

The Heart of Volunteering Celebration 2026 (Volunteer Recognition Awards)

Community Connection Award (Couples) Nomination

Background

This award recognises and honours people who have made an outstanding contribution in our community.

Nominees will be judged on their voluntary work within the nominating organisation and the wider community. These services must be given voluntarily to help others without expecting any personal or financial gain.

This Community Connection Award Category is for Couples who volunteer together for an organisation or have both volunteered for a long period of time (5 years or more) (not necessarily for the same Organisation)

Criteria

- The organisation must have Not-for-Profit / For Purpose / Charitable Status.
- A winner of a Couples Award within the past two years will not be eligible for nomination by the same organisation in the same category.
- An organisation may make a maximum of one nomination per category. Organisations with multiple branches can nominate in each category per branch.
- Nominations must be typed or clearly written. **Please ensure you fill in all of the nomination form.**
- **Inadequate or incomplete nominations will be returned.**
- Any supporting material submitted will not be returned.
- Judging will be conducted solely by a committee nominated by Volunteering New Plymouth. The judges' decision will be final, with no correspondence entered into.
- Selected personnel from nominating organisations may be photographed for publicity purposes.
- Participation in these Awards indicates acceptance that Volunteering New Plymouth may use information and photographs for publicity purposes.
- **Please attach a profile photo or photo in action.**

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Community Connection Award (Couples) Nomination Form

(Please read through the criteria for this award before completing the form)

Name of Nominees:

(Used on certificate)

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Nominees role in Organisation:

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Address:

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Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Name of Nominating Organisation:

Contact Person:

Position:

Address:

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Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Supporting information

Citation for Community Connection (Couples) Award

Nominees Names:

100 - 200 words - write here or paste a type written citation to include the following:

- What makes these nominees extraordinary for your Organisation
- How long have the nominees been with the organisation
- What skills do the nominees bring to your organisation
- What other attributes / special characteristics do the nominees bring to your organisation
- How do they contribute to your organisation's vision, mission and values (ie Innovation, fundraising, founder)
- Describe their impact on the community or your clients / organisation

I accept the criteria outlined on page 1:

Signed by Nominator:

Please list any other volunteering the nominees have been involved in

Name of service, organisation, club, etc. Please list.	Position/s held	Years of service in each position

Checklist

This application includes:

- ☐ Correctly spelt name of nominees
- ☐ Contact details of nominees complete
- ☐ Information covering all points on the nomination form
- ☐ Citation page
- ☐ Photo included
- ☐ Contact details of nominating organisation complete
- ☐ Signed by the nominating person

Thank you for taking the time to consider nominating this couple and completing our form. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email or phone us.

Please inform your nominated person/people/couple that they have been nominated

If your nominee is successful, they will be contacted and invited to the event together with their support people.

As nominator, do you wish to attend the event with the nominees **YES / NO**

The presentation event will be held on **5th December 2026** in the New Plymouth District Council Chambers on Liardet Street.

The Privacy Act 1993

Volunteering New Plymouth (VNP) undertakes to collect, use and store information provided on this form according to principles of the Privacy Act 1993. The information may be used by VNP for statistical, funding and administrative purposes with VNP.

Nominations close on 2nd October 2026 at 12noon

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Friday – Mobile / By Appointment only



*If you have any queries about your nominations please
Phone Marie on 027 541 0577 or Wendy 022 571 4228*