

Billy GRAHAM

MADE PATRON OF LATEST POLICE WING GRADUATES

'Keep your guard up and never forget the influence you will be having in the life of that one young person. Every one counts!'

Those words of encouragement Naenae's Billy Graham gave to the men and women of Wing 269 who graduated from the Royal New Zealand Police College on October 6 as the **Billy Graham Wing**.

Billy says he needed a mentor when he was a boy ("even though I didn't know it!") and his first was local Naenae Community Constable Hoppy Hodges.

"Thanks to Hoppy's insight and care, he took me to Dick Dunn's boxing gym. Dick became my second mentor and huge influence on my life..."

"The New Zealand Police have changed the direction of many lives like mine."

Since May, Naenae's 'Team Billy' and Wing 269 have forged strong ties. In September the Naenae Boxing Academy boys were invited to the College to train with the recruits; then over 40 of the 78 recruits plus Initial Training staff visited the Academy to train with the boys



Head of School: Initial Training Inspector Sean McManus with Billy and Kerri Graham.



Billy Graham presents ceremonial warrants to the graduates of his wing.



"Inspirational Patron" was how Police Minister Judith Collins described Billy Graham.

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and watch them spar, said Police Minister Judith Collins.

“The College is now keen to establish a very special arrangement of reciprocal visits annually with the Academy, which both groups are delighted about and which I think is an outstanding idea.

“Wing 269 could not have a more inspirational Patron than Billy: this former champion boxer is living testament that young people can be anything they want to be if they respect others and don't break the rules.”



Wing 269 Patron's greenstone Patu will take pride of place in the Naenae Boxing Academy. Billy also received a greenstone pendant, blessed, then touched by all the recruits as a mark of their respect and goodwill.



CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN: Scots born Lower Hutt Mayor Ray Wallace models his new Wallace tartan kilt made for him by Kildonan Highland House kilt-maker Kerry Stratton in time for him to welcome the Scottish rugby team to the Hutt Recreation Ground for their public training session.

PULSE of THE HUTT

BY LOWER HUTT MAYOR
RAY WALLACE



Volunteers are the heart of our city and provide the momentum and willing hands to carry out the tasks that build on our reputation as a caring city.



Civic Award Winners with Mayor Ray Wallace. From left to right: Oliver Cutler (Youth), Prabha Ravi (Cultural Affairs), Eve-Ann Beattie (Community Service and Social Welfare), Amal Abdullahi (Youth) and Alan Webb (Community Service, Recreation, Social Welfare and Youth Activities).

I was very humbled, and proud, at the Hutt City Community Awards as the citations were read telling a story of service and achievement by people, young and old, making a contribution without expectation of reward.

The awards demonstrated to me the cultural diversity of our city and the qualities of selfless service and generosity that are demonstrated daily by volunteers from all walks of life.

The achievements of our young people were also notable, with leadership, diligence and responsibility a common theme among the award recipients.

Our responsibility is to ensure there is a robust infrastructure to support their efforts and that we continue to attract industry and development to grow into the future.

The civic awards event is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge those who serve.

I would like to make special mention of the recipients of the Civic Honours Awards,

Eve-Ann Beattie for community service and social welfare, Prabhi Ravi for services in cultural affairs, and, Alan Webb for community service, recreation, social welfare and youth activities.

The Supreme award for the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards was deservedly won by Pomare Community House.

Our volunteers are valuable members of our community and, for the most part, their work goes unseen and unheralded. This is my opportunity to thank you all.

Till next time

Ray Wallace.

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