



# Napier Pilot City Trust

Ahuriri, kāore e tino nui ki te ako rātau

Napier, not too large to learn about itself

## Report Unity Day April 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 Napier Conference Centre and War Memorial





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## 1. Background

In 2018 the Napier Pilot City Trust engaged with its community and developed a prioritised [strategic plan](#) and identified it's immediate priorities.

Our vision of a kinder and fairer Napier and the historic commitment to seeking innovative approaches to offending shaped the theme of our 2019 Unity Day. This allowed us to put together a programme that balanced local voices with practitioners and academics.

Our goal for Unity Day was to celebrate Unity in the city through the presentation of the Community Service Awards, maintain the tradition of both the Robson Lecture and the Unity Dinner and to signal to the wider community that the Napier Pilot City Trust remains a strong and active voice for change in our community.

## 2. Sponsorship

Once we established a draft programme we were able to gain the support of sponsors that resulted in the event being able to be offered free of charge. The Trust acknowledges the support of the following sponsors:

Whatever it Takes	The Ministry of Justice	Napier City Council	Hawkes Bay District Health Board	Napier RSA
				

We were also very grateful for the Hawkes Bay Club who provided a tasty and quality lunch at cost and to the various participants who topped up the koha box

## 3. The final programme

- Introduction: What the statistics tell us: Is Napier a kind and fair City?
- Session One: Local Voice: What does a kinder and fairer Napier look like to you?
- Session Two: How Restorative Practices will make Napier kinder and fairer.
- Session Three: What is the government's justice plan for a kinder and fairer Napier?
- Session Four: The Annual Robson Lecture
- Napier Pilot City Unity Awards

Both Moana Jackson and the Minister of Justice, Hon. Andrew Little had initially indicated that they would participate in Unity Day but circumstances beyond their control intervened, and they apologised.

## 4. Attendance

96 people registered to attend; an extra ten signed in during the day and during the Awards ceremony one count suggested there were 140 people in the hall.





Over the month preceding Unity Day Napier people had been asked to share their views on what a kind and fair Napier would look like to them. These thoughts were shared during the day:

May the kindly sunshine and fruitfulness of our city's setting inspire us to change the unjust and racist structures that prevent fair access to health, housing, education, jobs, the law.

Murray

## 5. Unity Day

### 5.1. Karakia; Mihi Whakatau



Pilot City Trust Kaumatua, **Matiu Eru** provided Unity Day with a context for the day's events with a welcoming mihi whakatau and karakia.

From "NOW" Today, Ahuriri Napier will host annual forums leading up to the Year 2030, to assist Napier to become a kinder and fairer City. "Building Stronger Communities And Not Prisons."

Pat Magill, founder NPCT

### 5.2. Introduction:

Chairperson **Joan** extended the welcome on behalf of the Pilot City Trustees and then, supported by statistics, challenged the audience with the question "*is Napier a kind and fair city?*".

#### 5.2.1. Housing Waiting Lists:

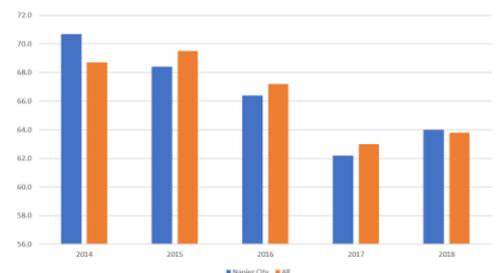
Rank	Area	Residents on Waiting List for Housing	Total Population	% of Population
1	Napier City	327	62,800	0.52
2	Gisborne District	215	49,100	0.44
3	Porirua City	221	56,800	0.39
4	Hastings District	295	80,600	0.37
5	Lower Hutt City	367	105,900	0.35
65	South Wararapa District	1	10,450	0.01
66	Waimate District	1	7,940	0.01
	TOTAL NEW ZEALAND	10,702	4,884,590	0.22

#### 5.2.2. Crime Victimization:

Rank	Area	Population	# of Victimisations Feb 2018- Feb 2019	Victimisations Per Capita
1	Napier City	62,800	4,807	0.077
2	Rotorua District	72,500	5,245	0.072
3	Hamilton City	169,300	10,661	0.063
4	Palmerston North City	88,700	5,439	0.061
5	Christchurch City	388,500	23,671	0.061
6	Hastings District	80,600	4,881	0.061
64	Southland District	31,400	589	0.019
65	Selwyn District	62,200	958	0.015
66	Central Otago District	21,000	311	0.015
	Total NZ	4,884,590	218,759	0.045

