



# NAPIER PILOT CITY TRUST UNITY DAY 2021

## Award Winner Citations

### TRACEY BENSON Nominated by Pat Magill

***I love my local community and believe that living in amongst where I used to be unwell, is the perfect place to be.***

Tracy, a Residential Service Manager for Whatever It Takes Trust, uses her experiences and pitfalls in growing up to provide a strongly empathetic service to her clients. She is driven by a desire to work towards the hope in others for a richer life. She believes it is such a privilege to offer much hope for her whānau towards a kinder and fairer city of Ahuriri Napier.

Born and bred in Napier Tracey is a 52-year-old mother of 4 and has 12 beautiful mokopuna. She went to Nelson Park and Tamatea Primary and Intermediate Schools. Self-described out of control behaviour saw her change secondary schools and eventually ending up at Miramar Girls Home and then Weymouth Girls Home. By the time she was 15 she was serving her first prison sentence.

Alcohol and drug use along with an unhealthy relationship, and unwise decisions led to 35 years of uncertainty. She has done numerous prison sentences, and knowns meth addiction first-hand. On release from prison in 2014 she has worked at Hawkes Bay Seafoods, before and then left to study completing a Level 4 Mental Health and Addictions certificate, a Level 6 Addictions Diploma, and has just completed a degree in Applied Addictions Counselling.

She has worked for Whatever It Takes Trust for close to six years. Initially as a Team Leader at our Transitional Rehab facility before moving into a Clinical Team Leader role at our 10 bed, level 4 residence. In the last month she has joined the Senior Management Team at WIT.

She has a history of voluntary work in the addictions sector in Maraenui, co-facilitating an addiction walk in centre. She also volunteered at a Kaupapa Maori driven residential rehab in Central Hawkes Bay, which specifically supports whanau with methamphetamine addiction.

She has worked as a casual on call at Te Waireka in Ōtane; a Kaupapa Maori therapeutic community-based re-integration house for wāhine coming out of prison. She thoroughly enjoyed this kaupapa.

Currently her work in the community is limited but likes to role model at our local exercise pod the Dominys. Here there are some locals who are struggling to overcome addiction. Sharing her journey with others who may be struggling in paramount, as this brings connection and hope.

Her passion is to support those struggling with addiction issues. Her hope to go on with her study and in the five-year goal space, is hoping to have the skill set to be able to be an ACC counsellor. Tracey volunteers in a kaupapa Maori methamphetamine/suicide prevention rehabilitation that has a gang whanau based Kaupapa, offering AOD counselling as well as group programs, and aftercare. I also volunteer work with the local community police to help whanau who have warrants to arrest, by providing a safe space for them to speak to police and get a new court date, without being arrested. She also is supporting whānau to get their learners licenses and to be able to come off forbidden licenses.

Tracey's home is always open to anyone struggling with Mental Health and /or Addiction issues.

## MARTYKA FLEMING BRANDT

### nominated by Pat Magill

For services to the community. After growing up in a struggling environment, Martyka has used his personal experience in parenting to provide grass roots advice to whānau. He organised a successful mother parenting programme and now voluntarily makes himself available daily to all members of the Maraenui community where his quiet advice and support is popular.

#### **My children, and bringing up my children, I'd have to say, saved me as a person.**

Martyka was born in 1959 in Kurow and grew up in Christchurch. His father was Hungarian refugee who had fled following the 1956 uprising. His father's early death, conflict with his mother and a rebellious nature at school saw Martyka ending up in psychiatric facilities Sunnyside and the notorious Lake Alice. Martyka was a rare Pākehā who joined the Mob in the 70s.

He found and belonging in the Mongrel Mob (and in stock cars); living a stereotype-defying life of violence, adventure, friendship was transformed via parenthood. It was not until he took over full time caring for his four children that he discovered his inner self. He learnt how to love, cuddle and cry from his children and since then has been a staunch advocate for positive parenting.

