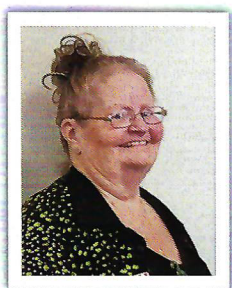


VOLLY Vibes

"We support, promote, value and encourage volunteering"



Hi Everyone,
Wow. How has life been for you this year?? Life just got a little crazier? Has it been all of a bit much? Or has it been a great time to get back to yourself and

take stock of what is important to you? – Here is what has been happening at Volunteering New Plymouth.

Earlier in the year we managed to get our Primo – wireless internet set up and we are very grateful to them for the Sponsored Internet service. You will see that Primo is very community minded and they also sponsor many other Community organisations around the region. This company is very local – started by Matthew Harrison – it now includes more family and friends working within the company. We are proud to support and promote our Sponsors. We recently presented them with our Gold Sponsors Certificate – in appreciation (see back page photo 1).

We now have several sponsors and are setting one of our windows up with the logos to acknowledge them.

Here at Volunteering New Plymouth it was a really busy time during lockdown; we operated as an essential service and we shopped for those who wanted to pay but had no way (no friends or family who could shop for them) of getting their supplies. Initially we were doing this with the support of Jacinta and John Hurley – owners of Z Service Stations locally. They deposited into our account a set up \$\$\$ and the loan of their mobile EFTPOS machine to enable us to go and buy the supplies and then collect the money from the people using the EFTPOS machine. This was really helpful for those we were supporting and we really appreciate the support of Jacinta and John. On returning the EFTPOS machine they told us to keep the money to continue to support the community, this we are really appreciative of and will use this to support projects within the community. Because of this they have become one of our "Gold Sponsors" (photo 2- page 3).

Because we had the need to use the EFTPOS machine and were not sure how long we would be required to continue the service we applied for and received MSD funding to support this project so that we could give the machine back to Z and started to use our own. This we did and therefore if the need arises in the future we are prepared.

During lockdown we had zoom meetings with Volunteering New Zealand and the 16 other Centres throughout the country to support each other in the work that was happening within our region and to offer ideas. This was an incredible help and some awesome new initiatives have come from this. (Check out the photo below).



I cannot believe that we are at the end of August already and by the time you read this it will be September. Life is so full here at Volunteering New Plymouth and that is great – however some things that I would like to achieve have not yet been happened.

What is happening and coming up?

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

We have launched this year's Volunteer Recognition Awards applications – the link is on our website and we can send a hard copy to your postal address or a copy can be sent to your email address- this closes on Wednesday November 11th, 2020. We have already received some which is great as the more the

better- so please put your thinking cap on and get those nominations into us – The Categories are: Individual, Youth, Couple, Team, Long Service and Migrant.

All who are nominated and don't receive a Recognition Award will receive a Appreciation Certificate.

December 5th 2020 is the date of International Volunteer Day and we are celebrating this year with the Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards at New Plymouth District Council Chamber starting at 2.30pm-4pm.

Thank You Volunteers Lunch 2020 – We have postponed this until next year (due to COVID) and will celebrate International Volunteers Day instead with our Recognition Awards and we have decided to move the Thank You lunch to early in 2021 – so watch this space for something exciting and new in early February.

Advertising Volunteer Roles – We now have our Volly Call space back in the Midweek – so please let me know if you would like to have your vacancy promoted here – this is still a great way to promote your roles and the response to the first two published has increased by 20% on responses earlier in the year .

We also have Access Radio 104.4FM – Volly Call, Facebook Page posts, Website Role listings, VNP Office Vacancy Wall. So please let us know what your vacancy is and we will endeavor to find the right new volunteer for you and your Organisation, Club, Society.

THE WHEELHOUSE

Marcia and I work closely together to offer the Not For Profit sector training sessions that complement each other. The Wheelhouse offer Governance – Management and We offer Volunteer – Management and sometimes we co-host sessions in North Taranaki check out both offerings below.

TRAINING:

1) Save a Life – First Aid Training

November 4th 2020, 8.30am-12.30pm.

VENUE: Red Cross Rooms 116 Gill Street, New Plymouth.

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