

13. Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Service Awards 2025

Reference Te Tohutoro: 25/752591

Responsible Officer(s) Te Pou Matua: Katie MacDonald, Support Officer

Accountable ELT Member Pouwhakarae: Andrew Rutledge, General Manager Citizens and Community

Confidentiality

Section under the Act:	The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
Sub-clause and Reason:	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
Public Interest Consideration:	The report contains personal information about private persons and the need to protect their privacy outweighs the public interest in the information, however the names of successful nominees will be publicly released.
Potential Release Review Date and Conditions:	31 July 2025 Names of successful nominees will be released after the Board's Community Service Awards 2025 Function.

1. Purpose and Origin of the Report Te Pūtake Pūrongo

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the 2025 Community Service Award nominations to the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board for consideration.

2. Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board:

1. Receives the information in the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Service Awards 2025 Report.
2. Approve the awarding of Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Service Awards in 2025 to:
 - a) Carna Mytton
 - b) Rose Imms
 - c) Ronnie Davey
 - d) Karen Carson
 - e) Jo Verdellen
 - f) Mark Barnes
 - g) Leo Fietje

- h) Tim Stevenson
 - i) Kay Stewart
 - j) Chris and Erin Bond
 - k) Burnside High School Environment Group
 - l) Robyn Pay
 - m) Jeanette Christensen
3. Approves that all successful nominees be advised in writing of the decision. In addition, the nominators of the successful nominees to also be advised in writing of the decision.
 4. Notes that if there are any unsuccessful nominees, the relevant nominators be advised of this decision and the reasons for the decision.
 5. Delegates authority to the Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to consider any late applications received from other Community Boards.
 6. Approves that this report be released from public excluded following the 2025 awards ceremony, with any relevant redactions for ongoing privacy once the decisions have been advised to the affected persons.

3. Background/Context Te Horopaki





- 3.1 The Council's Community Service Awards are a way of giving well-deserved recognition to people who make our communities better places to live. They are a way of thanking and honouring volunteers who, without payment and with little recognition, demonstrate dedication and passion, inspiring others to make service a central part of their lives.
- 3.2 Recognising and honouring community-focused initiatives sets a standard for service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a central part of their lives.
- 3.3 The Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board considers nominations for Community Service Awards every three years and they recognise voluntary efforts that benefit local communities.
- 3.4 There has been promotion of the awards scheme through Council media releases, local newspaper advertisement and the Council's social media networking avenues. In addition, local community groups were sent information seeking nominations for Community Service Awards for 2025. The awards scheme has also been promoted through the local Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood community notices.

4. Considerations Ngā Whai Whakaaro

- 4.1 A matrix detailing the nominations received for consideration is attached (refer **Attachment A**). Thirteen nominations were received.
- 4.2 People are eligible for a Community Service Award in the area/suburb that they do the work in. If the work is for an organisation that covers more than two community board areas, then the nomination shall be considered in the community board area that the nominee does the majority of their voluntary work.
- 4.3 Individuals shall be eligible to receive only one Community Service Award for the same voluntary work.

- 4.4 The service undertaken should be of a voluntary nature. A paid employee may be eligible where the work undertaken is beyond the scope of that person's normal job description and the nominee has spent some of their own non-work time in the activity. In such a case, one of the nominators should be an employer of the nominee, who states that the nominee's work/activity went beyond the requirements of routine work. Please find the Guidelines information attached (refer **Attachment B**).
- 4.5 Nominations can be forwarded to this Board from another Community Board if they deem that the nomination is more suitably considered by this Board. Details of such nominations may be received as late applications for consideration. Bearing this in mind the Board may wish to put in place measures to meet this contingency. These nominations could be considered by the Board Chair and Deputy Chair.

Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

No.	Title	Reference	Page
A  	Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood 2025 - Community Service Awards Nominations Matrix (Confidential)	25/754747	8
B  	Community Service Awards 2025 - Guidelines	25/767667	14

In addition to the attached documents, the following background information is available:

Document Name – Location / File Link
Not applicable

Signatories Ngā Kaiwaitohu

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FENDALTON-WAIMAIRI-HAREWOOD 2025 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS NOMINATIONS

All of the thirteen below nominations are recommended for an award.