His skills were recognised in the community and he worked with the Open Home Foundation and Child Youth and Family to raise a further six children. In 2013 he starred and was the subject Tom Gould's short film which describes Martyka as a Mongrel Mob gangster, speedway driver and devoted solo father to 10 children.

From this background he was able to support whānau in parenting assistance and providing a targeted parenting programme sponsored by Dove HB. Unfortunately, although the programme was a success the funding dried up even though the need remains strong.

Since then, he has organised and delivered both a mother parenting programme and a Parenting and Family Violence Programme. Both have been hailed as successes.

He is visible mostly days in the community where he is open to sharing his parenting experience.

Martyka is a familiar figure in Maraenui where he is available and open to sharing his expertise. He has been central to several grass roots initiatives such as Maraenui Motivators and Maraenui donations.

## **SALLIE DUNFORD**

### **nominated by Pat Magill**

#### **Brief citation:**

is an environmental artist and motivator for peace with a focus on our environmental. She gains motivation from others because Papatuanuku is her life force, and she uses this to reflect the rich, fertile soil upon which the community was founded. She has recently completed a mural on the Maraenui Koha Shed and believe that this speaks for her mahi.

#### **Citation:**

Sallie May Dunford was born in England in 1970, the same year that the family moved to Aotearoa New Zealand. She is full of gratitude to her parents (Ian and Barbara) and two older sisters, for making the move when Sallie and her twin sister Faye were just six months old. Sallie has four children and has a strong interest in the future.

She developed a strong set of business skills within the corporate world as a retail bank manager. Following her passion and dreams, she has successfully transferred these skills into a creative world when she decided to become a full time artist in 2005.

In 2009 Sallie developed the back to basic Holiday programmes in 2009. This was all about transitioning youth and children through environments for all abilities to grow and expand in. She describes herself as being passionate about all art forms and sees that they benefit all our wellbeing as well as enhancing the wider environment.

She mainly works within education reminding children and adults of all ages that they are All creators. Opening space with grace and utilising repurposed materials from corporate Waste. She is also a public and motivational speaker and has been a creative community coordinator for over a decade. She now feels part of the intention for positive change and has more insight to what is possible when we collaborate with communities.

Her experience and perspective have shown her that transparent and authentic sustainability comes from working together with All people and on many levels for the global solutions and for the greater good of All.

She sincerely trusts that more and more people are waking up to the reality that it will take Us as a collective of people to change the status quo and shift the illusion to one that is more positive and supportive for our tamariki and rangatahi as the next leaders and way-showers.

Her work and influence can be seen widely across the Napier Community.

## LEVI HARLEY ARMSTRONG NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU nominated by Pat Magill

### **Brief citation:**

Levi has become a familiar figure in and around Maraenui where he is providing daily training opportunities. As part of a Master's degree in Health Science and with the support of the Napier City Council, he runs free classes daily from Monday to Friday and a Saturday morning class as well in health and fitness. The classes are extremely popular and are providing locals with the opportunity to improve their health and wellbeing. There is much more to Levi than a gym instructor.

### **Citation:**

Levi's world revolves around Whānau, Whakawhānaungatanga and Tinana. He knows that the most important moment in his life was meeting his wife Dana soon after he left school, he lives for their four children, and rather than downplaying growing up in a Gangster family he recognises the positive impact of physical fitness and community that was so important growing up.

While Levi is passionate about fitness and sees it as playing a central role in developing and supporting wellbeing, his impact across the community is so much more effective because of his social entrepreneurial skills, business achievement and academic success.

Four years after leaving school Levi studied at EIT gaining a Bachelor of Sport and Recreation at the end of 2011. While he then spent two years with Sport Hawkes Bay as a Kaimahi Hakinakina, he also co-founded Patu Aotearoa a gym/urban marae holistic approach to health and wellbeing. The kaupapa of Patu is based around whānau and community offering positive alternatives to drugs and alcohol.

Working with academics at EIT Levi has developed the Meke Meter a digital tool that supports whānau involved in Patu Aotearoa monitor and measure their fitness and wellbeing.

