice on matters relating to consumer, legal, relationship, accommodation and tenancy, health, and community services. As a native speaker of Cantonese and Mandarin languages, John has been able to assist and support numerous Chinese clients, along with the many other people who have sought assistance during his many years of volunteering with Citizens Advice Bureau.	Not provided	Not previously awarded	Greg Siddells Heather McHarg
4	Jolene Eagar	Templeton and surrounding areas	Over 6 years	As Chair of the Templeton Residents' Association, Jolene has made an outstanding contribution to the local community. The Association has a dedicated committee of volunteers who meet monthly to discuss the needs and concerns of the community, ensures that the community is kept up to date about issues pertinent to them, and advocates for the community on relevant issues. In addition, the Association writes and circulates a community newsletter and runs community events. During the no quarry campaign, Jolene spent countless hours assisting individuals, running community workshops on multiple occasions after reading and summarising documents for community members and attending hearings and mediation. The work she spent on this project was immeasurable.	The Templeton community have benefited from Jolene's involvement and advocacy with the Templeton Residents' Association. Her efforts regarding the no quarry campaign, have especially benefited those who would otherwise be under represented. Jolene also spent extra time visiting residents, giving the community a voice regarding this issue. Jolene has kept updated regarding quarry activities and still represents the Templeton Residents' Association with regarding this issue.	Not provided	Not previously awarded	Mel Himin Jennifer Ross
5	Bruce Gibbard	Riccarton, Avonhead and Upper Riccarton	11 years	As a member of the Riccarton Community Patrol, Bruce reports graffiti and any damage to public utilities and property. The patrol also works with the police to create safer communities and try to make the local community a better place. Bruce had been a patrol person since 2012 and does regular patrols. He also currently serves on the local patrol committee.	Patrolling a predominately residential area of approximately 1590 hectares, including 298 streets, the Riccarton Community Patrol has become a reassuring sight on the community's streets. All people in the areas the Riccarton Community Patrol covers receive the benefit of Bruce's service.	Not provided	Not previously awarded	Ian Cumming James Lott
6	Andre Gillies	Hei Hei	Over 5 years	Andre began volunteering with Friends @ 126 three years ago, selflessly giving 26 to 34 hours of his time every week. Prior to this he spent considerable years helping local people in need. He has helped with fundraising, walking dogs for people who were unwell, doing gardens for the elderly and much more. Andre works more hours than is expected of him, is forward thinking and well organised. He started as a part of the team, setting up, making drinks, serving customers, sorting clothes, and cleaning up at end of the day, including putting away tables and chairs from outside. For the past year Andre has run Friends @ 126 and his tasks include organising the volunteer team, rosters and banking. On a daily basis, he spends time listening to people and their issues and referring them on when needed. Andre helps people in and out of the building, carrying bags and providing support in many other ways. He is part of the fundraising team, helping with multiple sausage sizzles each year, has been on the catering team for a high tea event and a model for two fashion shows. Andre also assisted with children's activities at the Hello Hornby event. He keeps an eye on the Food Shed and ensures people's needs are being met and that those who need extra help, are able to access assistance.	Andre is extremely popular with the people who come into Friends @ 126, with the group having an average of 250 people contacts per week. On one occasion a lady came in to Friends @ 126 that required an item (that Andre had at home), so he promptly left to retrieve the item and then gave it to her. This is the amazing type of person Andre is. Attendees enjoy having someone to talk to, and Andre has helped create a homely environment which gives people a sense of belonging. Andre has taken on and guided new volunteers, some of which have had an increase in their self confidence and returned to the workforce. It is in Andre's nature to help those less able, often sacrificing his own needs for the needs of others. Having Andre run Friends @ 126 is a blessing as he is reliable, capable and activities are always in good hands.	Two letters of support	Not previously awarded	Tracey Buunk Bob Shearing