#### 5.2.3. Education: Attendance

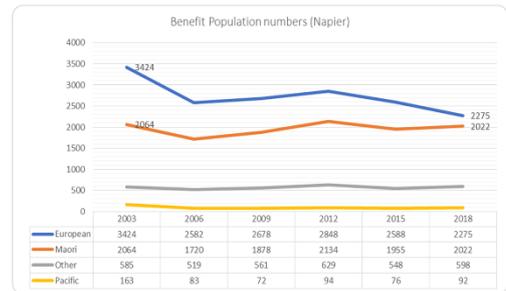
- Research shows that non-attendance at school is a good predictor of poor educational performance and that lower socio-economic areas have higher levels of absenteeism.
- Over the last five years, the proportion of Napier students attending school regularly in Term 2 of the school year has declined overall from a peak of 70.7% in 2014 to 64% in 2018 (Ministry of Education figures)
- At the same time, the national proportion has similarly fallen from 68.7% to 63.8%.





### 5.2.4. Unemployment Ethnicity & Trends

- June 2003 : 33% of Napier unemployed were Maori.
- June 2018 : 41% of Napier unemployed were Maori.
- The number of Maori on benefit has remained static while European numbers have declined. (Note : these statistics are for the periods outside of summer seasonality)
- This is despite an overall reduction in benefit numbers of 20%, and improved economic conditions.

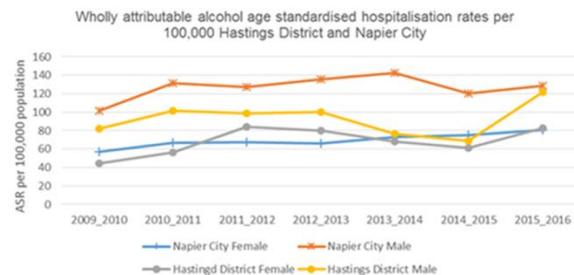


### 5.2.5. Health: Hospitalisation Alcohol related Trends:

Napier city males have the highest wholly attributable alcohol hospitalisation rates of all gender groups in both Napier City and Hastings District.

Napier City Males wholly attributable alcohol hospitalisation rates have

- increased 26 % from 2009/2010 to 2015/2016.
- From 101.8 per 100,000 to 128.7 per 100,000



More Health Providers working with gang families.

Work Trust programmes available to the identified vulnerable next-generation of gang youth towards Education, Training, Up-Skilling, Trade Training, and Community contribution programmes, e.g. Community Max, group employment liaison services to the vulnerable.

Mane

Make it easier for the community to have knowledge of where to go to for help for anything and everything without feeling stupid or judged.

Kiriti

Help the gangs to have a better understanding of others and their ways and beliefs.

Chris

### 5.3. Session One: What does a kinder and fairer Napier look like to you?

**Session 1.** Introduced by Michelle Ratima, NPCT Trustee

9.20 “What does a kinder and fairer Napier look like to you?”



- Noel O’Riley
- Philip Rowden
- James Gaudin
- Genesis Keefe
- Tracey Benson
- Casey Tapara
- Ezra Broughton-Spark



10.15 Break out groups. “What does a kinder and fairer Napier look like to you?” An opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of our shared vision of a kind and fair Napier

A Kinder Fairer Napier involves the communities of our city. Our living breathing communities are related through blood, through other ties. Build Holistic WHANAU ORA Centres focal venues for every community within Napier City Council jurisdiction. Medical with social needs.

Sonya

More free concerts and events. There aren’t as many as there used to be up at Marine Parade. It’s really good for families and that sense of community. Everyone from every walk of life enjoys those and come together without judgement.

Jess





Seven locals, all active in social/community activities, were given the opportunity to share their views on kinder, fairer Napier. Each spoke powerfully of their vision.

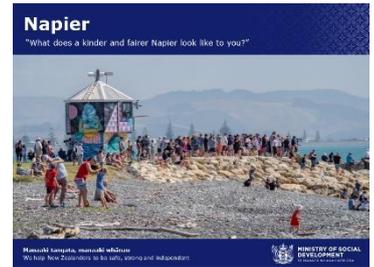
**Noel** provided a context based on MSD statistics and suggested that for Napier to be kinder and fairer three concepts had to be met:

1. For Napier to succeed, Māori must succeed
2. Quality sustainable employment
3. Working together (Matariki-HB Regional Economic Development Strategy)



**Philip** outlined a number of programmes the Police are active in and that are designed to engage across the community to build a safer, kinder and fairer Hawkes Bay.

**James** stressed the collaborative nature of his work, stressing that he is just a small part in a large number of people who are striving to support those currently alienated from mainstream society.