Last year, during the Covid Crisis, Levi collaborated with designers to develop the Domynis, a gym in a container that can move to where the need is greatest. After a stint on the Marine Parade, and supported by the Napier City Council, the Domynis has moved to Maraenui where it is providing strong opportunities for many who previously have had little access to gym.



## PETER EDEN

Ngāti Hinepari, Ngāti Mahu, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Tuwharetoa, Ngāti Porou;  
Marae: Tangoio, Petane, Wharerangi, Timi-Kara, Moteo.

### **nominated by Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū Tania Eden**

#### **Brief citation:**

For services to Maori in Hawkes Bay Region, his marae (Moteo) and to the wider community of Napier. Peter has played an important role in the revitalisation of Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū. During both the November floods and during the Covid-19 Crisis he was central to the efforts to ensure whānau were supported physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Peter's mahi spans a wide area of the community both business and the social sectors.

#### **Citation:**

He played key role in development and implementation of operational plan response to Covid-19 where Ahuriri Taiwhenua were operational and able to meet needs of Whanau within a 24-hour timeframe this framework provided long-term supply model during Covid which formed a regional response. He also developed Pataka Kai during Covid that supported wider Whānau; Tuwharetoa, Ngāti Pahauwera Mohaka/Raupunga and Wairoa. He organised his rural Whānau to supply meat, processed locally to be distributed during Covid to urban Whānau unable to access Kai.

Peter has several board positions in local and central government which provide opportunities to build Maori and Community Capacity. Peter's mahi with Ngāti Pahauwera and Ministry of Social Development was recognised with the Spirit of Service Award for social sector employment, housing, health, justice, and contribution Nationally, to making a difference in the community and won. Peter practices kaitiakitanga and provides Kutai for Kaumatua and Kuia at Christmas to allow Whānau the opportunity to practice customary practices.

For over 30 years Peter is involved in a number of voluntary Conservation projects in both the Kaweka and Kaimanawa ranges, training Rangatahi in outdoor pursuits and conservation work. Last year he managed the planting of 50,000 native trees to stabilise the Ripia catchment. The focus was on working with Rangatahi, mahi he continues through driver licensing and life skills support. He is currently working with Taradale High School to develop career pathway and experience in the building sector with students and last year sponsored the Taradale High School Mana Club students visit to Waiokaka lodge to support Maori development.

He is a board member Te Whanganui Orutū, Hawkes Bay Maori Tourism, Chairperson Moteo Maraе, Hawkes Bay Regional Council Maori Council board member, Maori Justice leadership team and board member on several Maori Incorporations alongside many of the organisations he chairs and supports.

He has his own business and currently works with Ngāti Pahauwera improving outcomes for Maori and the East Coast Community.

Peter always recognises the community values and whanaugatanga he was taught at an early age from his parents Albert and Kura Eden and grandparents Snow and Ma Eden and the humble background but love that was in the whare.

## **PETER FINDLAY**

### **nominated by Pat Magill**

#### **Brief citation:**

For services to the community. For years Pete has quietly volunteered, particularly in and around Maraenui on community projects that are designed to make Napier kinder and fairer.

Citation: Pete is well known across the Napier community where his grass roots political and social activism is recognised and widely respected. He is a doer; sees a need and works to remedy the situation. He is also acutely aware of issues of social inequity and does what he can to change things for the better.

#### **Citation:**

During the November floods Pete was one of the first people to volunteer to help support those worst affected. He then spent the next weeks working alongside Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū logistics team as they prepared and delivered food packages to people whose homes, lives and livelihoods had been disrupted.

Pete was born and grew up in Napier, attending Colenso High School before doing an extended OE. Pete credits his social and political activism to the years he spent at the Port of Napier. A carpenter by trade, Pete's resolute nature and natural leadership skills were recognised by his peers and he became a Union Delegate. It was during his 36 years in this role that he realised the need to support and advocate for those who lacked a voice. He saw the impact of poverty, dependence and power imbalance and became increasingly political. Peter has been a key figure in mobilising the vote in both local and parliamentary elections. He is the go-to person for organising high profile and mostly successful campaigns.