	Nomination	Activity / Service	Who in the community has benefitted from their activity / service?	Length of time involved
1	<p>Carna Mytton</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Caroline Dagger and Rene Bovendeerd</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done?</p> <p>The North West of Christchurch, primarily Harewood, Bishopdale, Casebook.</p>	<p><u>Nomads United AFC</u></p> <p>Carna is a dedicated volunteer, former committee member and life member of Nomads United Football Club. She volunteers her time to a number of areas of our club.</p>	<p>Carna's impact can be felt across all levels and groups at our club. She is the face of our Fun Football/First Kicks program and is often the first person that our youngest players and their whanau see when they arrive on a Saturday morning. She works tirelessly on the sausage sizzle every Saturday and is always keen to hear about how our junior and youth footballers have gone that day. After our youngest players have gone home Carna shifts her focus to our senior teams and making the clubrooms a welcoming and vibrant place to be on a Saturday afternoon.</p> <p>She is a valuable source of information and club knowledge and is always happy to share this. She supports our staff by assisting in the clubrooms and also being the contact person when our burglar alarm goes off! She supports the committee with her knowledge and unwavering commitment to all things Nomads.</p>	<p>Carna has been involved with the club for a number of years (probably at least 10). During the football season Carna can be found at Tulett Park every Saturday, sometimes starting as early as 8am and not leaving until 7pm.</p> <p>Outside from this she spends a number of hours ensuring that the club is fully stocked, we have enough sausages for our BBQ and enough snacks and drinks in the bar. Estimate eight hours a week minimum, often more.</p>
2	<p>Rose Imms</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Caroline Dagger and Rene Bovendeerd</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done?</p> <p>The North West of Christchurch, primarily Harewood, Bishopdale, Casebook.</p>	<p><u>Nomads United AFC</u></p> <p>Rose is a long standing volunteer, committee member and life member of Nomads United Football Club. She is our Junior Convenor and is responsible for assisting all our members registering for our club and placing them in teams (a mammoth task with over 1000 members!). Over the season she is also involved in field allocation on a weekly basis. Both of these are huge tasks which require considerable time and expertise.</p>	<p>Everyone in our club (and wider football clubs) have benefitted from Rose's commitments to the club. She fields a significant number of emails at the start of the season and does her absolute best to ensure that everyone has the best experience of football. Nothing is ever too much and she will help anyone who asks for her assistance. She is a legend and widely known across our club.</p> <p>She can also be found at Tulett Park every Saturday during the football season, helping on the BBQ, sorting out field confusions and answering questions and generally supporting all our members and visiting teams. Her community spirit and dedication to the Nomads and football community is huge.</p> <p>She is a loyal committee member and is a valuable source of information and knowledge.</p>	<p>Rose has been an integral part of the club for over 10 years. During the football season I would estimate that she volunteers 8-10 hours of her time each week.</p>