**Genesis** painted a graphic picture of the day to day reality for many young people in Napier who were struggling to grow and flourish. She shared the demands of being a mum, full time caregiver to her wheelchair bound partner and teacher aide at the local school and a community activist, determined to make her city kinder and fairer.



**Tracey** detailed her experiences of moving from addiction to becoming a support worker at WIT (Whatever It Takes) within the context of being a mother and the demands of holding her family together. She outlined the challenge (and pleasure) of study while working and being a mother.



**Casey** shared the journey taken by Te Aratika Academy over the last five years as part of their quest to create a kinder and fairer place for their students. She was then joined by senior student **Ezra** who spoke of his belief of the importance of role model as well as his dreams of academic and sporting success and the community of support that he had gained from at the Kura.



Bring in more Community Support people who are roaming the streets and not with any one organisation that people can identify with and approach for guidance and advocacy.

Trev

Bike lanes – safe ones. For us who cannot get a drivers' license due to medical conditions this is a big thing.

It's quite frightening biking on the road.

Rena and Destiny

We start by encouraging individuals to talk, ask and confront while showing concern for and consideration of different views. We stop expecting answers from within leadership hierarchies.

Russell

Better public transport with more options and hours available.

Paora

Our beautiful city will become a happier, healthier place for all if we can treat all people with goodwill, open mindedness and tolerance.

Helen and Rob





## 5.4. Session Two: Restorative Practices

<b>Session 2</b>	Introduced by Mark Cleary, NPCT Trustee	
11.00	Restorative Justice Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Chris Marshall</li> <li>• Daniel Murfitt / Jan Hiha -William Colenso College</li> </ul>	

### 5.4.1. Professor Chris Marshall; *Towards a More Caring Society*

The session commenced with a substantial presentation by Professor **Chris Marshall** the Diana Unwin Chair in Restorative Justice in the School of Government at Victoria University of Wellington. The Chair is sponsored by seven government agencies and one private trust and is charged with deepening the quality and extending the reach of restorative justice in New Zealand. Prior to taking up this post in 2014, he was Head of the School of Art History, Classics and Religious Studies at Victoria where he gained a reputation for translating theory into personal practice, especially in the area of restorative justice through a blend of teaching and scholarship. A prolific writer, Prof. Marshall and has won several awards, including a national award for excellence in tertiary teaching. Perhaps his best known work is ***Compassionate Justice: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue***, Chris has recently gained a reputation for wider commentary as was illustrated in a recent [Newsroom](#) article.

The paper presented at Unity Day 2019 was [Towards a More Caring Society](#) which was supported by a [number of slides](#).

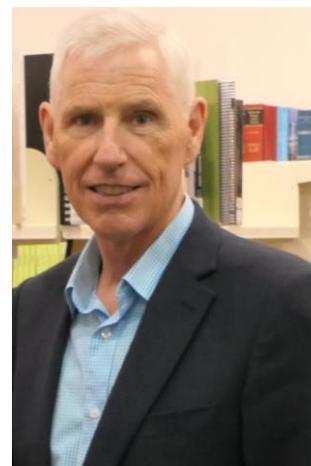
Chris provided a strong academic context for cities such as Napier adopting Restorative Practices to support them to become kinder and fairer. He provided examples and compelling arguments based on evidence and practice for such an approach.

On kindness he spoke of the Prime Minister's '*overt appeal to kindness [that] has attracted criticism, even derision, from some of her opponents- as being too vague and touchy-feely rather than an achievable policy agenda*'. However, he suggested, that since the March 15<sup>th</sup> horror, things may have changed:

*Perhaps, the values of kindness, and fairness, and social inclusion will be more widely accepted now as non-negotiable ingredients for enhancing the safety and unity and success of the nation, and for guiding social and economic policy. Perhaps...*

Three distinctive features:

- A relational approach to justice (the foundation)
  - Who are the stakeholders?
  - Who has been affected by what happened?
  - What are their needs
  - Who should be involved in putting things right?
- A commitment to repair the harm (the goal)
- A commitment to involve the principal participants (the process)





For Napier to become a kinder and fairer city, rangatahi, when at school, should have parenting courses. Kia kaha for 10 years for a better Napier.

Charlotte

#### 5.4.2. William Colenso College Restorative Practices

Principal **Daniel Murfitt** and Restorative Practices Coordinator **Jan Hiha** outlined the [unique approach](#) that William Colenso College have taken to behaviour management.

Daniel indicated that the recent outstanding successes the college has enjoyed at the

### Restorative Practice at WCC



[Prime Minister's Excellence in Education Awards](#), is largely due to this innovative approach.

