

VOTE FOR OUR CWA NAPIER VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteering Hawkes Bay Excellence Awards voting now open.



Cycling Without Age Napier Trust, Finalist

Cycling Without Age Napier Trust (CWA Napier), a registered charity established in 2022, provides free, volunteer-led trishaw rides for older people and those experiencing social isolation, mobility challenges, or disability. Currently eight care homes are visited weekly and regular biweekly community partnership events held. Our rides reconnect passengers with their surroundings and nature, through safe, slow-paced outings.

Why are trishaw rides important?

Our trained volunteer “pilots” create meaningful one-on-one interactions that foster connection, dignity, and a sense of belonging. These rides reduce isolation, stimulate the senses and bring moments of happiness and reminiscence. Research shows improved mood, increased social connection, and enhanced overall wellbeing, with benefits extending beyond the ride itself.

In 2025, CWA Napier delivered 773 ‘passenger rides with smiles’, has 91+ care home residents enrolled in our weekly program and contributed over 2,225 volunteer hours. To date more than 11,850 kilometres of “wind in your hair” experiences have been enjoyed.

Our team of 30 volunteers exemplifies volunteering excellence through their dedication and compassion, with measurable community impact. With our fleet expanding from three to five trishaws in 2026, we continue to grow our reach to meet demand, ensuring more people can remain connected, valued, and part of their community.

Vote for us by using this link to read about the finalists and to register your vote: <https://vhb.org.nz/awards>

Voting closes on 28th MAY