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Warrick McCallum given award

One of the founding members of the Aparima Pestbusters, Warrick McCallum, was given a Community Service Award by the Southland District Council and the Riverton-Aparima Community Board recently.

Mr McCallum, along with Jim Dixon and the late Allan Broomfield, set up Pestbusters to bring native birds back to Mores Reserve and to clear the area of pests, such as stoats, possums and rats. The volunteer group also works to restore native plantings in the reserve.

However, Mr McCallum has also done a lot more for the community, with just some of his work including his involvement in the development of the Longhilly Track and in the Te Hikoi Heritage Centre. He has also been a member of the Riverton Community Board, the Racing and Golf Club Committees, the Wallace Early Settlers Association, the Lions' Club, the RSA Committee and the Riverton Primary School Committee.

Southland Mayor Frana Cardno said the work Mr McCallum had done showed how important volunteers were to Southland.

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