(In 2017 the School finalised in three categories; [Excellence in](#)

[Teaching and learning Excellence in](#)

[Leading](#), and [Excellence in Governing](#),

and was the category winner in

Excellence in Leading. In 2018 the school finalised in and was the Category winner

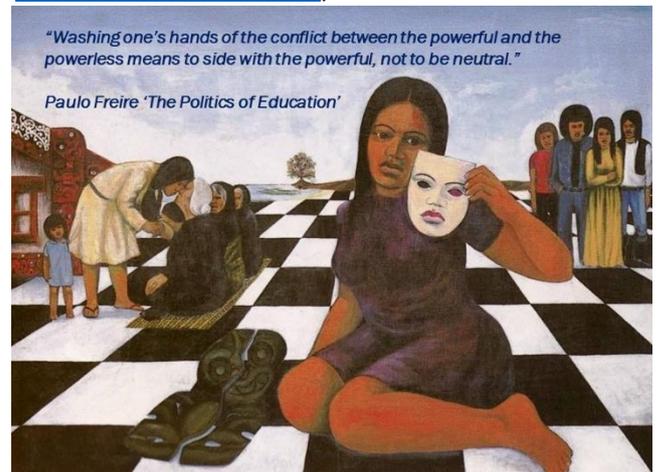
for [Education Focus Award](#)).

In a perfect follow on to Prof. Marshall's comment; *'We tend to think about restorative practices as only applying to the domain of justice, when in fact we should be thinking and asking questions about what restorative approach would look like in the places we live, learn, work, play and pray...'* Daniel provided an overview of, and the strategic basis for using restorative practice as the central plank in the school's behaviour management approach.

This was followed by Jan who, using case-studies, demonstrated how the approach worked in the day to day life of a busy school. She explained how the approach is adapted to work at a low every-day classroom level to one that can deal with more complex disciplinary action that will involve parents and even the Board of Trustees.

It was evident that the approach had become integral into the whole life of the school and that informed learning, management and leadership practices across the school.

Effective relationships are built and supported by the restorative practices.



Have street barbecues to bring neighbours together, perhaps promoted with community leader/identity presence.

Andy

This place is more hard out than Wellington and other places I've lived for being hassled to move/get involved with the Mob. Please help stop the pressure they putting on people who want to raise their children away from that.

KM





## 5.5. Lunch!

### 5.5.1. The Hawkes Bay Club



Provided a venue for participants to chat over lunch.

### 5.5.2. The Robson Collection, Napier Public Library

It also provided the opportunity for Tā Kim Workman and Professor Chris Marshall to join Pilot City Founding Trustee **Pat Magill** in order to visit the **Robson Collection** at the Napier Public Library where each donated a copy of their most recent books. [The John Robson Collection](#) includes items relating to criminal, social and restorative justice. Having been developed as a community initiative by Napier Pilot City Trust, based on John Robson's personal collection, it relies on donations from the community and around the world.



Please look at a copy of the John Robson Collection [Prospectus](#). The Library will

appreciate donations to this resource to ensure its ongoing development.

Napier will be a kinder and fairer city when it learns that across our increasingly diverse communities, there is more that unites than divides us. To achieve this we all need to embrace what we do not yet understand. To learn about those of whom we know little. To break out of our comfort zones, and at the same time share comfort with whoever we discover on the journey.

Martin

Where people have a warm, dry, uncrowded home, a meaningful job, access to health care and education and enough money to live on in dignity.

Fran

Where people with intellectual disabilities 'learning to use bus travel' are given special learner passes with their support person so they travel free while getting to know what to do.

Andy





## 5.6. Session Three: What is the government plan and justice plan for a kinder and fairer Napier?

<b>Session 3</b>	Moderated by Martin Williams, Former NPCT Chair	
2.00	What is the government plan and justice plan for a kinder and fairer Napier?	
	Hon. Stuart Nash - Minister of Police and MP for Napier Hon. Meka Whaitiri - MP for Ikaroa-Rāwhiti	



Former NPCT Chair **Martin William** introduced the third session with a brief overview of the Trust's history, touching on the beginnings of the Trust in the late 1970s with the Barron/ Report that led to the Hon. Dame Anne Hercus granting the city Pilot status.



Local MP and Minister of Police, Fisheries, Revenue and Small Business Stuart Nash congratulated the Trust and suggested that now was the right time for the Trust to pursue its objectives of creating a kinder, fairer Napier. He explained that the Government had detected a strong desire across the nation for more inclusive and less unequal society. He then detailed the initiatives that the three Justice Sector Ministers were undertaking to reduce incarceration in what he said was the most comprehensive recent reform of Justice. He also outlined their work in reference to the work of the Chester Borrows-led Safe and Effective Justice Advisory Group - [Te Uepū Hāpai i te Ora](#). He

also touched on drug reforms, changes to the minimum wage, local initiative such as the Wairoa- Napier rail reopening and targeted employment for rangatahi.

