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WELL DESERVED: Lynne Pask with her award after 40 years of volunteer service to the Eastern Bay of Plenty Gymnastics Club.

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Eastern Bay gymnastics coach rewarded for dedication

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ASK anyone and they will tell you that 40 years at one place is a long time – Lynne Pask isn't fazed.

The Eastern Bay gymnastics coach was recently presented a 40-year service award for her deeds with the Eastern Bay of Plenty Gymnastics Club, which include both coaching and officiating.

Pask said it was a nice surprise to be rewarded for her service to the club.

"I was a bit surprised the club kept it secret from me pretty well. I heard

them going on about a service award but had no idea it was for me until they said my name."

Adding to her remarkable deeds was the fact that every year had been voluntary for the club, something which is hard to get in today's society.

"I just want to see children doing well and really enjoy it so that is why I carry on doing it every year."

Pask has coached thousands of kids during her career as a gymnastics coach and doesn't expect to stop anytime soon.

"I will be back next year. I enjoy it too much not to."

Asked what she enjoyed about the sport, Pask replied with a simple

"everything".

She has travelled many places throughout her years involved with gymnastics, heading to places like Taipei, Vancouver and Australia on numerous occasions.

"I have been to a few places during my time and coached at many different tournaments as well as officiating."

She had too many memories to highlight one of her times at the club but all of them were good ones.

Her role at the club currently sees her take the teenage gymnasts, while she is always helping out at other events.

Club operations manager Anne

Gould said Lynne was a great person to have involved with the club.

"She's fantastic. Lynne is the type of person you want at every club because volunteers are becoming harder to find these days and people will more than likely only help if they have children involved, Lynne is still here 40 years later and we really appreciate it."

Gould, who used to be coached by Pask, said she provided a good vibe around the club.

"She's always helping out with different events on at the club. She's also a good person to have around because she has so much knowledge and if we aren't sure we just ask her."

