



"Barbara has been a member of Neighbourhood Support Manawatu (NSM) since its inception in 1983, She was instrumental in setting up NSM as summarised in the attached 'Brief History of NS in the Manawatu District'. She helped define areas within Feilding and was key to creating and activating the early street and area groups. She has been an active member of the governing Committee in various roles including Vice-Chairperson, but usually, as Secretary, and 2023 marks her 40th year with Neighbourhood Support. Barbara is always ready to help with whatever events and activities are going on, as demonstrated more recently during my time as GM.

Barbara has volunteered at public events such as Rural Day, the Christmas Parade, and the Kimbolton Sculpture Festival. She always promotes Neighbourhood Support in the wider context to all visitors whether they are from our district or not. Barbara is an excellent letter dropper to rural letter boxes in our district while the driver drives! As well as Barbara's support for NSM, she is very busy with her volunteer role for the NZ Machine Knitters Society. She not only runs workshops for knitters all over the district and planned the NZ Festival in 2022 in Whanganui, but wins lots of prizes with her talents. Barbara also makes sure she has little time to spare by volunteering to look after a number of elderly folks in Feilding who need transport and support with their age-related conditions.

Thanks for your work with Neighbourhood Support Manawatu Barbara."

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