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3	<p>Ronnie Davey</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Neil Lancaster and Jo Verdellen</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done?</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau (North Branch) – Fendalton.</p>	<p><u>Citizens Advice Bureau (North Branch)</u></p> <p>Ronnie has been involved in a huge variety of CAB activities. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Accredited interviewer: Ronnie works with a range of clients from the public who make contact with Citizens Advice Bureau seeking advice or assistance on a wide variety of issues. She sometimes takes on an extra duties across the branches when we are short of people.- Learning and Development Team: Ronnie joined this team in 2018 and has been its Chairperson since March 2020. She is the driving force behind this team, championing many new initiatives.- CABCHA Board: In 2018, Ronnie joined the Citizens Advice Bureau Christchurch Area Board, the main governance body for the organisation which consists of 120 volunteers working across three different branches. She became Deputy Chair in 2019 and also member of the Personnel Committee for staff and volunteers. In August 2021, she was appointed Board Chair, the position she currently holds.- Community Outreach: Ronnie is a fantastic ambassador for CAB and she attends many events and meetings representing us.- COVID lockdown: Ronnie was part of our telephone /email response team, dealing with a wide range of client inquiries.- New volunteer Mentor: Ronnie has expertly mentored significant numbers of newly trained interviewers, making a huge difference to their experience and ability.- University of Canterbury satellite team: Ronnie established, and has led this team since September 2021. This has involved working with the School of Law at the University of Canterbury, providing some teaching and also training law students to be interviewers and support workers. It also included the development of a satellite CAB service at the University for students, staff and the public.- CAB on Air Interviewer: Since 2024 Ronnie has been the main organiser and interviewer for our monthly CAB on Air slot on Plains FM. Her excellent organisational and interpersonal skills coupled with her capable, calm demeanour make her an excellent host on air.- Newsletter: Ronnie writes comprehensive and informative Chair and Learning & Development reports for our monthly CABCHA Newsletter, to keep our volunteers updated.	<p>Ronnie’s volunteer work with Citizens Advice Bureau provides a range of services that support all areas of the Christchurch community and beyond – 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.</p> <p>She is an excellent researcher of information for clients and is highly empathetic and supportive.</p> <p>Ronnie has been outstanding in working with community leaders, promoting our services to the community. This includes councillors and MPs.</p> <p>She is a passionate advocate for the organisation. The strength and unity of CABCHA owes much to Ronnie's leadership and this strength is of great benefit to the Christchurch community.</p>	<p>Ronnie has been volunteering at Citizens Advice Bureau Christchurch Area for eight years, since 2017.</p> <p>Ronnie volunteers up to 40 hours per week to Citizens Advice Bureau Christchurch Area.</p>
4	<p>Karen Carson</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Marlene Jaspers and Andrea Fisk</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done?</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau (North Branch) – Fendalton.</p>	<p><u>Citizens Advice Bureau (North Branch)</u></p> <p>Karen has volunteered for Citizens Advice Bureau Christchurch Area for 10 years, since 2015. She works with a range of clients from the public who make contact with Citizens Advice Bureau seeking advice or assistance on a wide variety of issues. She often takes on an extra weekly duty when we are short of people.</p> <p>Since 2015 she has been involved in preparing the duty roster, taking on the sole responsibility for it for two years. Karen has also supported the activities of North Branch by acting as a mentor, and representing us at community liaison meetings and community events. Karen is an active member of the Branch Committee, and also helps with sundry housekeeping and administrative tasks.</p>	<p>Karen’s volunteer work with Citizens Advice Bureau provides a range of services that support all areas of the Christchurch community and beyond – 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.</p> <p>Other volunteers have also benefitted from Karen’s support of Citizens Advice Bureau Christchurch Area. Her bright, friendly and helpful personality puts clients at ease and other volunteers find her a joy to work with.</p>	<p>Karen has consistently provided an average of 4-6 hours each week to Citizens Advice Bureau Christchurch Area for 10 years (since 2015).</p>