Hon. Meka Whaitiri, MP for Ikaroa Rāwhiti also expressed pleasure at being part of the 2019 Unity Day and stressed that for Napier to become kinder and fairer city it is essential that the Māori Post Treaty Settlement Entities (PTSE) be engaged, and actively involved with the Trust. She identified nine that are in her electorate and that Napier would need to engage with three: Mana Ahuriri, Maungaharuru-Tangitū and Pahauwera as well with the relevant Iwi Authority. She identified housing as a key issue that the Government was working on; improving renter's rights and partnerships with iwi i.e. Papakainga initiatives. Stressed the opportunities available with the Regional Growth Fund particularly around Māori land.



The Napier Pilot City is already supporting me. A Maori needs to be with Napier Pilot City, someone on ma level to speak on ma behalf when it comes to dealing with an often unfriendly system. Thank you for your concern for a young solo mother in difficult times.  
Chezanne

At Napier Family Centre we see kindness in people every day;  
In the food donated, the blankets and children's clothing, the garden weeded & seedlings planted, the bread delivered; in koha and in time given to go the extra mile. We are daily witness to the courage of spirit in people who are determined their children will know a kinder life than the childhood they endured. Kindness travels with companions like dignity, aroha, gratitude, manaaki, tolerance, compassion and love so this invitation to grow a kinder city is surely a powerful ask.  
Kath





### 5.7. Session 4: John Robson Lecture Tā Kim Workman

For over thirty years a highlight of the Napier Pilot City Trust Unity events has been the [John Robson](#) Lecture. Dr Robson was the former Secretary of Justice, who in 1962, was responsible for the abolition of the death penalty in New Zealand. He later became the first criminologist at Victoria University and was also the chairman of the New Zealand Social Development Council.

It was fitting that Kim Workman deliver this year's address; [Turn Your Face toward the Sacred Mosque](#) as he had worked in Corrections when Dr Robson was the Secretary of Justice, as was pointed out by Kaumatua **Tom Hemopo** when he welcomed and introduced Tā Kim. Tā Kim acknowledged Tom who he described 'as *a strong advocate for Māori rights within the criminal justice system, initially while a public servant*'.

In a beautifully crafted presentation Kim began by acknowledging the courage it takes to be prepared to *be counted on matters of principle, especially when those principles have been breached by one's employer*. He acknowledged that John Robson was such a person.

He referenced Moana Jackson's *worryingly prophetic* words in a 1992 paper ***The Treaty and the Word: The Colonisation of Māori Philosophy***

*"a cultural and racist arrogance which persists today – now more often covert rather than overt, more often cloaked in the newspeak of bicultural rhetoric or legal pluralism rather than the open bluster of colonialism."*

He then described biculturalism and his work in the State Services Commission in the 1980s noting Eric Schwimmer's 1968 description which referenced; *full citizenship in three senses: equal civil rights; full sharing in processes of government and exercise of power; and equality of resources and capacities necessary to turn equal rights into fully equal opportunities*.

He described Government agencies who first began *institutionalising Māori knowledge and expertise, then began to define and authenticate this knowledge, in itself a form of colonization. That was not the model proposed by Schwimmer in 1968, nor was it what Māori wanted*.

He was highly critical of the 1980 Public Sector Reforms:

*In the process it sacrificed the ideals of diversity and pluralism and the rights of people to enjoy their own traditions in a way that made sense to them—ideals consistent with the values of a fair and just society. ... a dominant political philosophy of competition and devotion to market forces prevailed. Government programmes managed and delivered by Māori used co-opted and state-approved Māori values and Māori expertise.*

He noted that the result of this has been a shift in our values with fewer people accepting that the State has a role to play in supporting the vulnerable.

