




## EMERGING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2020 NOMINEES

<p><b>Christine Pugh</b> Wellington Multiples</p>		<p>“Christine brings humour, passion and heart to all she does in our committee and in her playgroup attendance and she never fails to make me laugh. I always look forward to her being at our in-person catch ups.”</p>
<p><b>Heather Craig</b> MULTIPLES CANTERBURY</p>		<p>“She keeps us organised with an amazing sense of humour, which is always a massive bonus when your committee is fully volunteer and fully multiples parents.”</p>
<p><b>Anna Havrankova</b> multiples Auckland North</p>		<p>“Even though Anna was new to the country and didn’t know anybody and was still trying to settle in, she saw this as an opportunity to connect with her twin community and to give back somehow with the little time she had left to her once she ran a busy household. I have been so blown away by the way that Anna has put herself out there in our club despite being new to the country. To me this shows such courage and deserves to be recognised.”</p>
<p><b>Jo Otukolo</b> multiples Auckland North</p>		<p>“The reason Jo is deserving of this award is her genuine care for others. She is often the first to pick up if one of our members is in need either through noticing posts on FaceBook or through her network of friends. She makes contact with families to see how they are and how we can support them. On top of this she continues to keep in touch with members even once things are back on track. She is a caring, kind and approachable person and a real asset to our committee.”</p>

<p><b>Malama Caskie</b></p> 		<p>“Malama never just works on her roles solely though. She puts her hand up for everything and has always been the first to help at any of our events, takes minutes for our meetings and just generally volunteers her time wherever she can - even though she is working full time and running a busy household. We would love to recognise Malama for all that she does and really should have put her forward for a nomination last year but ran out of time! She is a legend and our club wouldn’t be where it is today without her incredible input.”</p>
<p><b>Ella Garnham</b></p> 		<p>“Ella is a wonderful mother of three preschoolers and is one of our newer members on the KapiMana Multiples committee, having joined at our last AGM in October 2019. At that time, Ella took on two roles: Secretary, and New Members Officer. She also agreed to help out with social events. As Secretary, Ella has been highly valued by the whole committee for her organisational skills and promptness, keeping us on track and minuting all of our meetings.”</p>





## SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR 2020 NOMINEES

<p><b>Abby Harding</b></p>  <p><b>MULTIPLES CANTERBURY</b></p>		<p>“We are endlessly grateful to Abby for employing her professional skills and personal awesomeness for the benefit of Multiples Canterbury. Midwives are not paid nearly enough for the work they do, especially when it comes to multiple births, so having her as a volunteer and support person is simply amazing.”</p>
<p><b>Amy Teague</b></p> 		<p>“So I guess the theme of this nomination is EXTRA EFFORT!! Amy just gives so much of her heart and soul to the parents in our community- just because! So I’m so delighted to nominate her for this award! Thank you Amy (and Mike) for your can-do attitude, genuine nature and commitment to making our club awesome and inclusive for everyone.”</p>
<p><b>Emma Bentley</b></p>  <p><b>KapiMana multiples</b></p>		<p>“We are so very grateful to Emma and all the time, energy, and care she has put into her service for the club. She is definitely our Support person of the year in KapiMana Multiples!”</p>
<p><b>Lynley Stringer</b></p>  <p><b>multiples</b> Auckland North</p>		<p>“Lynley is an all round beautiful soul who contributes hugely to the running of our club! She is at every meeting and always picks up extra tasks where she can. She is incredibly deserving of this award and we hope that she can be recognised for her enormous contribution.”</p>

