The Buzz from the Buzz

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter, September 2024.

Celebrations

Congratulations to Alfie who has been given more paid hours at Connings, he now works on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning. This is testament to Connings Food Market who have supported Alfie and helped him build success in their workplace. He has also started volunteering with the Mapua Fire Brigade. He continues with his table tennis and is helping coach the Ping Pong Parkinsons group.

Honey Sales

Thank you to Mountain Valley Honey who have been a wonderful team to work with over the past two years. Unfortunately they are moving to pastures new and so we are sourcing a new honey provider. We hope to be working in collaboration with Tasman Honey NZ with a seamless transition over the coming weeks.

The Buzz honey continues to be a popular choice for many people and we continue to source more venues to sell our honey.

The Nelson Golf Club have kindly offered to have our honey on their food counter and it is selling well, it is also a great opportunity to provide further information on the Buzz to enhance our profile in the community.

The Pretty Crafty Market at Richmond Town Hall was a great success, we sold 39 jars of honey and our young people gained lots of valuable sales experience.

We also attended the Women and Kids market at the Headingly Centre in Richmond, our young people were keen to continue practicing their amazing sales skills.

Rata Foundation

Rata Foundation continues to be a great supporter of the Buzz and the recent video media articles have generated a lot of interest in the Buzz and our young people are being recognised in the community.

We had three of the Buzz team attend the recent Rata Grants Function in Nelson, this was a great opportunity to meet the Rata team and network with other local organisations.

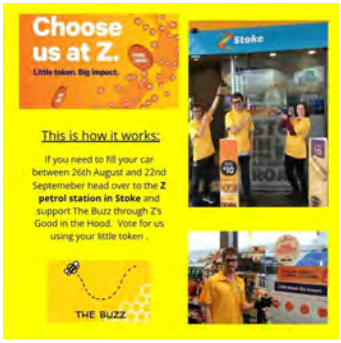
Thanks to Hells Pizza for shouting us to Pizzas for our Movie Matinee 🙄

NBS Volunteer Expo

It was very well attended and the team made lots of very valuable connections with some potential volunteers who are coming to visit the Buzz and look at what we are doing.

Good in the Hood

Massive thanks to the Z garage in Stoke for choosing us to be one of their chosen charities for Aug/Sept 2024. It has given us great publicity and wonderful funding to support our organisation. Also a great opportunity for our young people to showcase the Buzz.



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Beau has successfully practiced getting to and from the Buzz on public transport and joined her friends coming from Stoke. Well done Beau!!!!
We believe that navigating public transport independently does more than just promote independence and confidence. It fosters a true sense of belonging in our community. A big shout out to Nelson City Council for making this possible by providing accessible and regular public transport for everyone.

Our Groups in brief

Our attendance remains steady with 20 attendees in the groups across both our Weds & Fri mornings. We have had several enquiries from potential new young people and we are building our waitlist and looking at different options to build our capacity in a sustainable way.

We have been busy developing Individual Work Plans (IWP) for each young person and we have implemented a VARK test that will help support the young people's learning styles. This will help the Buzz team and potential employers identify any additional support that may be required in the workplace to ensure that we achieve the best outcomes for success.

Our skills & learning focus continues and we are working with several young people on the POSBOS programme and we have recently introduced Service IQ modules to two of the Buzz young people. Catherine from Service IQ visited us recently and was amazed at how much they have achieved already.
We are maintaining our valuable Foodbank and Restore work and we continue to make toys for the SPCA animals, which are always very much appreciated and provide many learning opportunities for our Buzz young people..
We have been out and about sourcing more potential work and work experience placements.
We have made good progress and as we build these relationships we hope to have more young people moving into work experience placements in the near future

Dates for you Diary

WATCH THIS SPACE
We are planning a big Fundraiser in November please look at our Website and Facebook for further information.

Thankyou

We would like to extend our warm thanks and huge appreciation to our wonderful volunteers: Gera, Carolyn, Philippa & Jordan and our amazing committee who work above and beyond to ensure the Buzz runs seamlessly and smoothly.

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.

Extra, Extra…read all about it!!

Congratulations to the Gladiators Basketball team who won the Division 2 competition with six Buzz members on the team: Jordan, Alfie, Andre, Lucy, Sarah F, Leiv

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