*We live in a contaminated moral environment. We have become used to saying something different from what we think. In his autobiography, Sir Geoffrey Palmer mourns the loss of frank public service advice to ministers;*





*instead he says, senior public servants find out what the minister wants, and then feed that back to the Minister in their advice.*

He identified that we were all complicit in this, and as our society has become more diverse and less equal, have become collaborators, *withdrawing into our own private world so as to protect ourselves as the world experiences harrowing upheaval.*

He ended his paper with reference to the tragic events of the 15th March. *The cold-blooded slaughter of 50 Muslim men, women and children, has turned the minds of New Zealanders towards the evils of hate and racism as we became aware, through the public testimony of Islamic leaders and victims, of two things:*

1. He, acknowledged the **remarkable leadership** of Prime Minister Ardern quoting Dr Hage *who speaks of Ardern’s response as exemplifying what he (Hage) calls the “difficult love” that crosses cultural boundaries and embraces multiplicity and difference - a deeply felt love that can cross rather than erect cultural boundaries and that can heal rather than entrench divisions.*
2. He concluded with a call for us to **turn our faces towards the mosque, become annointed with a sense of love and compassion** so that we can start a difficult conversation, **where we acknowledge that racism exists in New Zealand, claim victory over social isolation and loneliness, and explore the notion of a common identity, common values, and a common good and begin to mature as a nation.**

Address some root causes such as racism, white privilege, commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the effects of colonisation. This requires us to look deeply at ourselves first.

Ros

Teach our children to respect their cultures and values, and also respect the Christian way to empower their holistic living environment against crimes and evil doings. Because tamariki are the FUTURE of NAPIER. If there is a will there is a way, united we stand, divided we fall.

Arohanui Early Childhood Educational Training Samoa Community Napier

A Kinder and Fairer Napier would be a city with a Restorative Attitude here people have a will to understand before judging a will to reach out to help where people take responsibility for own actions

Andy

Smile and say hello to everyone. Help to bring back that sense of community and breaking down barriers with a smile or a hello is such a small and simple thing, yet so effective.

Helen

Napier City Councillors need to be EDUCATED regarding The Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

Te Reo & Cultural Training understanding & Awareness for Councillors.

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Mane





### 5.8. Napier Pilot City Trust Unity Awards:

Each year our Trust seeks out people who have made a significant contribution to the community and this year eight people have been chosen for an award. These awards are presented to recipients to recognise their outstanding mahi.



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**A NAPIER CITIZEN**  
making an  
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*"By Improving the Quality of Life for all Napier Citizens"*

*Belinda Pukeke*

Working in partnership with the community.  
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Kotahi hei painga mo te iwi katoa  
Without such vision, the people perish  
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*James & Joanne Gaudin*

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*Aaron Garnham-Pitcher*

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*Ronnie Rochel*  
Director of the Te Aratika Group

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*"By Improving the Quality of Life for all Napier Citizens"*

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## 6. Annual Unity Dinner Napier RSA

Following the Unity Day 71 people gathered for a celebratory Unity meal at the Napier RSA. Jon Fletcher was once again a superb MC and entertained the crowd with song, waiata and humour all evening. Our diversity was celebrated, and we were honoured by the attendance of Mr George Neonakis, the Greek Counsel who spoke of the bonds between Greece and New Zealand.





## Appendix One: Award Citations

Award recipient **Belinda Pukeke,**

***for making it possible for free goods to be distributed in Maraenui***

Belinda came to Napier from Wairoa 18 years ago.

In Wairoa she was active in supporting the Kohanga Reo and despite living in Napier has continued to be active in supporting her Marae.

Despite having small children to contend with, she coached her daughter's netball team for about seven years in Maraenui.

About four years ago she noticed that the **Maraenui community garden**, that was kindly set up by Peter Findlay and EIT was not being cared for. She took it on herself to keep this maintained and she still does. The very healthy and plentiful plants growing in the raised beds are testament to her skilled care. Anyone can come and pick what they need, and they do.

As well as nourishing people with vegetables, about a year ago she took over the day to day running of the **Koha Shed** (container) next to the gardens in Longfellow Ave. People can bring any clothes or smaller household goods here for free distribution and it is open for anyone to come and choose what they would like.

Belinda is there most working days from nine to four. She is very cheerful and welcoming and works hard, first to move goods to the grounds outside the container, second to receive goods and sort them, third to display them well. Recently she damaged her back doing this work and was forced to close the shed for a while. She now gets family members to do heavy lifting.

Belinda is to be commended for the care and passion she puts into maintaining a valuable community asset which helps those struggling to make ends meet.





## Award recipient **Jim & Joanne Gaudin** *for outstanding service to the disenfranchised*

Jim and Joanne Gaudin work together as a team supporting each other in their efforts to create better outcomes for the disenfranchised in our community.

They are Lay Preachers and an integral part of the parish Council at the Trinity Methodist Church. Jim also undertakes the Pastoral care regularly visiting with the sick and elderly giving reassurance and advice; both have a vision for Trinity involving more outreach from the Clive Square premises than is currently possible.

Jim's community involves serving meals at the WIT premises in Clive Square twice a week; he hopes to create a bond with the people he feeds and assist them to achieve good outcomes.