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<p><b>Desiree Morgan</b></p> 		<p>"Desiree is that hidden gem we all dream of finding! Far from an easy road to joining our community, she works tirelessly to help others even when her personal load is huge. Desiree joined our committee as a support person, she has experience with losing a baby (her multiples were triplets and she sadly lost one early on) her boys - known as the duo, also had a traumatic birth all these things are woven into the fabric of the support and comfort she has for scared new mums, Desiree has a way of sharing how things sometimes don't go to plan without freaking people out."</p>
<p><b>Georgie Manning</b></p> 		<p>"I speak for many others when I say that this woman is utterly amazing. Not only does she have toddler twins girls and two older boys as well, but she puts 110% effort into Wellington Multiples and does it with a gorgeous smile on her face. She's the brightest, happiest person I've ever met, even though she has openly struggled with maternal mental health issues in the past which she has now become a strong advocate for."</p>
<p><b>Helen Johnson</b></p>  <p>MULTIPLES CANTERBURY</p>		<p>"I really think that Helen represents what our club volunteers should be about, everyone in the area knows they can turn to her for advice, a pep-talk, or a cup of coffee and a laugh. The amount of time she puts into keeping in touch with everyone and making sure that any issues are identified to the wider club is a significant personal investment."</p>
<p><b>Jane Dempsey</b></p> 		<p>"It is quite clear she has the drive and ambition needed to help get this club back on its feet. We are feeling the relationship between our two clubs becoming so much stronger, and this is largely due to Jane's contribution alongside the rest of the AC committee. We would love to see her recognised for her efforts so that she can be inspired to keep on going - it would be amazing to see the Auckland Central club pick up again!"</p>
<p><b>Lucie Brooks</b></p> 		<p>"During this stressful and uncertain time with lockdown in place, Lucie continues to be a steadfast, reliant and positive member of our committee team and community. She selflessly continues to carry out her role and responsibilities with such passion, dedication and precision, from helping community members with concerns and questions, supporting other committee members, during changes as well as completing the most comprehensive and professional accounts, budget and reports this club has seen."</p>
<p><b>Tori Pinfold</b></p> 		<p>"Tori brings our club newsletter together each month by herself. I know she puts real thought and effort into what she thinks members would like to see and it isn't always easy getting contributions from other people for these things."</p>

## CLUB OF THE YEAR 2020 NOMINEES

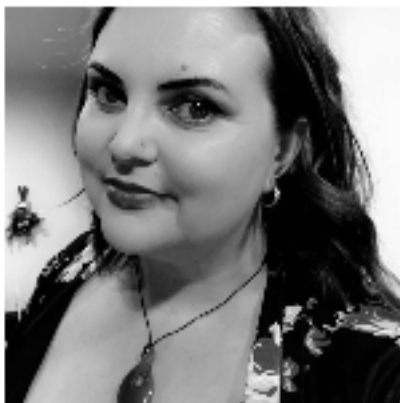
<p><b>KapiMana Multiples</b></p>	 <p>KapiMana multiples</p>	<p>“During the lockdowns, when we were unable to physically get together, we also implemented 'Virtual Playgroups'. An idea that was shared from another multiples club. It was great to be able to still stay connected and provide a space for members to share what they were doing, and how they were getting on.”</p>
<p><b>Multiples Canterbury</b></p>	 <p>MULTIPLES CANTERBURY</p>	<p>“Following the Multiples NZ conference in 2018 we implemented a number of improvements to our governance. A key change was in the way we operate committee meetings in order to make the best use of people’s skills, to be more efficient and reduce demand on some of our volunteers. We now alternate between operational meetings where all committee members are involved and strategic meetings that just involve the Exec team and any relevant committee depending on items being discussed. We continue to hold a planning meeting in January as well.”</p>
<p><b>Multiples Counties Manukau</b></p>	 <p>Multiples Counties Manukau</p>	<p>“We have members from MCM, that continue to offer: Support, advice, knowledge, experiences, and a general ear on a national level to the Multiples NZ page. Of course, the National Forum, and sharing our ideas to other areas. And listening to their ideas.”</p>
<p><b>Wellington Multiples</b></p>	 <p>Wellington Multiples</p>	<p>“I feel our greatest strength lies in how empathetic and compassionate each committee member is. I find that when we discuss members that there is a real focus on how that member and their family fit into our Wellington Multiples whānau.”</p>

## COMMUNITY DEDICATION 2020 NOMINEES

**Kirsty Saxon**



**MULTIPLES CANTERBURY**



“Kirsty is an energetic, focused, determined and giving volunteer, you get nothing but 110% at 100 miles an hour. If you have a job to do and a deadline to meet Kirsty is definitely someone you want on your team. When not stepping in and whipping up something amazing at the drop of a hat, Kirsty spends hours and hours producing our quarterly magazine. This is a magazine we are incredibly proud of and it celebrates our families beautifully.”

**Rachel Smith**



**MULTIPLES CANTERBURY**



“I’ve loved working with Rachel on our committee for over 5 yrs. Not only has she been super dedicated to her roles of hire equipment and NICU support, Rachel always volunteers to help in the kitchen, raffle table, etc for club events like quiz night and pamper night. Rachel always makes me laugh and is so much fun to be around.” - Aimee Johnson, past President