

*Westfield*

*Local Heroes*

2020

Westfield Local Heroes is a recognition and awards program that discovers and celebrates people across Australia and New Zealand who make a positive impact to their local community and environment.

Individuals are nominated by their local communities and a public vote determines the successful 2020 nominees for every Westfield centre.

The successful heroes are each awarded \$10,000 for their affiliated organisations.

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Since the program began, we have awarded \$3.62 million to 363 community organisations.

Every year, we recognise more than 120 Westfield Local Heroes and provide more than \$1.2M in community grants to their affiliated organisations.

We congratulate all the 2020 nominees for being recognised by their communities and thank them for the important contribution they all make.

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## Manukau City

### NZ

**Darryl Evans makes sure struggling families never go hungry by providing much needed food parcel support from their in-house Food Bank.**

As CEO of the Mangere Budgeting Services Trust, he runs a food bank that provides 16,000 food parcels and 15,000 grocery packs for families and pensioners.

Darryl has a big heart, who has a reputation for putting children and families first. Each year he organises toys for around 1,400 children, as he believes every child should have a present under the Christmas Tree.

For the past two years he has organised a Christmas lunch for about 400 vulnerable families in partnership with Lone Star, Pukekohe.

"We support several thousand people each year across our three centres, without our help, many would go without the basic essentials." says Darryl

While the food parcels help, Darryl goes the next step to encourage the families to get themselves out of financial strife with the support of a team of Financial Mentors and through education workshops.

His team provide budgeting advice, financial planning and can negotiate with creditors.

1. They also deliver Financial Literacy workshops across Auckland and the North Waikato.

2. "Without sound budgeting advice, our clients would continue to live in debt, he says but through our supports, they often learn to make smarter choices with their personal income.

3. "Our mantra is 'you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day but teach him how to fish, and you feed him and his community for a lifetime!'"

Through ongoing support, our families do go on to live healthier, happier and productive lives, says Darryl.

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Mangere Budgeting Services Trust will use its grant to cover the cost of the food bank for 12 months and help pay the fuel costs for a delivery van.

*Darryl's nominator says: "Darryl goes the extra mile to ensure those without a voice become empowered. He has a great heart and believes every person should be treated fairly with respect and dignity."*



**Darryl Vincent Evans**  
Mangere Budgeting Services Trust  
*Passionate, Caring, Big-hearted*

## Breaking the debt cycle

**"Without our help, many would go without the basic essentials."**





## Sue Ollerton

Sustainable Papakura

*Dedicated, Big-hearted, Community Centred*

## Fighting waste with edible gardens

**"Our workshops help people feel confident to become more sustainable in their homes," Sue says.**

**Edible gardens are popping up in public spaces all over Papakura, as locals follow the lead of sustainability champion Sue Ollerton.**

It's all part of her mission to help the residents of the Auckland suburb cut down on waste to save their wallet and the planet.

Sue weaves her magic at Sustainable Papakura, where she facilitates sustainability workshops in her role as marketing manager.

She teaches people to sew disposable nappies and cloth pads and how to make beeswax wrappers to replace plastic wrap.

Locals also learn how to grow veggies from seeds and prevent food waste.

"Our workshops help people feel confident to become more sustainable in their homes," Sue says.

"This helps them to reduce their waste and the effect it has on the environment, save money by making small changes, repair instead of replacing and grow their own food."

Thanks to Sue, who volunteers 15 hours a week on top of her paid role, many local shops are now supplied with reusable bags, sewn from donated and repurposed fabric.

Her team of volunteers are also responsible for the edible gardens around town, with people encouraged to pick what they need.

"I thrive on helping people," Sue says.

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Sustainable Papakura will use its grant to have precisely the amount needed to employ her for 11 months of the year.

*Sue's nominator says: "Sue is my environmental hero. Thanks to her dedication, businesses have coat racks of reusable bags that shoppers can use and then return."*



## Paul Robinson

Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust

*Passionate, Generous, Trusted*

## Saving lives in challenging conditions

**"We now operate the most advanced civilian helicopters in the world and have the highest calibre medical team in the country, Paul says.**

**For rescue helicopter pilot Paul Robinson, night shifts, extended time away from family and cancelled leave are the norm as he selflessly puts others first to save lives.**

Paul has been a pilot with the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust for almost 10 years and also heads up training.

He is admired for his easy-going nature combined with an ability to challenge workmates to perform at the highest level when lives are on the line.

"I am proud of the amazing team I work with and know they have the skills to care for people in need," Paul says.

He plays a vital role in keeping the Auckland Rescue Helicopter service in the air, sharing his story with the media, sponsors and donors.

Without his efforts, there would not be enough funds to sustain the vital and often life-saving charity.

"We now operate the most advanced civilian helicopters in the world and have the highest calibre medical team in the country, Paul says.

"We send them out every day to care for New Zealanders. That makes me pretty happy."

