

VOLLY Vibes

December 2024

"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 co-host Graham our Volly Voices show on Access Radio Taranaki 104.4fm which airs on Sundays at 2pm, available on podcast 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.

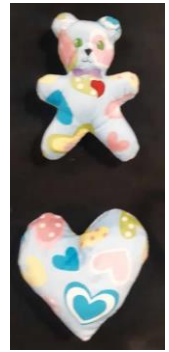
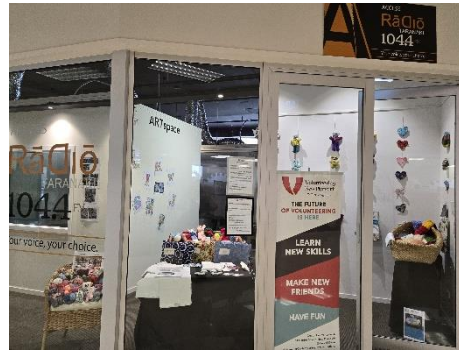
Gabby's Starlit HOPE and our wonderful Knitted tiny teddies for Mum and Baby Boxes, - Love Letters colouring in Letters, Cuddle Hearts

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.

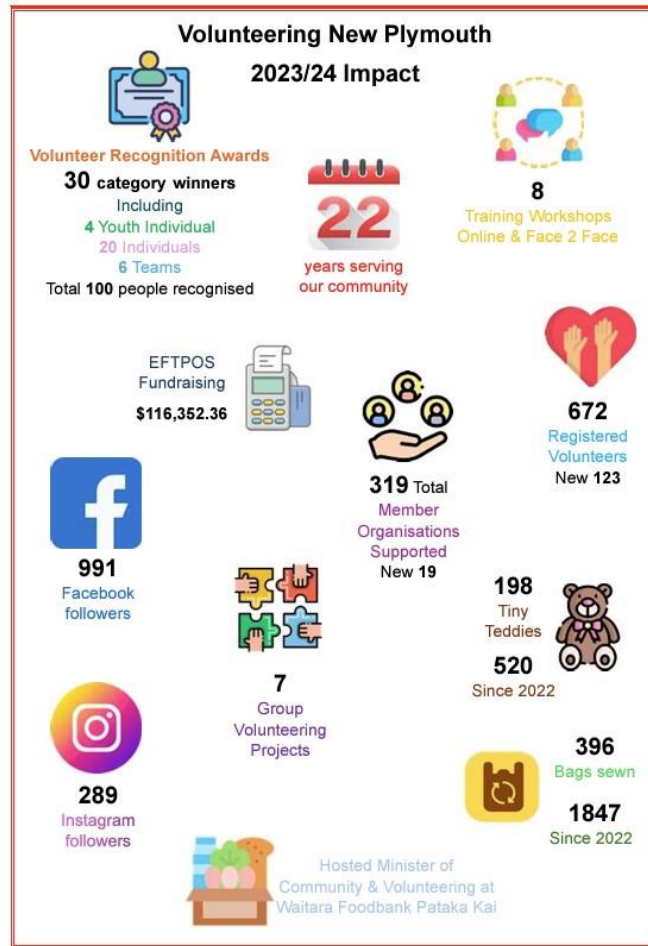


❖ Presenting **New Zealander of the Year Local Hero** medals to 8 very worthy recipients:

- ❖ 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.



We celebrated **International Volunteers Day** with morning tea for Board Members of Community Organisations at Starbucks, this was well attended, and we would love to have more join this group for the next meeting. We have sent out a survey / questionnaire to those who attended and by the responses so far there is a desire for us to hold these more often – so if you know someone who is on a Board and you think they would be interested then share this with them and if you are on a Board please send us a message letting us know that you would like to be included either by emailing admin@vnp.nz or text 027 541 0577



Key Volunteer Roles for 2025

Here are the latest to be added to our list of volunteer roles on our website:

<https://www.volunteeringnewplymouth.org.nz/>

Treasurer

Ref: #00604

Keep proper accounting records of the club's financial transactions. Prepare annual financial statements for presentation at each Annual General Meeting. Provide financial information to the Committee. Check bank balances, pay expenses, record payment of fees by players Keep and update records of member's details. Pay affiliation fees based on club numbers Signatory to the Society bank account

Hours: 8 hours/month

Skills: Financial competency, Excel skills

Personality requirements: Attention to detail, strong ethical standards

Regions: Bell Block, New Plymouth

Administrator Extraordinaire

Ref: #00603

Branch: Abbeyfield Steering Group

This is a new role that you could make your own. Bring your expertise and knowledge. An interest in Housing for the Elderly. Dynamic go ahead group Community Service

Hours: Initially approx 3 hours per month

Skills: A range of skills including minute taker, data entry, etc

Personality requirements:

Regions: Bell Block, Inglewood, New Plymouth

Activities: Administration, Data collection, Data Entry, Filing, Secretary, Word processing, Committee member/Trustee, Information Gathering, Promotion

I hope that you have found this informative and helpful.

You can contact us on 06 758 8986 or Marie 027 541 0577 email manager@vnp.nz or Wendy 022 571 4228 email admin@vnp.nz

Till next time

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break

Marie R

Wendy R

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
HOLIDAYS

Merry Christmas

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

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