7	Denis Hampton	Hei Hei, Hornby	Over 20 years	Denis is a quiet, gentle, and humble man who loves and supports the Hornby community through so many ways. Locals may have seen him standing near the Wycola Shops, proudly waving the New Zealand flag to those who pass by. For many years Denis has been a great supporter of the Hornby ANZAC Day service. He has helped to organise the service, was a huge part of the service being reinstated around the Hornby War Memorial and volunteers every year to distribute over 2,000 flyers around the community. At the annual Hello Hornby - Our Community, Party in the Park, he was there at 8am helping many groups with putting up gazebos and then helping to take them down again at the end of the day. He is part of the weekly Community Cuppa at the Hornby Salvation Army and for many years he has made a weekly donation of goods to the Salvation Army Foodbank. Every week Denis is out in the community, particularly Wycola Park, collecting rubbish and composting what he can. Never afraid to pick up litter, he recently tidied up an empty section behind the Wycola Shops which was littered with rubbish.	Thanks to Denis and his untiring efforts in the community, a well organised local ANZAC Service is delivered, enjoyable and positive local activities and events are held, and a cleaner suburb is enjoyed by the community. Denis is kind, generous with his time through all he does and never looks for anything in return. He is a great ambassador for the Hornby area.	Letter of support	Not previously awarded	Gill Waugh Deb Clarke
8	Rod Hickling	Halswell	Over 50 years	Rod has been a Member of Halswell Rugby Football League Club for 50 years, having held many roles during this time. Rod has played Senior League, coached Junior and Senior Teams for six years, was on the Schoolboy Junior Committee, the Junior Club Captain for four years and Schoolboy President for ten years. He also joined the Senior Committee and was Senior Club captain for six years. He has been involved with Canterbury Rugby League as a delegate and was on the Policy Committee for five years and served with the Halswell Domain Sports Association for nine years, assisting in securing two additional rugby league fields at Halswell. Rod received Life Membership from the club in 1998, was Chairman of the club's 50th Jubilee Committee in 2008 to 2010 and is now a Patron of Halswell Rugby Football League Club.	For over 50 years Halswell Rugby Football League have greatly benefited from Rod's involvement and service. In addition to his roles, he often assist with club's working bees, raffles, BBQs, grounds and setting up on game days. Rod has been a huge part of this successful club over the years and has been a great loyal supporter and mentor to many young and old players during this time. He continues to be an important part of the club going forward and always puts up his hand to help the club and its members in any way.	Not provided	Not previously awarded	Jeffery Whittaker Devon Harding
9	John Irving	Riccarton, Avonhead and Upper Riccarton	20 years	A member of the Riccarton Community Patrol, John reports graffiti, damage and faults to public utilities and property. Working with the police, the patrol makes safer communities and strive to make the local community a better place. John is a dedicated and long serving patroller, completing twenty years of service in March this year.	In partnership with others, the Riccarton Community Patrol prevents crime and reduces harm through the active presence of trained patrollers. Each Patrol caters to the needs of its local community, patrolling where and when best supports police and the local community. By John helping to prevent, detect and deter crime with the Riccarton Community Patrol, all of the community living or visiting the Riccarton area receive the benefit of his service.	Not provided	Not previously awarded	Gary Chisholm James Lott
10	Anne Lammerink	Citizens Advice Bureau West Branch Hornby	26 years	Anne initially started volunteering with Citizens Advice Bureau at the City branch office in 1997, transferring to the West branch office at the Hornby Community Centre in 2011, where she has volunteered ever since. During this time she has been reliable in attending her regular weekly shifts, totaling more than 1,200 shifts of service. Anne works with a range of clients who make contact with Citizens Advice Bureau seeking advice or assistance on a wide range of issues. This involves assisting clients by phone, face-to-face, and email. Anne was part of a team of volunteers who continued to work with clients during periods when the Citizens Advice Bureau offices were closed for Covid lockdown requirements. She has also been involved with mentoring new trainees as part of their training.	Anne's volunteer work with Citizens Advice Bureau provides a range of services that support all areas of the Christchurch community, and beyond. Support is sought by people of all ages, cultures, socio-economic groups and genders. This includes the provision of a range of information and advice relating to consumer, legal, relationship, accommodation and tenancy, health, and community services issues. As well as helping the numerous clients, she is very supportive of her colleagues. Anne is always willing to do extra shifts for her colleagues when asked. She has great skills at accessing information, especially that which relates to services available in the local community, and she ensures that this is passed on to her manager and colleagues.	Not provided	Not previously awarded	Robert Clark Tina Siddells

