

## **MARTA WATSON**

Many of today's attendees will not know who Marta is, but if your address has a post code 2585, you benefit from Marta's service three or four days every week.

Marta is our area postie who trips out this way most days from Papakura with all of our mail, papers and increasingly with the items we've bought over the internet.

When the pressure of lockdown really hit in April, it was people like Marta who held it together, pushed a little harder and made the lot of most of us just a little better.

Marta's postal van became a lifeline for some in the community through lockdown. She delivered medications, emergency parcels for those unable to get to supermarkets, and just about anything else that might fit in.

It's not the load but the way that load gets delivered that marks Marta for this award today. Her kindness and thoughtfulness sees her deliver to doorsteps when she knows it's easier, texting recipients to say that parcel has been left in the box, and her wave and smile is among the most genuine you'll spot at Orere Point.

When we needed genuine, kind and consistent support, Marta was here to deliver it, and deliver it with empathy.

That's why Marta Watson is another worthy recipient of this OCBC Community Award today.