

WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD GOOD CITIZENS' AWARDS 2019

The next individual award goes to **Nick Loosley** who has been nominated by the K Road Business Association for his truly wonderful work with the organisation 'Everybody Eats' which he founded in 2017. (Unfortunately, Nick is unable to join us tonight, but can I please ask Michael Richardson from the K Road Business Association to come up and collect his award on his behalf)

Nick founded Everybody Eats in response to the substantial amount of food wasted, estimated to be up to a third of food production globally. While at the same time New Zealand faces some of the worst food poverty problems in the developed world.

For the past two years, Everybody Eats has been doing a weekly pop-up meal at Gemmayze St restaurant in St Kevin's Arcade. Each Monday, Everybody Eats feeds around 250 people a restaurant quality, 3-course meal, prepared by volunteer chefs, from perfectly good food that would otherwise go to waste.

Everybody Eats feeds people from all walks of life, rich and poor. Eaters include homeless, elderly or persons suffering mental health or substance abuse problems - everybody is welcome. The customers of Everybody Eats can pay whatever they like, from large donations to nothing at all.

Nick's vision and drive to help the local community through Everyone Eats shows outstanding compassion and commitment to making the Waitemata Local Board area a great place to live.

Congratulations Nick!