

# Aucklanders named in honours list

A host of central Aucklanders have been recognised for their contribution to the community in the New Year Honours list.

Sir Ray Avery has been made a Knight Grand Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in recognition of his work that helps improve some of the world's poorest people's access to healthcare through development agency Medicine Mondiale.

The Mt Eden resident was also named New Zealander of the Year in 2010.

Former Auckland city deputy mayor David Hay has been made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. His long career in local body politics began when he was elected to the Mt Roskill Borough Council in 1983, becoming mayor in 1989.

Herne Bay resident Miriam Dean has also been appointed a Companion to the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the law and business. She was the first woman partner at law firm Russell McVeagh and has been a member of the Commerce Commission and Civil Aviation Authority.

Central city resident David Mace is a newly appointed Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his work with the United Nations Compensation Commission and community groups.

Auckland University academics professor Lesley McCowan of Greenlane and professor Samuel McNaughton of Mt Eden have both been appointed Officers of New Zealand Order of Merit after years of involvement in obstetrics and education respectively.



Herne Bay resident associate professor **John Ormiston** has also been made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his involvement with treatment for coronary artery disease.

Services to Maori and the community saw Mt Albert resident Rangimarie Naida Glavish made an Officer of the order. Ms Glavish is a chief adviser of tikanga and te reo Maori for the Auckland District Health Board and deputy chair of the Auckland/Waitemata Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee.

Dr Edward Gane of Greenlane has been made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to medicine, including his work at the New Zealand Liver Transplant Unit.

Grey Lynn resident Alexa Johnston is also a newly appointed Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the arts, with books about Colin McCahon and Sir Edmund Hillary under her belt.

Commonwealth Games medallist Shelley Kitchen from Ponsonby has been made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit, along with former Auckland Chinese Club secretary Connie Kum and Kids' Lit Quiz founder Wayne Mills, both of Epsom.

Car racing enthusiast and Hillsborough resident Garry Pedersen is another new appointment as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit, along with former New Zealand Warriors captain Steve Price of Mt Albert.

Commitment to Auckland's Pacific Island community saw Grey Lynn resident Betty Sio made a Companion of the Queen's Service Order.

She has worked in the community for more than 20 years as an advocate against family violence and abuse.

Ms Sio is involved with many community organisations, including the Grey Lynn Women's Refuge, the Taskforce for Action on Violence within Families and is the chairwoman of Family Life Education Pasefika.

Avondale resident and Tamil leader Thevarajan Arumugam has been awarded the Queens Service Medal, along with Auckland Writers and Readers Festival manager Penelope Hansen of Mt Eden and Auckland Indian Association president Harshadrai Patel from Mt Roskill.

Epsom resident John Pettit has also been awarded the Queens Service Medal for community work, while police sergeant Marie Stratford of Sandringham was awarded the medal for serving in the Bougainville Community Policing Project in 2008 and 2009.

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