



This Scroll commemorates the induction as a

***Laureate of the  
Kapiti Horowhenua  
Hall of Fame***

of

***Wendy Huston***

Inducted by  
Business Kapiti Horowhenua Inc  
in September 2022

In recognition of Wendy's long  
standing contribution to:  
Business excellence  
Leadership and standing in business  
Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and  
Service to the community

Chair  
BKH

Mayor  
Kapiti Coast District

*-Business Kāpiti Horowhenua Incorporated-*

*-Kāpiti Hall of Fame Laureate-*

# Wendy Huston. JP

*30th of September 2022*

The precious Maori whakatauki “He aha te mea nui o te ao.. He tangata, he tangata, he tangata - What is the most important thing in the world.. It is the people, it is the people, it is the people”, is such an appropriate phrase to reflect our Hall of Fame recipient Wendy Huston.

Living in our joint Horowhenua and Kāpiti community during her career influencing nurturing and caring for people, Wendy has stamped her mark.

Commencing her career in 1978 as a beginning teacher in Matamata, then Assistant Teacher Dean at Paraparaumu College, she transitioned in 1989 to the Levin campus of the Manawatu Polytechnic, this was a wonderful opportunity to establish a new facility in a community, build relationships, grow awareness of the learning opportunities that were provided, and to nurture young people.

Developing links with industry was a crucial role that Wendy played, and her skills didn't go unnoticed, in mid-1990's she was appointed Head of Business Faculty at UCol in Palmerston North. This role involved re-branding the institution to Universal College of Learning, employing 80 staff, and supporting 2000 students.

In 1997 Wendy journeyed a 12-year path leading Whitireia Community Polytechnic, her skills in strategic planning and student /staff welfare amongst many of the roles she juggled, were shining in the community and were highly respected.

Having spent 30 years in education Wendy in 2009 took up a role as CEO of Kapiti Retirement Trust, a role she still holds today, her skills in leadership, community engagement, and empathy for others were obvious attributes that have ensured the success of the Trust.

While supporting many people in her professional career capacity, she contributed her volunteer time by spending 6 years on the NZ Federation of Parent centres, 6 years Levin Business and Professional woman's organisation, 10 years in Rotary International, 16 years on the Kāpiti Coast Chamber of Commerce, in addition, she is currently a member of the Kāpiti Coast District Councils Age-friendly reference group.

An example of her advocacy in this space was to recognise that customers choose awards needed to respect that everyone can vote online, and age-friendly voting versions needed to be provided.

Wendy Huston didn't just “go to work”, she advocated, motivated, and stimulated wherever she saw an opportunity, be it for individuals or community groups.

The Kapiti Retirement Trust is one of the district's largest and oldest not-for-profit organisations, employing 120 staff and an asset base of \$130 mil. Providing wonderful charitable care to the elderly.

Her role in the early days of the Lindale campus saw fantastic community participation and Wendy utilised the facilities to support the establishment of the Kapiti Arts Trail event and the first years of the Kapiti Food Fair.

Wendy your belief in people and your passion to see services provided to allow every individual the opportunity to maximise their skills and reach their potential, is respected and admired, thank you for making a difference in our community, you are a worthy laureate to the BKH Hall of Fame.