



“We support, promote, value and encourage volunteering”

Kia ora once again

It has come to the last month of the year and what a year it has been. I read with interest a couple of our community newsletters earlier in the week and thought I had best get my skates on and get our last one for the year together.

Highlights for me in this role have been:

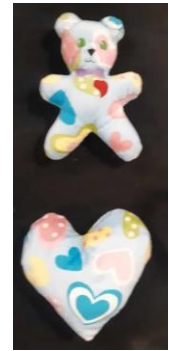
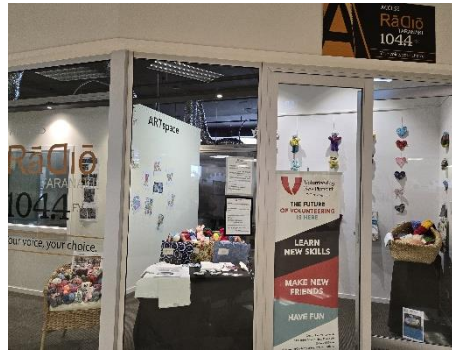
- ❖ Recording with my cohost Graham our Volly Voices show on Access Radio Taranaki 104.4fm which airs on Sundays at 2pm the available on podcasts links via both our websites. Thanks to Volunteering New Plymouth Trust for sponsoring this and thanks to Evie and Anne for their programming expertise.



- ❖ With being part of Access Radio Taranaki 104.4fm we enjoyed their Christmas party and getting to meet other show makers

- ❖ Managing to maintain the Volly Call with our local Daily News – thanks to Matt Rilkoﬀ the editor and his work in navigating the new systems they are working with. Also the articles about our Recognition Awards and starting the Volly Gems, unfortunately we only had four before this was no longer possible
- ❖ Art Space – current display of our Volunteer Projects – this is in the corner of Access Radio Taranaki 104.4fm. So if you are going to the movies over the festive season check out the display – there until January 13th, 2025

❖ **Awanui Angels**, our wonderful volunteers who clear the entrance to Awanui cemetery of weeds and plants overshadowing headstones. **Gabby's Starlit HOPE** and our wonderful Knitted tiny teddies for Mum and Baby Boxes, - Love Letters colouring in Letters, Cuddle Hearts



Heart Kids, pure wool singlets, beanies, Tiny teddies, cuddle hearts, Love Letters - Colouring Letters (for names in their room in hospital)

Winter Warmers beanies, slippers

Bag Sewers – Conference bags, Food Bank Pataka Kai Waitara and New Plymouth, Taranaki Women's Refuge, Pepi Pod Holdalls, Recognition Awards bags

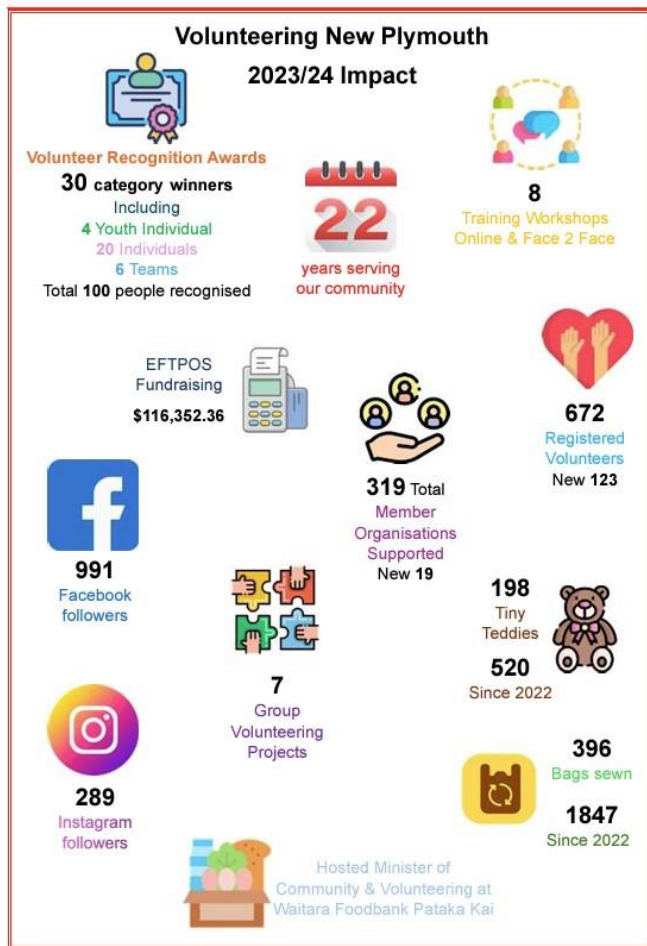
Special Children's Extravaganza – volunteers from Sacred Heart who have helped set up and pack down as well as some who dressed up for this special day for children & their families who have had trauma or live with a disability.

❖ Presenting **New Zealander of the Year Local Hero** medals to 8 very worthy recipients:

- ❖ Mark Leuthard – New Plymouth Operatic Society
- ❖ Rob Maetzig – ETET - Eastern Taranaki Environment Trust
- ❖ Wendy Brown – We Love Dogs (*no photo*)
- ❖ Raewyn McDonald – Pregnancy Help
- ❖ Donna Baker – Cancer Society Taranaki
- ❖ Dot & David McKay – Friends of Pukekura Park
- ❖ Natalya Manton – New Zealand Police Dog Charitable Trust
- ❖ Rory Gardiner – The Junction



Also, I wanted to share some of the impact that we have had in the last year to March 31, 2024 in picture form.



Marcia Millard – A Passion for Purpose – Facilitator, Trainer & Advisor

Marcia has worked within community development for over 25 years both here in Taranaki and originally in England. She was previously Chair of the Board at Tutaki Youth Inc in Stratford and a committee member on the Stratford Business Association. She is currently chair of the COGS Local Distribution Committee, committee member of the Tarata Community Hall and a volunteer with the Stratford Community Patrol and a Member of the Distribution team at Taranaki Foundation. Most recently she joined Age Concern Taranaki as their Visiting Service Coordinator and manages her own business and works for her husband too.

Here however she shares her knowledge about the types of funding available in a two-part series:



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I hope that you have found this informative and helpful.

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Till next time

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
HOLIDAYS

*Merry
Christmas*

WE WILL BE **CLOSED** FROM
Wednesday 18th DECEMBER 2024
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Monday 20th JANUARY 2025

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