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"We support, promote, value and encourage volunteering"

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY - TAUTOKO TE IWI WHĀNUI

Wow! We are into August already. There has been so much happening here this year. We are very excited about our new website, it is creating a great deal of new traffic and we have some awesome people looking to volunteer with a variety of skills. So if you are looking for volunteers – please contact us so that we can match these new people with your vacancy. Please go to our website www.volunteeringnewplymouth.org.nz and check out the new things that we are putting up, also for Organisations please consider giving us permission to put a link to your website on our links hot button by updating your info with us. This newsletter is dedicated to Our Volunteer Recognition Awards recipients. We had a wonderful evening with another new format, which was well received. We are already planning for next year with another exciting addition to the categories.

What is coming up?

- 1) Eileen and I will be away at Volunteering New Zealand Conference and Our Volunteer Centre Network Hui from 14th – 16th October and Wendy will be available from 11am – 3.30pm on those days
 - 2) International Volunteer Managers Day 5th November and we will have our Starbucks morning Coffee- with a brief introduction to our website and how it can benefit your organisation
 - 3) International Volunteers Day Lunch this year is on 8th December at New Plymouth Club so please put that date in your diary and up on the notice board. A flyer will be out a little later.
 - 4) This year we will be closing for the Christmas break from 4pm on 16th December and returning on 13th January 2020.
- I know this is crazy planning – however I have started event planning for 2020 already – so wanted to share what we know already so that you can put some of these things into your diaries.

We will have some further training sessions before the end of the year – looking at some new topics and doing research into that as well as finding new presenters. If you have something that you are interested in and think that you would like some help then please contact me as other Organisations or groups could be in the same position and I will endeavour to find a Trainer.

We have three new topics that we are currently looking to get dates or venues confirmed and they are:

- 1) Advocacy – What is, What Can and When Can – What Can an Advocate legally do? Presenter: Angela Soloman from Taranaki Community Law. 19th September 10.00- 12.30.
- 2) Volunteer Rights & Responsibilities. 10th October 6.30 - 8.30pm.
- 3) What makes great News – Demystifying Newsworthiness? Presenter: Matt Rilko - Editor for Stuff's Taranaki newsroom. Date to be confirmed.

I hope you enjoy reading about our Volunteer Recognition Award Recipients and the amazing work they all do. While doing so think about who you could nominate for next year's Awards. Thanks for all the great work you are all doing in our community, till next time. Kindest regards

Marie R Marie Riordan, Manager



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS 2019

Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards Recipients...



HAMUORA KINERA served his country as a War Veteran with the Merchant Navy in the 60's and he now has a focus on volunteering for Community Organisations. He belongs to the Country & Western Club and since 1988 has been on the committee and

is an Ex President.

He is the Chairman of the newly formed 2019 New Zealand Merchant Navy Association, New Plymouth Sub Committee.

He has been on the New Plymouth Returned Service Association Executive Committee from 2014-present. Hamuora helps with ANZAC Poppy collection, welfare assistance as well as general maintenance. Hamuora brings Knowledge, Compassion and Sincerity to whatever he does.

He has worked on many local projects and is very loyal, reliable, honest and conscientious in his volunteer work as well as being dedicated and proud to help his community. He gets on with the tasks required and never complains. He has given many hours to the community and is very committed and most of all Humble.



DENNIS AND LAUREN REI Weaving the people together – this is Dennis and Lauren's variety of volunteering activities.

For five years Dennis has driven the van for Park City Church collecting people who need transport to attend the weekly service, he is involved as kids

church teacher with Lauren joining him in the last two years, he also does the Church lawns and shares this volunteering with their son.

For four years Dennis has been doing a weekly Community Food run collecting and delivering food parcels to people/families in need.

Both Dennis and Lauren have volunteered for ASD Connex for about three years, Lauren has been involved with the food preparation for the monthly afternoon tea and Dennis continues to volunteer with kids supervision for this event.

For five years they have been the Bayly Road Family Home Caregivers, this is an unpaid role and they are available 24/7 with only 48 hours respite per month. There are up to six school age young ones who arrive for various lengths of time, with diverse challenges. These continual changes can create unease for those there for longer terms and Dennis and Lauren treat them all with respect, aroha and incredible care.



SARAH FOY originally joined The Umbrella Trust - Taranaki Employment Support Foundation where Board members were responsible for a project and Sarah held positions with Dress for Success and Volunteering New Plymouth.

In 2017 each project became a Stand alone Trust and Sarah joined Taranaki Computer Access Centre, her role involves governance, Secretary, communications and marketing. Recently she assisted in the new design and updating of all promotional material.

She has excellent networking abilities, developed through her voluntary and paid work. As an active, concerned citizen Sarah



NOELINE McCREADY has been a member of NZ Red Cross Taranaki for 5 years. In that time she has been a completely dedicated, passionate and committed member of NZ Red Cross Taranaki. Currently Noeline is the Meals on Wheels coordinator, she

organises all the Meals on Wheels driver's rosters each month and this enables the average of 1,100 meals per month to be delivered to the recipients, ensuring they receive their hot meals at lunch time.

Noeline is also an event fundraiser and can always be found at the other activities that require volunteers – like the recent packing of the Winter Warmer packs which has been a project supporting local families in need for the last three years and packs are delivered to identified families. Noeline can also be found volunteering at the Annual Duck Race and Red Rose Appeal and the Annual Street Appeal.

Noeline is active outside of Red Cross and is also on the Executive of the New Plymouth Zipper Club.



ROSS AND ANNE SMITH are highly respected leaders of the laity at St Mary's Cathedral and are never too busy to take on a task or responsibility and both assist with weekly worship services.

Ross elected to Vestry in 1970 till

1985, re-elected in 1987, served continually since then.

Served as Vicar's Warden - 23 years,

Parish Treasurer - 10 years,

Diocesan Synod representative - 6 years.

A member of the Finance and Properties Committees, overseeing Hatherly Hall extension

Parish Nominator - 42 years.

St Mary's Parochial Trust Board - 48 years

Taranaki Anglican Trust Board - 20 years

Fitzroy Rotary Member, Director and President - 30 years

Recipient Paul Harris International Award

Justice of the Peace - 25 years

Board Chairman and Member of West End School. - 10 years

Anne Prisoners Aid Reintegration Society Member - 19 years

Taranaki Coordinator for SERVAS - At least 10 years

Taught Sunday School - 10 years

Assisting St Mary's Youth Group and NPGHS Group.

Offered countless meals and hospitality for new parishioners, visitors and staff members

Diocesan Synod member - 8 years

Assisted with art work for publications, fundraising committee, a gala helper, communications committee, catering group, involved with Family Groups movement.

demonstrates her interest in, and concern for others also as an interviewer / journalist and treats people with compassion while skilfully weaving an interesting article.

Last year Sarah was chosen to speak at the New Plymouth's Suffrage 125 celebrations.

Sarah's volunteering has included work at the schools her children attended and her integrity, compassion and commitment to help others achieve positive outcomes shone out.

Since 2013 Sarah has been the Dean's Warden for St Mary's Cathedral involving communications including the quarterly magazines and Faith Crew - Children's Sunday Ministry.

Sarah embodies the kaupapa of volunteering, working for a cause, not applause. Thank you for your dedication Sarah.