Currently Pete is a trustee in Tu Tangata Maraenui Trust, Maraenui Community Council Trust and the Waipureku Waitangi Trust.

A kind and caring man, Pete is a worthy recipient of a Pilot City Trust unity award.

## ROSE HIHA

Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tahu  
Marae: Ngāti Matepu (Petane) Ngāti Tawhao (Moteo) Ngāti  
Tangetu (Tangoio).

**nominated by Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui  
ā Orotū Tania Eden**

### **Brief Citation:**

For services to her marae (Tangoio and Petane) and the wider community of Napier. Rose has played a key role in the revitalisation of Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū. During both the November floods and during the Covid-19 Crisis Rose worked tirelessly to ensure whānau were supported physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

### **Citation:**

Rose was born in Napier, to parents Hemi and Mere Hiha, and raised at Petane. Rose has always been a huge advocate for her Whanau, Hapū and Iwi. She is presently the Chairperson for Petane Marae.

Her mahi has always involved community and whanau. She is on the Maori standing committee for Napier which represents all Marae in Napier and the Hawkes Bay Regional Council advisory board. Rose is involved in the consultation processes with Tangata Whenua, is on the Tangoio Kaumatua committee, Tangitu, the Baywatch Civil defence, for Bay View. She is involved with the Eskdale Park consultation and has contributed to the tree planting there.

Rose has always been involved in sports administration including being past manager of the HB woman's rugby league.

Rose is a true community stalwart and child advocate and has combined this with supporting moko and at present has two in her care.

Truly a worthy recipient of this award.

## JANICE KEEPA-KAHUKIWA

Ngāti Tu, Ngāti Hineru, Ngāi Tangaroa, Ngāti Whatumamoa,  
Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Tuwharetoa, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāi Tuhoe.  
Marae: Te Haroto, Otukou, Ngatokowaru, Kutarere, Matahi, Tangoio, Petane,

### **nominated by Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū Tania Eden**

#### **Brief:**

For services to her marae (Te Haroto) and the wider community of Napier. Janice has played a key role in the revitalisation of Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū. During both the November floods and during the Covid-19 Crisis Janice was central to the efforts to ensure whānau were supported physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

#### **Citation:**

Janice represents Te Haroto Marae on the Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū. Despite living along way from urban Napier, Janice does not hesitate to make the often difficult 50 km journey to attend meetings and be part of Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū events.

As a former teacher, Janice has much to offer, and she play a leading role in Ahuriri Taiwhenua's response to the Level 4 Covid-19 relief effort.

## HŌRI RETI

Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Marangatūhetaua, Ngāi Tatara, Ngāti Kurumokihi me  
Ngāi Tauira ngā hapū.

Marae: Tangoio, Petane, Te Haroto, Otukou, Ngatokowaru, Kutarere, Matahi

### **nominated by Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū Tania Eden**

#### **Brief:**

For services to Māori in the Hawkes Bay Region, his marae, (Tangoio) and the wider community of Napier. He played a leading role in the Covid-19 Crisis ensuring that whānau across the rohi were supported physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

#### **Citation:**

Hōri, moko of renowned kaumatua and kuia Joe and Hinei Reti, grew up at Tangoio immersed in, Maori Culture, church, marae, kapahaka, sport, waiata, music, and sustainable living. Community service was ingrained into Hōri from a young age. Hōri, as well as working full time is has followed in his grandfather's footsteps and is an Apotoro Rēhita ordained Minister in the Ratana Church.

Hōri is the Chairperson of Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū, a member of the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board, Director Transitions, Takitimu Seafoods, Trustee Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust, – Trustee and Project Manager Te Kura kaupapa Māori O Te Ara Hou. He is an Honourable male member, Te roopū wāhine Māori toko i te ora, a Committee member, Napier City Council Māori consultative committee, Proxy member for Te Taiwhenua O Te Whanganui ā Orotū, Hawkes Bay Regional Council Māori standing committee, NKII Representative, a member of Te Roopu Manukura, University of Waikato and Chairman, Kohimarama Pura Puna.

