



Volunteer Recognition Awards 2026

Ethnic Community Champion Award Nomination

(Individual or Family)

Recognising volunteer service, cultural leadership, inclusion, belonging, and contribution from ethnic communities across Taranaki.

Background

This award recognises and honours an individual or family from an ethnic community residing in Taranaki who has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to their community and the wider region.

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

This category celebrates individuals and families who use their time, skills, knowledge, and cultural strengths to support others, promote cultural understanding, preserve and share cultural traditions, foster inclusion and belonging, assist newcomers to settle and thrive, and build stronger, more connected communities.

Their contribution helps create a welcoming, diverse, and vibrant Taranaki where people from all backgrounds can participate, belong, and succeed.

Nominations may be made for either an individual or a family. The volunteering does not need to occur within the same organisation; however, one organisation must take the lead for the nomination.

Criteria

- The nominee must identify as a member of an ethnic community.
- The nominee must reside within the Taranaki region.
- Nominations may be made for an individual or a family.
- Services must be provided voluntarily without expectation of personal or financial gain.
- The nominee(s) must have demonstrated a significant contribution to their ethnic community and/or the wider community.
- The nominating organisation must have Not-for-Profit, For Purpose, or Charitable Status.
- An organisation may make a maximum of one nomination per category.
- An individual or family who has received a Volunteer Recognition Award within the past two years is not eligible for nomination in the same category by the same organisation.
- 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.
- **If possible, please attach a profile photo or photo in action.**



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Ethnic Community Champion Award Nomination Form

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

Name of Nominee:

(Used on certificate)

Individual or Family nomination: ☐ Individual ☐ Family

Nominee role or contribution:

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Ethnic Community represented:

Address:

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Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Name of Nominating Organisation:

Contact Person:

Position:.....

Address:

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Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Copy this for each Nominee in the Family

Supporting information

Citation for Ethnic Community Champion Award

Nominees Name:

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

- What makes this nominee, individual or family, extraordinary
- How long have they been volunteering in the community
- What skills, knowledge, or lived experience do they contribute
- How have they supported, strengthened, or advocated for their ethnic community
- How have they helped preserve, celebrate, or share their culture, language, or traditions
- How have they helped build understanding, inclusion, and connection between different cultures and communities
- What impact has their volunteering had on individuals, families, organisations, and the wider community
- Why do they deserve to be recognised as an Ethnic Community Champion

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 nominee/s
- ☐ Nominee contact details completed
- ☐ Nominee resides within the Taranaki region
- ☐ Information covers the award criteria and citation questions
- ☐ Citation included
- ☐ Photo included, if possible
- ☐ Contact details for nominating organisation completed
- ☐ Signed by the nominating person

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

Please inform your nominated whanau 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 nominee/s **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

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Nominations close on 2nd October 2026

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*If you have any queries about your nominations please
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