

## LAURISTON SCHOOL

15 March 2019 - LAURISTON SCHOOL SUPPORT GETTING READY TO REPRESENT ASHBURTON DISTRICT AT THE TRUSTPOWER NATIONAL COMMUNITY AWARDS -

Lauriston School Support (LSS) will represent Ashburton on a national stage later this month, when voluntary groups from around New Zealand gather in Tauranga for the Trustpower National Community Awards from 29&ndash;31 March 2019.

Joining them will be representatives from 25 other voluntary groups and organisations who were all named Supreme Winner at their respective regional Trustpower Community Awards.

Everyone will come together to celebrate their achievements, learn from one another, and partake in friendly competition for the title of Trustpower National Community Awards Supreme Winner.

LSS will give an eight-minute presentation sharing their story, their achievements, and why they deserve the title of the Trustpower National Community Awards Supreme Winner.

Some of the guest judges this year include Rhodes Scholar and 2017 runner-up in the NZ Youth Volunteer of the Year Awards, Johann Go, co-founder of Good Neighbour, Cam Hill, GM of Tauranga Women's Refuge, Hazel Hape, and previous National Supreme Winner, Bruce Knight, from the Edgecumbe Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The presentations will take place on Saturday 30 March at Holy Trinity Tauranga. The Winner, Runner-Up and recipient of the Whetk M taiata Award will then be announced at an awards dinner that evening at Mills Reef.

This year Trustpower will also be presenting a special award, the Trustpower Award, to a group that embodies one or more of the values the company aspires to. These include the current PRIIDE values, plus a focus on innovation and continuous improvement.

Groups will have the opportunity to network, share ideas, and take in some of the scenery from around the beautiful Tauranga Moana, which is also home to Trustpower's head office.

Trustpower Community and Communications Advisor Ash Cleaver says Lauriston School Support have put together an incredible presentation.

“LSS stood out at the regional Trustpower Community Awards last year for their outstanding effort and mahi put-in to support their children and school community,” says Cleaver.

The Trustpower National Community Awards Supreme Winner will take home a custom-made trophy by local Tauranga artist, Charlie Clegg, \$4,000 in prize money, a \$1,000 voucher from Exult (one of New Zealand’s leading training providers for the community sector), and a framed certificate. The Runner-Up will receive \$2,500 in prize money, a \$500 Exult voucher, and a framed certificate. The Trustpower Award recipient will receive \$1,000 in prize money, and a framed certificate. The Whetk M taiata Award (a group with strong potential who will benefit from additional support) recipient receives a framed certificate and a consultancy service package from Exult.

Attending the Trustpower National Community Awards from LSS will be Sus Palmer and Karen Butterick, along with Ashburton District Mayor Donna Favel and Councillor Thelma Bell.