

LAWRENCE GREAVES

We are incredibly fortunate in Orere Point to be surrounded by some beautiful regional parks, and equally fortunate that the man helping keep these facilities looking so good chooses to live here in our community.

Lawrence has been looking after the Tawhitokino, Tāpapakanga and Waharau Regional Parks for many years as well as the small but very lovely Orere Point Regional Park above the boat ramp. He's been around long enough to now be mates with some of the younger hoons he was known to occasionally chase out of Tāpapakanga after a wheelie session.

However Lawrence's concern and desire to help in the community extends well beyond the park boundaries.

If you need help, want to borrow something, need some advice or to get something fixed then Lawrence is your man. And every interaction comes with the broadest of smiles and a twinkling of the eyes that says yep, my glass is better than half full and I'm loving it.

Lawrence is a generous supporter of the school, always willing to help as seen recently with the work on the new sensory garden. His thoughtfulness to deliver a horse float to the policemen manning the recent road block in the worst of weather made us proud to be locals.

Each year the Splore Festival brings thousands into the area. Keeping them and the community happy and co-existing is not the easiest task, but Lawrence achieves it with great skill. And with that smile of course.

Doing things quietly behind the scenes is very much Lawrence's style. And the many things he does or helps others with make living in Orere Point even easier and more pleasant. He's a great supporter and a very valuable member of our community, and a very worthy recipient of this Community Award.