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## Volunteer Resource Centre Managers

The VRC now runs with two managers: Kate Aplin, Office Manager and Juliana Chang, Events Manager. They are working together to build a solid base for the centre and guarantee the operation is aligned to the organisation's vision to promote and support the volunteering in the Palmerston North, Horowhenua, Manawatu and Taranaki areas. The goal is to create opportunities for individuals and groups to grow.



This newsletter will bring updates and opportunities for volunteers and organisations as well as keep communities informed about what's going on!!

Great news about VRC coming in the next edition, don't miss it!!

Special and warm thanks to Kathrym who assisted us in this edition with the Te Reo.

Don't forget to follow us on Social Media to have access to our weekly news and info:

## What happened...

### Sort It Expo Career!

May 2019

Sort It Expo Career is a great event to connect with students and present Volunteering as an opportunity to start a CV, gain experience, expand their network and learn new skills.

Being prepared for the real deal is not an easy task, but volunteering can open doors (and minds) allowing young people to build confidence and self-awareness.



Annually the VRC hosts an event dedicated to the recognition of outstanding volunteers. Inspiring stories must be highlighted and celebrated. This was a very special year: the 6th VRE hosted in Palmerston North with 46 nominations.

Horowhenua hosted its own event for the first time with 30 nominations.

During a lunch celebration

on the 14th of June, volunteers from the Horowhenua region received a certificate and a goodie bag while enjoying precious moments with their family and friends. One week later, volunteers from PN and Manawatu region received their certificates over a dinner celebration. A warm thank you to the organisations who sent the nominations and our supporters (Ricoh, Burger King, McDonald's, Carrousel Confectionary and Whittakers).

### Volunteer Recognition Events (VRE) Horowhenua and Palmerston North!

June 2019



"No one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

A.D. Williams

## What's coming...



### Courses, Trainings and Next Events

**15/08/19 > Growing Great Volunteer Teams > \$120.00 /pp**

9h30 - 4pm at the Hancock Community House

Registration: [rosie@exult.co.nz](mailto:rosie@exult.co.nz)

(Sold Out, waiting list available)

**19/08/19 > Governance 101 for Youth > Free (Limited places)**

4pm-5:30pm at the Horowhenua Civic Building

RSVP: [michellero@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:michellero@horowhenua.govt.nz)

**09/09/19 > Governance 101 for Youth > Free (Limited places)**

4pm-5:30pm at the Hancock Community House

RSVP: [events@vrcmanawatu.org.nz](mailto:events@vrcmanawatu.org.nz)



## We invite you to know the amazing Lisa Buckley from GirlGuiding NZ

By Fiona Bradley

Over her 28 years of volunteering with GirlGuiding New Zealand Lisa has held many and varied leadership roles. She is an outstanding leader and embodies the values of GirlGuiding NZ, giving girls opportunities to reach their full potential and go out to make a difference in the world. Lisa finished in 2018 a 6 year term as a local representative at the National Forum (highest decision making level) ensuing that local leaders and girls voices and views were heard in important strategic decisions. Locally, Lisa has lead a team of adult volunteers, she ensures the volunteers receive training, support and all the resources they need to run fun and challenging programmes for girls. As part of this role, Lisa worked hard to learn new skills and knowledge and through this achieved her Leadership Qualification of Adults in 2017. Lisa ensures the girls have a say in what they get up to and she plans and runs activities for them to help them achieve their programme badges. Lisa is passionate about supporting our local guiding Panako Hall, and has taken on the role of property volunteer. . Lisa is always going the extra mile for others, often silently and unnoticed and we would love to see her efforts recognised asan outstanding volunteer in our community, providing life long memories andopportunities for girls.

### WHAT'S ON?

16 OCT 2019



The Pivot Conference theme “Linking vision to action” challenges leaders and managers of volunteers to translate new ideas shared at Pivot into action within their organisation and practice. Through Pivot, delegates are empowered to meaningfully lead, advocate for, and develop volunteers and volunteerism in Aotearoa New Zealand. Leaders and managers of volunteers will be inspired by a range of speakers who are experts in their fields. Pivot is a chance to connect with peers, and to share and learn together



The TechSoup New Zealand Conference is a two-day (Aug 15 and 16) interactive event that is targeted at not-for-profit organisations who are interested in innovation, change and finding solutions to enhance engagement and impact within their communities and achieve outcomes through technology, training and improved operational and organisational efficiencies. Not-for-profit organisations need to continue to innovate to keep up with the changes.



“Multicultural Eid Adha Festival and Fair” will be held at Fly Palmy Arena on Saturday 17 August from 10 am -5 pm. It was turned from being a religious event into a public celebration event aiming to enhance the relationship between communities, reduce the gaps by enabling more understanding to the cultural differences. MMC is hosting this festival and working closely with Manawatu Muslim association and other agencies to provide a colorful regional event, the first of its kind here.



### Promote your event/course/training for volunteers

We can help you spread the word!!! Contact: [events@vrcmanawatu.org.nz](mailto:events@vrcmanawatu.org.nz). Our weekly updates on social media can become a tool to assist your organisation. The goal is to provide our volunteers all the learning opportunities they deserve. And reduce the workload of organisations, just let us know if you need volunteers!!!!

### Encourage volunteering in your school, club, office, event...

We are keen to participate and ready to introduce volunteering to youth, migrants and everyone who is interested in discovering new and exciting opportunities. We are able set up a pop up at your facility, provide information and offer VRC services.



## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

### CARING CALLER

#01071

Phoning elderly on a regular basis to have a friendly chat. Objective is connect to people who are lonely and housebond. 20 positions available

### TREASURER

#01083. #01059. #01042

treasurer able to carry out basic book-keeping processes; keep account of all financial transactions, and manage payments and fees

### ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT

#01074

assist with activities as reading, cooking, gardening with the elderly and help enhance their lives. One or two hours w/fort

### DRIVERS

Do you have a full driver's license and some time in your hand during the week or weekend? Than check this: delivery or pick up goods, drive the elderly, shuttle drivers, driving mentor

### ENGLISH HOME TUTOR

#01010

Provide one-to-one, English-language support to adult, former refugee and migrants, providing them skills and confidence.

### GUITAR TUTOR

#01003

Teach guitar playing to individuals or small groups with disabilities.

### COMPUTER ASSISTANT

#01031

IT person to be on-call to support to the staff. Able to assist with cleaning up the computer drives and manage the software.s.

### KITCHEN HELPER

#00647

Help in the kitchen, making sandwiches, doing dishes, serving morning and afternoon tea.

### SECRETARY (MINUTE TAKER)

#01066, #01058. #00788. #00964

Ability to take notes, write and type accurate meeting minutes, use e-mail. Reliable and organized. One day monthly commitment.

### WORSHOP MENTOR

#00715

work in our community to pass on their life skills in cooking, sewing, vegetable gardening, crochet, knitting and other home skills and more.

### CREATIVE PEOPLE

#01082

Promote art while minimizing waste. A new green organisation involved in recycling plastics.

### VEGE GARDEN

#01089

assist with planting of vege gardens at local schools on Wednesday mornings for a school term.

**INTERESTED? CONTACT VRC FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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