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5	<p>Jo Verdellen</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Ronnie Davey and Neil Lancaster</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done?</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau (North Branch) – Fendalton.</p>	<p><u>Citizens Advice Bureau (North Branch)</u></p> <p>Jo joined Citizens Advice in 2019 and has since been involved in a huge variety of CAB activities, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Interviewer - in this crucial role, Jo works with a wide range of clients from the public who seek advice or assistance on a wide range of issues. She has acted as a Mentor to new volunteers and is highly valued in the role. During Covid, Jo spent many hours on the emergency roster taking emails and triaged calls from around the country.- As a colleague, she is equally positive, encouraging, energetic and supportive and a pleasure to work alongside.- In August 2021, Jo was appointed to the CABCHA Board, the main governance body for the organisation, which consists of 120 volunteers working across three different branches. She has held the position of Board Secretary for four years. Jo also serves as a key member of the Personnel Committee for staff and volunteers.- Jo is also responsible for producing a monthly CABCHA Board newsletter for all volunteers and life members.- Jo has overhauled and refined our online management systems and, along with the Manager, oversees all record keeping for the bureau.- She oversees and meticulously updates biennially all CABCHA policies; she also oversees all CABCHA intranet documents in CABnet, our management system.- In 2020 Jo updated all the Trainee and Mentor booklets for our Induction Programme.- To promote CAB, Jo has attended CCC FWH Community Liaison meetings on behalf of North Branch and visited rest homes to provide help and information to the residents.	<p>Jo's volunteer work with Citizens Advice Bureau provides a range of services that support all areas of the Christchurch community and beyond – our clients are all ages, cultures, socio-economic groups and genders. This includes the provision of a range of verified information and advice on matters relating to: employment, immigration, relationship, consumer, legal, accommodation, tenancy, health, and community service issues.</p> <p>Jo's ongoing streamlining of our administrative and professional systems, means our interviewers are extremely well-supported and thus able to be as productive as possible in their work with clients.</p> <p>Jo's work then makes a considerable contribution to the efficient running of a large and complex organisation, and to ensuring we maintain an excellent and highly sought after service to the wider community.</p>	<p>Jo has worked tirelessly on behalf of Citizens Advice Bureau Christchurch Area for six years (since 2019). Each week, she consistently works on average 10-25 hours (and often more).</p>
6	<p>Mark Barnes</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Richard Rendle and Richard Manning.</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done?</p> <p>Bishopdale.</p>	<p><u>Bishopdale Menzshed</u></p> <p>Treasurer of Bishopdale Menzshed.</p> <p>Mark Barnes has been the treasurer of the Bishopdale Menzshed since its inception in 2014, initially working with the Bishopdale Community Trust treasurer but then as the elected Shed treasurer when the Bishopdale Menzshed become a separate Incorporated Society. Throughout his tenure he has been meticulous in managing shed finances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Costing out jobs that require purchase of materials.- Promptly refunding members who incur expenses on behalf of the Shed.- Promptly paying bills for all the firms with which the Shed interacts- Personally, contacting members to advise them, when their annual subscriptions is due.- Maintaining an accurate paper trail of all shed transactions including a robust system of checks and balances. <p>With Mark's management of finances, the Bishopdale Menshed is now financially independent; not requiring financial support from other sources. In addition to his treasurer duties Mark has been active as a committee member and is always prepared to contribute practical expertise to Shed projects.</p>	<p>Shed members, community groups (both through work done and donations made). Individuals who get items repaired at a reasonable cost.</p>	<p>10 years.</p>