Since coming to Napier, he has also been involved with:

**Literacy Aotearoa; HB People's Advocacy Service** - he is still using his advocacy skills for those in need of advice and guidance on a one on one basis through his own agency Phoenix Advocacy; Worked for Diabetes HB as a programme facilitator and counsellor but now works for Health Hawkes Bay as a Chronic illness Program facilitator and is currently running these classes at HB Prison for the Correction Dept. He believes that what the inmates learn from these programs will not only benefit their health but help them reintegrate back into society when they are released.

Both Jim and Joanne are members respectively of Ahuriri Rotary and Inner Wheel. Jim has been Director of Ahuriri Rotary's Social Projects Committee and is to be Club president for the 2019-20; Joanne joined her mother in the Inner Wheel club of Ahuriri and soon began a journey that has seen her be Club President; District Chairman and Inner Wheel New Zealand President 2016-17.

Currently she is an International Inner Wheel Board Director assisting in the growth of this International Women's service group in countries where the role of women is only now starting to evolve.

For the past five years they have both been involved with the Napier Community Christmas Lunch, first as Kitchen coordinators and then as the event coordinators. They will be involved in this again for 2019 and it is Their vision is to create a blueprint for the luncheon that any team of coordinators can follow in the future, ensuring that it continues to involve the entire community.

Although the purchase last year of JJ's Crafts in Taradale has curtailed some of the activities Jim & Joanne are able to be involved in it is hoped that this will become a place where members of the community can come for companionship, colour therapy and leave feeling better able to deal with the world.





## Unity Award recipient **Aaron Garnham-Pitcher** *for being an outstanding contributing citizen*

Aaron began learning Taekwondo at Havelock North High School

He has continued until this day and has become so good at this that competed at an international disabled **Taekwondo competition in London England**. He paid for his fare by fundraising. He came third in his category. He was a buddy for another competitor. What a wonderful achievement.

Aaron has also become very good at 10 pin bowling. He entered a Special Olympics 10 Pin bowling event in Hastings. He came first in the doubles event and his team came second.

Aaron is very busy. He practices and plays his sports five days a week, and he spends two days working for the Napier City Council Planting trees in Clive by the river as part of the Wetlands project. He says he plants very many trees each day. He has never had a day off sick and is always on time and works hard.

Aaron travels everywhere by bus and is quite independent.

Aaron lives with his Nan and his cousin. They say he is respectful, helpful, cheerful and very easy to have around.

Aaron shows an extraordinary ability to be focused, reliable, and enthusiastic. He is making the most of his life and is a shining example for all of us.





Award Recipient **Heather Ann Turner,**

***for her work with children, the arts community and the disadvantaged.***

Heather was a kindergarten teacher and an advisor for preschool education and district advisor for Hawkes Bay before she retired. She also studied craft and design at Hawkes Bay Polytech.

Heather began mostly voluntary work as a **pre-school teacher at the Napier Women's Refuge**. She also took classes for older children, helping them adjust their behaviour in their new environment.

Throughout her life Heather has been very involved in the community. She has had various **roles in her church**, playing the organ, taking Sunday School and Bible Study, and being a cub and scout leader.

Heather set up a studio at the **Waiohiki Craft Community** and taught felting and crafts there, offering classes for at risk and disabled children. She also taught at the **Keiranga Arts Community**. She has had the roles of president of the Napier Weavers and Spinners Group and the Potters Club.

Heather volunteered for two years at the **Citizen's Advice Bureau**.

After becoming aware of community organisations being donated more items than they can manage, for the last fifteen years she has taken it on herself to spend a significant amount of time picking up these items, sorting them, cleaning them. Despite being nearly 80 Heather then distributes the donated items; clothing and toys, to organisations such as Birthrite, the police, fire service and anyone she hears of in need because of their circumstances.

It is this humanitarian work that drew her to the attention of the Trust, but it is her lifetime's contribution to the community has been equally valuable.

Because of Heather's commitment to working with children and their parents she is delighted to hear that one of the Napier Pilot City Trust's goals is to gain acceptance for Napier to become a UNICEF Child Friendly City.





## **Award for Ronnie Rochel** ***for outstanding service to Māori and Pasifika youth***

Te Aratika Group Director, Ronnie Rochel is fiercely passionate of Te Aratika's vision to create a platform for change that firmly supports and encourages one person, one family, one community at a time to find their pathway and journey to success. Te Aratika (the right path) enriches learners through Māori based values and innovative and modern technologies to enable them to achieve their potential, contribute to their families, their communities, and aspire to positive and fulfilling futures.