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Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust will use its grant to buy a winch and medical equipment that will help save lives.

*Paul's nominator says: "Paul takes patients and crew under his wing and ensures their safety in often challenging conditions. He forgoes important family occasion to dedicate his time to others."*

## Your 2020 Finalists

### Emily Luatua

#### The Cause Collective (Do Good, Feel Good)

In 2016, Emily Luatua was one of 10 young people who came together to discuss how to collectively improve the health and wellbeing of young people in South Auckland.

Four years later, with more than 15,000 hours of volunteer hours to her name, Emily is a leader of Do Good, Feel Good, a youth-led movement under the umbrella of The Cause Collective.

Emily has grown as a leader and works with others to engage local young people in positive and healthy activities.

"I have a sense of pride in what we create and the relationships we have created," says Emily.

### Andrea Gaskin

#### Connect the Dots

Andrea Gaskin uses art to improve the wellbeing of people with dementia.

Through her charitable trust, Connect the Dots, Andrea arranges free art gallery tours for residents of aged facilities and provides art classes to empower them, with a cup of tea and home-baked biscuits as an added treat.

A recent project brought the budding artists together with established artists to co-create and then exhibit artworks.

"These projects are run in community spaces so that our Kaumatua feel seen and respected," Andrea says.

### Michele Henry

#### Burn Support Group Charitable Trust

Burn survivors often struggle with their disfigured appearance and ongoing trauma, but thanks to Michele Henry they don't have to battle through on their own.

As events coordinator for the Burn Support Charitable Group Trust, Michele arranges activities to bring survivors together.

There are survivor retreats, camps for children with burns, buddy systems and inspirational speakers at group meetings.

Burns are traumatic, not only for the change in physical appearance that can occur but the emotional and physiological journey that endures for the individual and their families," Michele says.

## Recognising all of our 2020 nominees

**Tony Lau**  
Digital Discipline

**Modesty Tautuhi**  
Te Pou Herenga Waka  
Ama Club

**Alisha Sinclair**  
9 Lives Orphanage

**Natalie Kelly McNulty**  
Mothers Helpers

**David Letele**  
Grace Foundation

**Liz Kiriona**  
Rawiri Community House

**Glenn Tabor**  
Papatoetoe Adolescent  
Christian Trust

**Jae Parker**  
Tuakau Youth Centre

**Maureen Fepulea'i**  
Iq Talanoa

**Lorna Fa'Alafi**  
Elei Dance Ltd

**Swaran Katal**  
Flatbush Cricket Club

**Joseph Fa'Afiu**  
The Gate (Aka Gateway  
Community Trust)

**Montee (Monique) Stehlin**  
Heart Kids NZ

**Swanie Nelson**  
The Community Builders  
NZ Trust

**Melissa Cole**  
Eight Sisters Ltd

**Wendy Matthews**  
Rest Assured Respite  
Charitable Trust

**Paul Robinson**  
Auckland Rescue  
Helicopter Trust

**Dr Cameron Rosie**  
Auckland Rescue  
Helicopter Trust

**Debbie Munroe**  
Rewa Waka Of Caring

**Emily Luatua**  
The Cause Collective  
(Do Good, Feel Good)

**Darryl Vincent Evans**  
Mangere Budgeting  
Services Trust

**Michele Henry**  
Burn Support Group  
Charitable Trust

**Sue Ollerton**  
Sustainable Papakura

**Andrea Gaskin**  
Connect The Dots

**Chantelle Foketi**  
Te Ara Poutama Aec

**Heremaia Rosieur**  
Manukau Outriggers Canoe  
Club Inc

**Sally Warrender**  
Bellyful Franklin

**Gary Robinson**  
Ri International

**Trevor Jenkin**  
The Muscular Dystrophy  
Association Of NZ Inc.

**Dione Joseph**  
Black Creatives Aotearoa

**Amiria Puia-Taylor**  
The 312 Hub

**Alvin Kumar**  
Foundation Humanity

**Emily Hacket Pain**  
Paper Pens Pencils  
Not-For-Profit Organisation

**Caine Warren**  
Manup

**Emma Gillies**  
Mt Roskill Grammar School,  
Odd Family

**Trent Faliu**  
Youthline Auckland  
Charitable Trust

**Jae Semau**  
Tuakau Youth Centre

**John Fale**  
Graeme Dingle Foundation  
Auckland

**Gareth Edwards**  
Giving A Flip

**If you or anyone you know would like more information on what support is available:**

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Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467  
Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800  
MensLine: 1300 78 99 78  
Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636  
1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732

**NEW ZEALAND**

Lifeline: 0800 543 354  
Suicide Crisis Helpline: 0508 828 865  
Kidsline: 0800 54 37 54  
Depression Helpline: 0800 111 757  
Samaritans: 0800 726 666  
Family Violence Information Line: 0800 456 450

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