

WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD GOOD CITIZENS' AWARDS 2019

Our final award under the individual category goes to **Rohan MacMahon** who has been nominated by the Auckland Street Choir for his years of dedication to helping marginalised people.

As part of this work, Rohan established New Zealand's first street choir four years ago in response to the rising number of homeless people on Auckland's streets.

With his musical and leadership talents Rohan has brought marginalised people together and boosted morale through the therapeutic power of song and companionship.

The choir has grown from just three to a core group of about 30, from all ages and backgrounds.

Today, the Auckland Street Choir is in demand, sharing its unique character and passion at gigs and events, such as the gathering in Aotea Square to support the Muslim community after the Christchurch massacre.

Rohan also works for marginalised people in his role as a board member of the social services agency Lifewise.

Rohan's dream is to take the Auckland Street Choir to the next level with a professional recording.

We are lucky to be joined by Rohan and his choir tonight who will be performing a closing waiata for us.

Congratulations Rohan!