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12	Kim Moss	Hornby	More than 10 years	<p>Kim has been involved in numerous community organisations and projects in her community.</p> <p>For a decade Kim has been a member of Christchurch South Rotary, assisting with community projects and initiatives, attending meetings and has held the role of President. Kim was also awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow Award in 2022.</p> <p>Kim has been a volunteer with Cat Rescue for ten years and for two years assisted in managing Second Chance Dog Rescue, focusing on placing dogs in suitable foster homes and fundraising. She has served on the Southern Environmental Trust Board for seven years, and been involved with 126 on the Corner for five years, assisting in activities such as the monthly community luncheon which brings the local community together. She has been involved with One Mother to Another for five years which provides care packages to mums and carers at five hospitals and to two community organisation in Aotearoa. As a volunteer with the University of Canterbury Student Volunteer Army for three years, Kim has been a mentor, tutor and leader within the organisation.</p>	<p>Kim gives so freely of her time to volunteer for so many local organisations which benefit all those in the community.</p> <p>She gives so much of her time and energy to support others through her service and commitment, enabling them the opportunity to access numerous groups and services.</p>	Not provided	Not previously awarded	EJ Jackson Louise Woolley
13	Derek Phelps	Hornby	More than 5 years	<p>As a member of the Greater Hornby Residents' Association, Derek easily dedicates around twenty hours a week to the organisation. He was also a member of the steering committee in forming the Greater Hornby Residents' Association.</p> <p>Starting as a Business Liaison Officer, Derek quickly built up relationships with businesses that the Association continues to benefit from today. As Treasurer for the past three years, he has grown the Association's funds so that it has a sound financial basis, as well as securing a number of assets for the Association that will generate income going forward. Derek has also led the Association's successful BBQ fundraising campaigns.</p>	<p>Derek's service has benefitted many people in the Hornby community. He has built strong relationships between businesses and residents bringing the two groups closer together. As Treasurer he has ensured a strong financial base that will allow the Association to keep delivering a strong platform of events for the local Hornby community.</p>	Not provided	Not previously awarded	Marc Duff Deb Clarke
14	Tony Whinray	Riccarton	Over 10 years	<p>Tony has been involved for over a decade assisting with various activities in the Riccarton community. His service includes the Community Fun Day and Connect events, he assists at the nail care clinic, delivers the monthly community newsletter, helps at Common Ground cafe and every week is involved in Food for All, a food co-op based at Riccarton Community Church. Tony volunteers one day a week to Food for All and, a half day at nail clinics and volunteers as required at other events.</p>	<p>Tony is always willing to help, enthusiastic and consistent in what he does. Those who come to Food for All and the nail care clinic are cared for and nurtured through Tony's service. The social cohesion of Riccarton has been built through the dedicated giving of Tony for more than a decade.</p>	Not provided	Not previously awarded	Carol Renouf Nicki Aitken
15	Peter Williams	Riccarton	15 years	<p>Peter has been involved with the Riccarton Community Patrol for the past fifteen years, taking on multiple shifts each month. He patrols the streets and local area looking for any untoward activity or behaviour, reporting issues to police. He also assists in reporting of any service requiring attention, such as water leaks, graffiti, abandoned shopping trolleys, roads requiring urgent attention etc, so that the appropriate authorities are informed.</p>	<p>By being the eyes and ears for the police, Peter's service and dedication helps to combat crime by being visible in the community and reporting to appropriate authorities anything untoward. Peter works to assist police and other agencies in building a safer local community.</p>	Not provided	Not previously awarded	David Curry Ian Cumming
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16	Jakob Burgess	Riccarton	6 years	<p>Jakob is a stalwart, compassionate, and charismatic figure who plays a significant role in a number of youth-focused programmes and services within the Riccarton area and beyond. For six years he has been leading a number of programmes for primary and intermediate age school children hosted at Riccarton Community Church, where he now leads a small group of high school aged boys as part of a wider high school youth group.</p> <p>Jakob is a talented audio technician who is actively training towards becoming an electrician, and has offered hundreds of hours of his time in recent years to passing these skills on to a dedicated group of budding technicians at the local youth group. He has also been a constant and dedicated volunteer leader in the quarterly Kids Camps run by Community Development Network Trust. Beginning first as a "Leader in Training" in 2017, Jakob spent several years as a cabin leader before joining the support staff team as a Programme Director and is now a much loved "Camp Uncle". In this capacity, Jakob has taken on a pastoral role within the team of volunteers who serve at these camps, offering advice and support to junior members of the team.</p>	<p>The impact of Jakob's service within the wider Riccarton area is evident, and can be seen most apparently in the lives of the young people and volunteers who have attended the activities and camps that he helps to run. Jakob has had, and continues to have, a profoundly positive effect on the many young people he mentors, upsills, and encourages every week.</p> <p>Additionally, through the experienced guidance that Jakob has offered to dozens of young leaders, there are hundreds of children across the city that have in turn, been better supported and cared for across a number of programmes.</p>	Not provided	Not previously awarded	James Harris James Chapman