Hōri has played a major key role in the revitalisation of Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū working closely with CEO Tania Eden to ensure the organisation developed the vision and strategy needed to be an effective organisation.



## MAREWA KUINI RETI

Ngāti Tu, Ngāti Hineru, Ngāi Tangaroa, Ngāti Whatumamoa, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Tuwharetoa, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāi Tuhoe.  
Marae: Tangoio, Petane, Te Haroto, Otukou, Ngatokowaru, Kutarere, Matahi

### **nominated by Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū Tania Eden**

#### **Brief:**

For services to her marae (Tangoio and Petane) and the wider community of Napier. Marewa has played a key role in the revitalisation of Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū. During both the November floods and during the Covid-19 Crisis Marewa was central to the efforts to ensure whānau were supported physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

#### **Citation:**

Marewa, one of 11 children of renowned kaumatua and kuia Joe and Hinei Reti, grew up at Tangoio immersed in, Maori Culture, church, marae, kapahaka, sport, waiata, music, and sustainable living. Community service was like breathing to her whānau and her childhood was extremely busy and rich.

After school she married a fellow musician and together, they had nine children. In 1999, after a mental health crisis Marewa began tertiary study gaining qualifications in Counselling and Social Support. She formally entered Community Service both professionally and as a volunteer. She has focussed on Drug and Alcohol, Problem Gambling, and general Counselling.

Marewa represents Tangoio on the Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotū and is a Board member at Petane Marae. She is the fulltime carer of Hinei and combines this with an active role in a wide range of community activities.

# SATYAM SAHA

## **nominated by Rizwaana Latiff**

### **Brief citation:**

For services to the International Student community. During the 2020 Covid-19 Lockdown Satyam played a vital link between the Institute and individual International Students who were isolated and lonely. Satyam's efforts ensured that each of the students were able to be supported both by EIT and by the local migrant community.

### **Citation:**

Satyam came into New Zealand in February 2019 as an International Student to study Accounting at EIT.

He came across the opportunity to stand for the elections at the 2020 YOUNITED Students Association IBM in July 2019. After a month of processes and another of campaigning, he was elected by the students at EIT as an Internal Board Member to the Student Association.

In November 2019, he was invited to the AGM of the Multicultural Association Hawkes Bay (MCAHB), where he was elected to the Board as a Youth and Student Representative.

During Level-4 Lockdown in March 2020, he was a part of the Tihei Mauri Ora Emergency Response Centre, helping our Hawkes Bay community, working with key organizations, Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc, Office of the Ethnic Communities, HBDHB, Hawkes Bay Civil Defence.

In August 2020, he took the opportunity to work with the Chairman of the Waiohiki Community Trust, in helping in the preparation Cultural Reports.

He decided to again run for the Student Elections in August 2020 and was re-elected to the Board. In November 2020, he was asked to stay on the Board of MCAHB and chose to do this.

In December 2020, he commences working on a research project on alcohol licensing and usage of alcohol in public places with Massey University's Shore and Whariki Research Centre team, undertaking the project on behalf of the Health Promotion Agency. The Shore and Whariki Research Centre are two multidisciplinary research groups working in a Treaty of Waitangi partnership model to produce excellent research with the aim of improving health and wellbeing in Aotearoa, New Zealand and globally.

In February, this year he was elected as a Youth Councillor at the Hastings District Youth Council. In the same month he started working as a Student Mentor for the first semester of 2021 at EIT's International Department.

In April 2021, he was appointed as a National Education Committee 2021 Representative to the New Zealand Union of Students' Association (NZUSA) by our President at the YOUNITED Students' Association (EIT Hawkes Bay's Student Association).

Since arriving Satyam has also volunteered at the Hawkes Bay Knowledge Bank, Canterbury and New Zealand Business Association, Red Cross New Zealand, and the Salvation Army.