

## **Marilyn Forrest**

With this Award, the Central Hawke's Bay community recognises Marilyn Forrest for her exemplary and dedicated voluntary service to the Central Hawke's Bay community.

Marilyn has dedicated many years of service to a number of clubs and community organisations and been on numerous committees within the district. She has served in the Pōrangahau Golf Club for the past 38 years, where her positions and accolades include four-time Ladies Club Captain, committee member, coach of junior golf players, Poverty Bay/Hawke's Bay Golf representative, Masters competitor, Pōrangahau Golf Senior Woman's Champion for 20 years and one of the first woman to become an Eagles player in Hawke's Bay. Marilyn goes above and beyond for junior golfers, transporting them to tournaments and supporting them financially to achieve their goals.

Marilyn's service to the community extends beyond the golf club to St John's Ambulance, which she joined in 1986 and has served as a volunteer in our community for 36 years. She is well respected by members of the community and is highly skilled in her role.

A keen bowler and member of the Pōrangahau Bowling Club, Marilyn can often be found cleaning the clubhouse at the end of a long day of bowls.

Marilyn has also been involved in Pōrangahau School over the years, serving on various committees, and is one of the founding members of the Pōrangahau Arts Club. She is a talented cake decorator, floral artist and potter who has contributed many hours teaching, supporting, encouraging and assisting tamariki and adults to develop their skills in various areas.

Marilyn is a highly respected and valued member of the community who is celebrated for her knowledge, passion and dedication to her community.