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7	<p>Leo Fietje</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Anita Spencer and Hannah Watkinson</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done?</p> <p>Styx Living Laboratory Trust – Harewood Catchment Area.</p>	<p><u>Styx Living Laboratory Trust</u></p> <p>Leo Fietje is one of the two coordinators of the Styx Living Laboratory Trust (SLLT) water quality monitoring programme. He leads the monthly volunteer group to take water samples, measurements, and observations about the water quality, vegetation, and wildlife at different points within the catchment. This data contributes to the CCC Annual Surface Water Quality Report.</p> <p>Leo has mentored many volunteers and supported the group. He has increased its professionalism and improved the quality of data gathered by setting up three monthly training sessions for new volunteers and rejigging the programme to focus on identifying area causing environmental problems such as sediment discharge areas.</p> <p>Leo is an unpaid volunteer for Styx Living Laboratory Trust.</p>	<p>Over the last eight years Leo has trained over 200 people to take water quality measurements. Many of these people want to contribute to their community, make connections with people and learn skills that help with professional development.</p> <p>Leo's work has also significantly benefited the wider community by highlighting the problems with our water quality and working with agencies to improve the state of the awa. He has fostered a sense of community by holding the group Christmas BBQ at his home each year which is an annual highlight.</p>	<p>Leo first joined the group eight years ago, soon stepping up to become a co-ordinator of the programme.</p> <p>He has led the monthly sampling sessions, and more recently started a three monthly training programme for new volunteers.</p> <p>He also regularly gives his time to lead groups through the catchment, teaching them about the hydrology of the Styx/Pūharakekenui and educating people about what actions we can take to protect it.</p>
8	<p>Tim Stevenson</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Lydia Muschamp and Sarah Coulson</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done?</p> <p>Bryndwr.</p>	<p><u>Rangatahi Bryndwr Trust</u></p> <p>Founder and Trustee, Rangatahi Bryndwr Trust (2018-Present) Tim Stevenson established the Rangatahi Bryndwr Trust (RBT) in 2018, creating valuable employment opportunities for youth workers actively engaged with the Bryndwr community. As a trustee, Tim has played a pivotal role in advancing the Trust's mission. He regularly updates policies and procedures to ensure RBT complies with current requirements and standards. Tim also actively applies for grants to secure funding for the Trust's initiatives.</p> <p>Community Engagement and Volunteer Work Tim has been involved in running and contributing to community events. E.g. being Father Christmas each year at the Bryndwr Community Christmas party since 2015. In addition, Tim contributes to the Bryndwr Breakfast Clu.</p> <p>Community Initiatives and Collaboration Tim has worked closely with the local council and other community groups to initiate and contribute to the Bryndwr Banter. Over the past two years, Tim has been involved in several council-led community events, most notably playing a key role in the successful execution of "Kia Ora Bryndwr."</p> <p>Project Management - Community Playground (2024) In 2024, Tim served as the project manager for the development of a new community playground, funded with support from the Council.</p> <p>Tim contributed to all those programs and the starting up of the trust unpaid. Everything he did was voluntary.</p>	<p>Tim Stevenson's activities and service have greatly benefited various groups within the Bryndwr community.</p> <p>Youth Workers and Young People: Through the establishment of the Rangatahi Bryndwr Trust (RBT), Tim has created valuable employment opportunities for youth workers.</p> <p>Families and Whānau: Tim's role in the Bryndwr Breakfast Club, where he volunteers twice a week, has provided local families with a reliable and welcoming space to gather for breakfast.</p> <p>The Wider Community: Through his involvement in organizing and contributing to community events and Bryndwr Banter, Tim has helped strengthen community bonds.</p> <p>Children and Families: Tim's leadership as the project manager for the development of the new community playground in 2024 has directly benefited children of all ages.</p> <p>Through these initiatives, Tim has made a lasting and positive impact on the Bryndwr community, benefiting individuals and families by creating opportunities for connection, growth, and well-being.</p>	<p>Since 2015, Tim has been actively involved in community events in Bryndwr. More specifically, since 2018, he has consistently volunteered an average of 10 to 15 hours per week.</p>

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9	<p>Kay Stewart</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Lynda Goodrick and Debbie Booker</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done?</p> <p>Belfast Community Network Inc – 710 Main North Road.</p>	<p><u>Belfast Community Network Inc</u></p> <p>Kay became involved in our organisation by coming along on our weekly shopping trips and community meals. It didn't take too long until she showed her leadership, kindness and helping ways towards others and our BASS team were pleased to have her helping out with these programmes.</p> <p>Kay drives our community van as required, helps with those shopping each week and getting them in and out of the van. She assists the Team Leader to collect our crates of kai from Satisfy Food Rescue and sorts and delivers this to the various groups we support.</p> <p>She works alongside the Team Leader to plan the menu for the community and is one of the lead cooks each Thursday.</p> <p>Kay is our go to person and can turn her hand to repairing so many things in our community facility from broken door handles, leaking fridges, knives stuck in drawers - virtually everything that we break Kay is our go to person!</p>	<p>Kay's dedication and contributions have had a significant impact on both the Belfast Community Network and the Christchurch North Salvation Army. Through her six years of volunteer work with our organization, Kay has consistently provided up to 6 hours of her time each week, helping to improve our community's access to essential services and support. Her commitment extends to her weekly volunteering at the Salvation Army, where she takes on the crucial task of collecting bread for their food bank, ensuring that those in need have access to vital resources.</p> <p>Beyond her volunteer roles, Kay's exceptional kitchen skills have been invaluable to our organization. Her ability to prepare and manage meals has allowed us to employ her for 5 hours each Thursday, where she is an integral part of our skilled team. Her work not only enhances the quality of service we offer but also brings a sense of warmth and care to the people we serve.</p>	<p>Kay has been a volunteer with the Belfast Community Network for six years and does up to six hours voluntary work for our organisation. Kay also volunteers at the Christchurch North Salvation Army where she collects the bread for their foodbank each week.</p> <p>Kay's kitchen skills are incredible and we have been able to employ her for five hours each Thursday as we appreciate her so much as part of our highly skilled team.</p>
10	<p>Chris and Erin Bond</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Shane Young and Jono Pooch</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club- Gordon Scouts- Southern Hockey	<p><u>Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club, Gordon Scouts and Southern Hockey</u></p> <p>Chris and Erin Bond have been involved in the junior section of the cricket club for over eight seasons as their boys joined our Friday Night cricket program. As soon as they were old enough Chris and Erin became involved in coaching, managing and scoring the Saturday morning teams. Chris has been going through the NZC cricket coaching program to progress as a coach. Three seasons ago they offered to coach and manage two sides.</p> <p>There is a shortage of volunteers in our community, and with their efforts in other sports, and scouts it would be wonderful to acknowledge their contribution to the community.</p> <p>In the winter Bondy is also involved with juniors at Southern United Hockey. he has been a junior coach for the last four seasons, coaching the same team throughout and is also on their Junior Committee which was established in 2022.</p> <p>Both Chis and Erin are leaders at the Gordon Scouts based at Burnside Park and are involved in keeping the scout den in great shape.</p>	<p>Junior and Youth who are involved in hockey, cricket, scouts and at Russley School</p>	<p>They would give at least 12 hours a week in terms one and term four just to cricket, plus scouts and hockey in the winter.</p> <p>Length of Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Eight years for cricket.- Four years for hockey.- Unknown length of service for scouts.