17	Jade Humphery	Riccarton, Ilam, Upper Riccarton, Avonhead, Fendalton	Over 1 year	<p>Predator Free Riccarton spans Riccarton, Ilam, Upper Riccarton, Avonhead, Fendalton and extends into neighbouring areas. Bordering the western edge of Christchurch's sprawling Hagley Park, Riccarton is home to one of the city's youngest populations.</p> <p>Jade started Predator Free Riccarton in 2022 following a community meeting to gauge interest and established key collaborations with the Riccarton Bush Ranger which led to a successful start-up and delivery of traps into the community. Predator Free Riccarton currently has approximately 220 traps in the community, with orders of more than 70 waiting for collection days that are run at Riccarton Bush. Jade has also established links with the University of Canterbury, including with the biodiversity team and student club, Environmental Science Society (EnviroSoc). Currently, 55 traps are checked weekly on campus by students, with plans to extend this to another line of about 50 traps. Additionally, Jade is pushing for trapping to be implemented in student halls, and is currently in the logistical stages of this process.</p>	<p>Jade's work encourages and engages the community in helping to create an environment that promotes growth and diversity of native species.</p> <p>Jade's next plan is to locate traps into schools within Predator Free Riccarton's boundary, and is working on finding a way to do so free of charge.</p> <p>Jade recognises that predator trapping is only one part of the puzzle, so is also working on providing additional support with plantings, invasive weed removal, rubbish pick-ups, and cat education. Predator Free Riccarton is currently planning reserve clean-ups and "flat of the month" days to improve biodiversity in the community. Jade is supporting the Predator Free Christchurch goal by providing mentorship to new groups, assisting with tasks such as set up and administration.</p>	Not provided	Not previously awarded	David Lewis Jessi Morgan
18	Cameron Jones	Hornby, Lyttelton and Waimakariri	Up to 8 years	<p>Cameron has been involved in sailing during his time at Hornby High School and has competed in the Canterbury Zephyr competitions, winning the Canterbury Zephyr Most Improved Sailor for the 2021/2022 season.</p> <p>Cameron has spent most weekends doing maintenance on donated dinghies for the Waimakariri Sailing Club's Learn to Sail programme and is one of the main coaches. He is a junior representative on the club committee and part of the club's extensive beach/river clean and tree planting project for SailGP. He encourages new sailors to learn the skills to become confident in sailing and is a member of Naval Point Club Lyttelton. He regularly volunteers on their support boats and at the Naval Point's twilight sailing series, held once a week from September to March by driving the mark laying boat.</p>	<p>Cameron gives his time, not only as a sailor but as a volunteer and coach, supporting on and off water operations. He has completed his VHF Operator's Certificate and Day Skippers Certificate as part of his school work.</p> <p>In 2022 Cameron was presented with a Greater Hornby Residents' Association award for Service to the Community presented at the Hornby High School's senior prize giving.</p> <p>Cameron is an influential and a consistent role model for new and younger sailors and his peers in the local community.</p>	Not provided	Not previously awarded	Robin Sutton Laurie Tafau
19	Matthew Osborne	Riccarton	6 years	<p>Matthew has been a prominent leader at a number of events in the wider Riccarton area for over half a decade. This has included being part of a weekly after school programme hosted at Riccarton Community Church for intermediate aged children in the local area. Matthew's role in this programme has included everything from running action-packed activities to preparing and providing a free dinner for all children, and even acting in a mentoring role to help guide the children through various situations and stages in their life.</p> <p>Matthew has also been heavily involved in the quarterly Kids Camps run by Community Development Network Trust at Woodend Christian Camp. In this capacity, Matthew has performed a variety of roles, starting as a "Leader in Training" initially in 2017, then through his many years of diligent and devoted service has progressed to being a highly trusted senior leader, who not only sets an excellent example for the junior leaders, but who is also actively involved in supporting them and their own development at camp.</p>	<p>Throughout his years of service, Matthew has actively impacted the lives of dozens, if not hundreds, of young people in the wider Riccarton area and beyond. He has played a significant role in providing a safe, supportive, and exciting space for local children through the weekly after school programme he is involved with. In addition, Matthew has been a highly influential and positive force at the wider reaching CDN Kids Camps, both for the children who attend, and the other leaders and volunteers who help to run the camps.</p> <p>Matthew exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated and caring leader, with an ever positive attitude and willingness to serve.</p>	Not provided	Not previously awarded	James Harris Matthew Minish