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RECOGNISING AMAZING CONTRIBUTION TO HAMILTON: THE ANNUAL CIVIC AWARDS

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Educators, arts identities, two couples, and governance specialists are among the recipients of the 2016 Hamilton City Council Civic Awards.

Well-known city identities Dr Bev Gatenby and David Lloyd, along with Selwyn Cook and Keith Tanner are being recognised.

Joining them on the 2016 list are Geoff and Jill McMillan, honoured for their work in prisoner rehabilitation, and Walter and Tiare Tuakana who are recognised for their service to the Cook Islands community.

The Civic Awards are an annual fixture in the Hamilton City Council calendar, celebrating the contributions to Hamilton made by the city's residents. Recipients are nominated by members of the community, with nominations assessed by the Council. The awards are then presented in a formal event at the Council every December.

Mayor Andrew King says the awards are an important way to recognise the contribution of Hamiltonians to the city.

“One of my personal values is always to say thank you to people who have worked tirelessly to improve things. In this case, the Civic Awards really showcase the amazing people who have made a difference.

“All the Civic Award nominees are committed to Hamilton and have given up their own time, investing countless hours to support the arts, the community, education or people and wellbeing. More crucially, they’ve done that over the course of several years.

“Thank you to each and every one of them and to all the other people we haven’t recognised as part of the Civic Awards for what they do to make our city as wonderful as it is.”

This year’s recipients are:

Nancy Caiger – Services to the Arts and the Community
Selwyn Cook – Services to the Community and People and Wellbeing
Leonard Gardner – Services to the Community
Dr Bev Gatenby – Services to the Community and Social Services Sector
Ian Howat – Services to the Community
Charlotte Isaac – Services to the Community and the Arts
Lynn Jamieson – Services to the Arts and Education

David Lloyd – Services to the Arts and the Community
Elaine McDonnell – Services to Education and the Community
Geoff and Jill McMillan – Services to People and Wellbeing
Gerri Pomeroy – Services to People and Wellbeing
Dr Assil Russell – Services to People and Wellbeing
Keith Tanner – Services to the Community and Local Government
Walter and Tiare Tuakana – Services to the Community
Anne Wilkinson – Services to People and Wellbeing

Editor's note: Media outlets planning to representatives to the Civic Awards event should contact Justine Allen, the Council's Civic and International Events Manager, by email justine.allen@hcc.govt.nz

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