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11	<p>Burnside High School Environment Group</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Scott Haines – Principal and Andrea Magson – Associate Principal.</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done? Burnside.</p>	<p><u>Burnside High School Environment Group</u></p> <p>The Burnside Environment Group, Kaitiaki o Te Uru, has been on a mission in the last fourteen years. They have been working very hard and had a very positive impact on our local eco-system.</p> <p>The group have planted over seven thousand native trees and plants along the Hewling Stream, which runs through Burnside High School and also nearby Jellie Park.</p> <p>The group started working in Jellie Park five years ago, and with the support of Christchurch City Council, they have made wonderful progress with new plantings and growth throughout the space.</p> <p>The Environment Group boasts a membership of nearly two hundred students who work tirelessly to support our local environment. They are a student army dedicated to our piece of Christchurch.</p> <p>The group meets weekly on a Wednesday after school hour and the work they undertake does not form part of student assessment.</p>	<p>Burnside and Bryndwr residents, users of Jellie Park fields, teachers, students and whānau at Burnside High School have all benefited from Mr Land's and the Environment Group efforts.</p> <p>The Group have completely changed the eco-system in the local area. Over seven thousand trees have been planted locally adding to the aesthetics and vibrancy of our local fields and parks.</p> <p>Local birds and wildlife have also benefited from the group's achievements. Butterflies have been released into the area and we now have unique flora and fauna returning to the area.</p>	<p>The Environment Group is led by teacher and dean, Jon Land. The Group, which was established fourteen years ago, meets weekly.</p> <p>They have been working in Jellie Park for the last five years. Mr Land spend countless hours over and above this weekly commitment sourcing trees.</p> <p>The group has been in existence for 14 years.</p>
12	<p>Robyn Pay</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Lois Flanagan and Alistair McTaggart.</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done? Northwood.</p>	<p><u>Northwood Residents Association</u></p> <p>Robyn has been secretary of Northwood Residents Association (NRA) for about 15 years. She has during this time worked tirelessly to assist NRA with all things clerical, including taking minutes of meetings, preparing and distributing newsletters, contacting council members as needed, posting on NRA website and Facebook page, and provided our Chair Clive Smith assistance with advocating on behalf of Northwood Community in many ways.</p>	<p>The community has benefited greatly from Robyn's careful work, in making Northwood a safer and better place to live. She and her husband Gary have helped in many working bees tidying up the grounds of Northwood as well as in her secretarial duties.</p>	<p>Robyn has undertaken her role as secretary diligently for about 15 years. She has given many hours in this role, always efficiently and willingly, while working at a demanding full time job.</p> <p>Her organising skills are exemplary and have ensured the smooth running of the organisation. Robyn worked at ECan for many years so she has used her contacts there to assist NRA in many ways.</p>
13	<p>Jeanette Christensen</p> <p><i>Nominated by: Jane Cowan-Harris and Nona Milburn.</i></p> <p>Where is the majority of the volunteer work done? Mona Vale.</p>	<p><u>Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens Inc</u></p> <p>Jeanette has been the lead organiser for the friends of Christchurch Botanic Gardens in pushing for the earlier restoration of the Mona Vale bathhouse post earthquake.</p> <p>Jeanette has lobbied, then presented a submission to Council to bring forward the bathhouse restoration date by several years.</p> <p>Jeanette has led the subcommittee of the Friends who organised the fund-raising Edwardian Garden Party in the Mona Vale grounds, which was very successful. This raised the profile of the bathhouse through articles in the press and CCC newsline.</p> <p>The bathhouse restoration is now complete and it was officially opened in Mid-March 2025. Jeanette is part of an ongoing subcommittee overseeing support work within the Mona Vale Gardens giving volunteer time for guiding and general gardening support whenever needed.</p>	<p>All who work through Mona Vale are now able to enjoy the bathhouse, the final building in Mona Vale to be restored, following the 2011 earthquakes.</p> <p>The bathhouse used to house semi hardy plants will be returned to this use, being managed by the Botanic Gardens who work at Mona Vale.</p> <p>As well as locals, many tourists come here, and there are fortnightly walks provided by Friends of the Gardens guides, one a fortnight for nine months of the year.</p>	<p>Jeanette has spent over 100 hours preparing and presenting the submission to Council, gathering information from members of the public, organising the Edwardian tea party, liaising with Mona Vale Gardens staff and assisting with providing information which can be shared with members of the public about this heritage building.</p> <p>Jeanette has been involved with the Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens Inc for over 10 years, she has been heavily involved in the committee for eight years and has been working on the Mona Vale bathhouse project for over three years.</p>

