The Buzz from the Buzz

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter, July 2024.
There has been a lot going on and the Buzz has been a hive of activity over the past few months and we have celebrated many successes.

Lucy Graduation

Congratulations to Lucy who graduated from the Buzz at the beginning of May, Lucy joined us at the start of our journey. She built work skills and confidence during her time with us and has now started working at the Columbus Cafe, Mitre 10 Mega store. She works on Wednesday and Thursday mornings if you want to swing by, grab a coffee and support this inclusive business.

Honey Sales

As part of our ongoing Social Enterprise project, Buzz honey is still available. It can be purchased from the table next to the Nook Cafe or enquire at the Buzz room on a Weds or Fri morning, $12 a jar.

Rata Foundation Video & Media Article

Rata Foundation, one of our key funders, recently visited us and have created a short video about the work and people involved in the Buzz. This will be available to view on our website very shortly.
Many thanks to the Rata Foundation for including us in this initiative and many thanks to staff, volunteers and Buzz crew for taking part in this video, bringing our amazing story to our newspaper and screens!
The Nelson Weekly 26th June and Nelson/Tasman leader July 4th 2024 have run a wonderful articles “The Buzz around Nelson’ and ‘New work skill on offer for Rangtahi’ that showcase the great work the Buzz is doing in our region. Thanks to Rata Foundation for their media release.

Buzz Polo Shirts

“Hot off the Press’ our polo shirts are ready!
Huge thanks to Lisa & Steve at Footprint Signs Ltd, Brightwater who have sponsored the polo shirts and to Glen & Rory Wilkinson who have sponsored the printing and logos on the shirts. Your generosity is overwhelming and we know the Buzz young people, volunteers and staff will wear the shirts with pride. Big shout out to Sal & Alfie for getting this organised!

New look Flyers will ‘flying’ off the press very soon…keep an eye out for them!

We celebrated National Volunteer week 16th - 22nd June, recognising our wonderful volunteers with a small gift and card. The Buzz wouldn’t function without you all 🙂

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Welcomes & Farewells

A warm welcome to our three new committee members. Shane Blows has experience and expertise in Employment for people with disabilities and he also brings a wealth of professional experience in funding opportunities. He is a creative thinker and has a great vision for future developments for the Buzz.

Andrea Lee joins us as co-chair, Andrea brings with her a plethora of experience in governance. She was Chairperson of Parent to Parent NZ for a number of years, and has a massive amount of experience across the disability sector in a range of roles. We are excited about the future with her expertise at the helm.

Jo Hillis has joined our committee. Her skill set is wide and varied but in particular she brings her legal brain into the mix. She was a lawyer in the UK for several years and now works with Community Law in Nelson. We can rely on Jo to guide us through difficult jargon and to keep us on track in areas of rights and responsibilities, particularly around employment.

Philippa Winch joined the volunteer team in April this year and she has already established herself as a valuable member of the volunteer team, working on Wednesdays.

We also welcome to the Buzz crew Andre, Lachlan, Beau and Jack

Many thanks to Michelle Colombus, who resigned this year. Michelle was a wonderful asset to the team and was instrumental in securing funding, meeting deadlines, organising accounts and doing accountabilities. All these tasks require time, dedication and expertise. She will be missed in all facets of the Buzz operations, we wish her well for her next adventure.

We were also sad to see Nadienne Cookson leave the volunteer team earlier this year. Nadienne was very popular and appreciated for her hard work, ready smile and willingness to get stuck in with whatever came her way. We wish her all the very best for her future endeavours.

Dates for you Diary

Please let us know if you're keen to attend and/or help support us at any of these events

Movie Matinee & Pizza
Friday 5th July 2024 12.30pm
The Buzz Room, Habitat Hub, Tahunanui
'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'
Pizza sponsored & supplied by 'Hell's Pizza Richmond'

NBS Volunteer Expo
Saturday 13th July 10am - 2pm
Annesbrook Community Church, 40 Saxton Rd, Stoke

Pretty Crafty Market
Sunday 14th July 10am - 12pm
Richmond Town Hall, Cambridge St, Richmond

The Buzz is a 'mana enhancing' enterprise and without the hard work, passion & dedication of staff, volunteers and committee members, and the belief of our wonderful funders, Rata Foundation and Nelson City Council, we would not be able to facilitate 'ordinary life' outcomes for the Buzz young people.

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