

# Congratulations to Lyn and Mike Ryan and your extraordinary community achievements

Lyn and Mike Ryan and their Family are Winners  
of the Community section of the Attitude TV awards.

For those of you who don't know very much about the extraordinary Ryan family; Lyn and Mike have been leaders in positively overcoming multiple challenges in a world where people with different abilities are often challenged.

They have both been involved with Parent 2 Parent and Special Olympics from the early establishment of these organisations in New Zealand. Lyn has been a Coordinator for Parent 2 Parent Manawatu. Mike was on the National Board for a number of years and served as National President.

They are leaders in providing community activities that positively support the needs of families who have a member with a disability. Three of their children participate in Special Olympics where they actively compete in a number of sports including representing New Zealand at international events. Their extended family are all great fans and support the positive activities that the Ryan family introduce them to.

Mike currently works at Special Olympics New Zealand as the National Sports and Coaching Director. Over the years Mike has led the way in providing new programmes, promoting new sports activities, managing events, supporting volunteers, athletes and lots more. Their positive attitude is catchy and the volunteer hours both Lyn and Mike give to Special Olympics often outweigh the paid hours.

Their passion for providing a meaningful life for people with intellectually and physically challenging abilities is extraordinary. Their attitude to life is extraordinary. They are leading role models for many parents, coaches, volunteers, families, service users and providers, educators, health professionals, employers and sporting organisations.

Congratulations to you both; to your family and support people around you. You truly deserve this first ever Attitude TV award in the Community section.

Watch Attitude TV – TV1 on Sunday 7th December 9.30am for highlights from the awards evening.