Community Service Awards 2025

Nomination guidelines

Community Service Awards are awarded to individuals and groups in recognition of significant voluntary service.

PLEASE NOTE

Participating Community Boards this year are, Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton, Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood, Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood and Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote.

Community Boards **not** participating this year are, Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central and Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.

Youth Service Awards*: Participating Community Boards this year are, Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton, Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood, and Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote

- The service undertaken should be of a voluntary nature. A paid employee may be eligible where the work undertaken is beyond the scope of that person's normal job description and the nominee has spent some of their own non-work time in the activity. In such a case, one of the nominators should be an employer of the nominee, who states that the nominee's work/activity went beyond the requirements of routine work by providing a supporting letter to that effect.
- The Community Service Awards recognise voluntary efforts in the following areas: youth, older adults, education, culture, church, recreation, sport, community service fields.
- People will be eligible for Community Service Awards in the area/suburb that they do the work in. If the work is for an organisation that covers more than two board areas, then the nomination shall be considered in the board area that the nominee does the majority of their voluntary work.
- Nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form that is available at ccc.govt.nz/csa
- The nomination form must be signed by two nominators and both nominators should be aware of the details of the nomination.
- **Youth Service Awards** are presented by the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton, Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood, and Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Boards only, in recognition of significant voluntary service carried out by residents aged 25 years or under. These awards are to recognise individual effort rather than that of a whole group or organisation.
- Any community organisation, club or society may make a nomination. Two executive officers of the organisation should sign the nomination and record their title of office.
- Letters of support or evidence supporting the work can also be submitted with the nomination. It is highly recommended to supply as much detail as possible to support the nominations. Length and type of service is particularly helpful.
- The more information you are able to supply in support of the nomination, the greater the assistance for the Community Boards in assessing the nominations.
- The length of voluntary work shall be considered alongside the nature of the work undertaken.
- Community Service Award nominations are considered and decided by Community Boards.
- Individuals shall be eligible to receive only one Community Service Award for the same voluntary work. This does not apply if a recipient has received a Youth Service Award.
- Community Service Awards are presented to recipients at community presentations or functions hosted by the local Community Boards.