

## Paul Harris Fellow - Citation

In recognizing a member as a Paul Harris Fellow, the Club recognizes someone who has given long and meritorious service, particularly, in this evening's case, within the Community and also within the Club, thus fulfilling the ideals of Rotary, especially that of "Service above Self"

This evening it is my pleasure to introduce our latest Paul Harris Fellow.

This person attended Avalon Primary School, Naenae Intermediate and Naenae College before completing a Bachelor of Business Studies at Massey University.

Her professional life saw her working as an accountant for various companies before becoming a manager/team leader at Kendons Chartered Accountants for 22 years - up until 2018.

Her community work has extended from 2003 up until the present and is simply too long to list but included Managing and Coaching various Naenae College sports teams for 12 years and Convening Junior Club School Cricket for Naenae Old Boys(6 years) but eclipsing these commitments has been her outstanding Service with both the Hutt and the Wellington Region Water Polo Associations regularly spending 6 -15 hours a week since 2012. She has been Treasurer for Hutt since 2006 and Wellington Region Treasurer for 2 years.

Her wider involvement includes organising up to 70 primary, intermediate and secondary school water polo teams in tournaments throughout term 2 since 2012 – a very extensive task, including all the preparation and follow up, as well as managing all these teams at the pool

Kathy Bryant has been Manager of various age group teams as well as the Hutt Valley National League Women's team and is now in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year managing the Men's team – an enormous task – totally responsible for the bookings and smooth running of a number of away trips and arranging all the details necessary for hosting visiting teams.

I was absolutely delighted when, after a number of approaches to her, Kathy indicated in 2012 that she was interested in joining Eastern Hutt Rotary. I knew she was a very busy lady at the time but had no idea of quite how busy!

This hasn't prevented her from becoming a fully involved Rotarian often (in typical fashion) "flying under the radar" so that members are not always aware of how much work she has done. She has twice served on the Board as Director of Education and Employment and been very involved in the activities of all committees she has served on, more latterly with the Healthy in the Hutt project and Walk for Mental Health.

In the time that Kathy has been a member of the Club, both the present and the previous Treasurer have been assisted by her knowledge of accountancy, and her understanding of current tax, Trust and incorporated society legislation. She was instrumental in the transition from a spreadsheet to a cloud based accounting system and her understanding of the Xero system was a great help.

One of Kathy's many strengths is her ability to be able to explain some of the more technical issues in layman's terms, and make what is complex, much easier to understand.

Kathy is an outstanding and thoroughly deserved recipient of this prestigious recognition

I'd now like to invite her to come forward.

*Jaye Howey*

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