Te Aratika Academy was established as a Partnership School | Kura Hourua in 2017 as an answer to the challenges of Māori and Pasifika youth who were either not in school, education or training. The Academy was established as a senior secondary school providing foundation education, construction and infrastructure education, and pathway for mainly Māori and Pacific youth in Years 11 to 13.

Unity Award winner, Ronnie Rochel, expresses her motivation as follows:

He aha te mea nui i te roto i  
te ao? He tangata, he  
tangata, he tangata

What is the most important thing in the  
world? The people, the people, the  
people.

This whakatauki (proverb) is the driving force behind the establishment of Te Aratika Group, Te Aratika Charitable Trust (not for profit org.) and Te Aratika Academy.

These words depict the heartbeat of Te Aratika, which is to provide a positive platform for change that is globally recognised, firmly supports and encourages our young people and their families.

With over 20 years' experience working in business across Asia, Europe and Aotearoa, Ronnie dedicates her life to share these skills, opportunities and positive pathways for all people's to be successful and find their "Ara Tika", their "Right Path".

Ko au, ko koe, ko koe, ko au. I am you and you are me.





## Award recipient **Sheridan Ihaia-Rogers** *for outstanding service to the youth of Napier.*

Sheridan is a resident of Whakatu.

She has been attending William Colenso College in Onekawa since 2014 and is now in year 13.

She comes from a community minded family and for one so young, she has been involved in an impressive number of voluntary activities.

Most days, Sheridan and other family members, pick up food from Hastings and deliver it to Napier as part of the **Nourish for Nil** organisation which distributes left over food.

In another daily before school routine Sheridan helps her Nan make breakfast and lunch for the up to 50 young men who attend Te Aratika Academy from 7.30 am to 5.30 pm weekdays.

Sheridan is also an organiser for a homework club in Whakatu.

In year 9 Sheridan was an organiser for social activities for the students of her school.

In year 10 she helped cook for a Matariki festival. She also helped with ushering for a dance competition.

Last year Sheridan was the **International Leader** at her school which involved being a mentor for all international students at the school.

This year she is **Maropea House Captain** leading a large group of students when they are assembled.

As well as all this activity, Sheridan can keep up with her schoolwork and maintain good grades. She achieved excellence for her art board, which takes a great deal of work to produce.

We wish her well with her goal of a career using her art.





## Award Recipient **Vicky Julian** *for outstanding contribution to Napier Sports.*

Vicky moved to Napier in 1978 from Waipukurau.

She says she was not particularly into sport but became involved as a spectator at her partner's softball games.

She was asked to become the team scorer and she has never looked back. Next she became the manager of the team and then became the softball delegate for Maraenui Rugby and Sports Association. She was elected to the **Hawkes Bay Softball Board** and is still involved 25 years later.

She was made a life member of the Softball Association four years ago.

Vicky was club captain of the **Maraenui Rugby and Sports Association** for many years and says she got involved with everything. She has run the bar and says that she was one of only a handful of people prepared to do things.

She is presently in her second year as the president of the Association. This caters for 300 members of all ages in the following codes:

Junior and senior softball.  
Senior netball  
Junior and senior rugby  
Whaka ama club  
Senior rugby league  
Pool - 8 ball competitions

Vicky says she volunteers to help keep her small community involved with sport and finds this very rewarding especially when you see the youth achieve to the highest level in the country.

She works full time, and her commitment to sport in Maraenui is such that she has little time for anything else in her life, but she also enjoys the friendship of a tight group of hard-working volunteers.





## Award recipient **Jan Hiha**

### ***for the development of peaceful resolution of conflict in schools.***

Jan comes from the deep south originally. She was a sergeant in the NZ police for 13 years and has also had a career as a Project Manager. As a mum she managed a rugby team and a hockey team and was on the board of trustees at St Patrick's School, Napier. At William Colenso College she has managed hockey teams as well as coaching basketball. Her three children have excelled both academically and on the sports field.

Her husband Shane is principal at Te Aute College and was previously Deputy Principal at William Colenso College where he led the Middle School and worked with Principal Daniel Murfitt to establish a **Restorative Practice** approach there.

She began work at William Colenso College in 2005 where her organisational skills were quickly recognised, and she was given responsibility for organising Relief Teachers.

In 2011 she began working as the full-time restorative facilitator; a position unique in New Zealand schools.

Her leadership has been instrumental in developing and leading the transformative change towards a fully integrated restorative approach to behaviour change at William Colenso College. She goes the extra mile to support students and their whanau work toward harmonious resolution of issues.

This change has seen staff, students and whanau change their own behaviour towards managing incidents both within and beyond the school gates.

