



## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



"May this Christmas be filled, with happiness in all that you do, and may this joy continue the whole year through." -unknown-

"Make this year a year of finding, of fulfillment of joy, peace, and purpose." -unknown-

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." - William James -

"A great attitude becomes a great day which becomes a great year." -smilingcolors.com-

"Kindness is spreading sunshine into other people's lives regardless of the weather." -RAKtivist-

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# RECOGNITION

"All humans need to be recognized in a meaningful way for their efforts. This helps to build self-esteem and confidence. Recognition is an important component of volunteer retention. When volunteers feel appreciated and important, they are more likely to feel connected to the program and continue their involvement". - Molly Frendo  
(source:[https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/volunteer\\_recognition\\_why\\_is\\_it\\_important](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/volunteer_recognition_why_is_it_important))



This event is usually hosted during the National Volunteer Week in June. This year for obvious reasons it had to be postponed, however, it could not be on a more appropriate date or should we say a more perfect day than the 13th of November: World Kindness Day.

There is no better word to represent the Volunteering spirit than Kindness. Kindness is the power that moves volunteers all around the world; the glue that holds communities together in good and bad times. Kindness is a language that puts up no barriers and is a home that welcomes everyone.

To follow our values of inclusion and diversity we removed the categories, honouring the belief that we are all equal. It is impossible to follow our Kaupapa when defining volunteers by a label. We hope for a future where everyone is treated as equal, respected, and accepted, not in spite of their differences but because of their differences. We are doing our part as a diverse and inclusive organisation, that leads by example. We are proud that the Volunteer Recognition Event represents this belief.

Twenty-one outstanding people and one business were recognised this year. Their commitment, passion, time, and effort motivated the organisations they work for to step up and nominate them. They had a special celebration with family, friends, and distinguished guests (Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) Grant Smith and Aleisha Rutherford, Mayor of Manawatu District Council (MDC) Helen Worboys, councillors and representatives from MDC and PNCC).

It was a night to remember! Full of joy and fun.  
We would like to thank our sponsors for making this possible:





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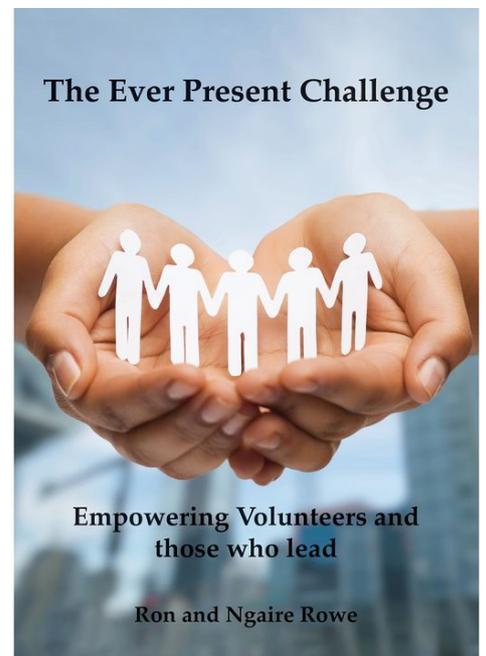
"A lifetime of experience has gone into a book that aims to advise and highlight the importance of volunteers. Ron and Ngaire Rowe, both 81, have been volunteering for more than 50 years and have combined years of experience, real-life accounts and research to write *Empowering Volunteers and Those Who Lead*." - Manawatu Standard -

Ron has been doing workshops on Volunteering across New Zealand and Australia for the Lions Club and Ministry of Social Development; they were in Papua New Guinea with Volunteers Abroad, and in 2017, the couple won Queen's Service Medals for service to the community.

We met this amazing couple when they stopped by the office with a more than generous offer. Volunteer Central is now an authorised sales point for their book and we are thankful for the sale proceeds coming to the centre.

"This work is a must-read for anyone who wants to gain a deeper and more profound understanding of what volunteerism is, why it is of such vital importance, not just to society but to the people who volunteer their time and energy as well, where the importance of volunteerism can go underappreciated in some quarters."  
- Calum Steele, Volunteering New Zealand -

The book is \$30 per copy and \$8 of this is donated to VC. It is available at 77 King Street, first-floor, or give us a call 06 354 6027, as it can be posted to you once payment has been received. Details for payment will be provided at point of sale.



Office Hours

VC Office Hours - Holidays



Our main office (Palmerston North) will be closed from December 24 reopening on January 05.

Our pop-up (Levin) will be closed from December 24 reopening on January 11.