

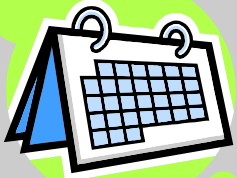
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"enriched lives and communities
through volunteering"

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2011

FOR YOUR
DIARY**December 5-24**

Christmas Gift Wrapping Project - buy your gifts at Centre Place or The Base and one of our volunteers can wrap it for you at a gift wrapping booth!

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December 16

Volunteering Waikato closes to the public

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January 9

Volunteering Waikato re-opens

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**June 17-23,
2011**

Volunteer Awareness Week

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**Wednesday,
June 20, 2011**

Volunteer Excellence Awards

**From the General Manager...**

As another very successful year for Volunteering Waikato draws to a close, we are looking forward to a bumper year in 2012.

With more volunteers than ever registering with our centre, we will aim in the New Year to assist your organisations to identify new opportunities for the many volunteers who will be seeking a placement in 2012.

Currently Volunteering Waikato is working with close to 200 member organisations around the region, half of whom do not have any voluntary positions listed.

We do expect that many of you will not be recruiting volunteers this close to the end of the year, but encourage you to list a range of opportunities for volunteers who may be able to offer you their time and skills in

the new year.

It has been good to see some encouraging results from our work in extending our services around the Waikato Region. We are currently working with 60 member organisations outside of Hamilton, and more than half of our listed positions are in 'other' towns.

In addition to this we have so far registered 250 volunteers from outside of Hamilton during 2011. Almost all of these volunteers have opted in to being notified of new volunteering opportunities in their town, and in their particular area of interest.

The promotion and delivery of our services throughout the Waikato Region will continue to be a priority for Volunteering Waikato next year.

Another of our priorities for 2012 is to continue to encourage

groups - both corporate groups and other groups in our community - to volunteer. Our particular aim here is to find a wide range of volunteering opportunities for the groups we work with, and to develop new relationships in this area.

Our third priority for next year is to continue to develop our online services, making our volunteer recruitment and referral service as easy and as accessible as we can, to both community organisations and volunteers, throughout our region.

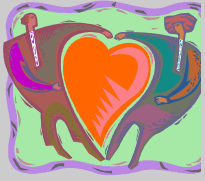
A huge thank you to all of our clients and stakeholders, and we look forward to working with each of you in the New Year.

*Heather Moore***GENERAL
MANAGER**

The Team at Volunteering Waikato

would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support during the past year - we look forward to working with you in the New Year.





Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

~ Leo Buscaglia



WEBSITE TIPS

DID YOU KNOW...

Our website automatically creates a database of volunteers who have previously applied for positions with your organisation. You will find them and their contact details in 'View previous applicants' when you are logged in to the website.

Need help? Phone Veronica or Heather

Asking the right people the right questions...

It has been a great year to be a part of the volunteer community.

Celebrating International Volunteer Day this month with our own team of volunteers was something special. They, like many Kiwis have volunteered to put their best foot forward.

Our volunteers have been a valuable resource in helping to create another successful year for Volunteering Waikato. It was great to be able to give them something back and say thanks.

We presented certificates for STRIVE (40 hours) and for a range of hours up to 1110! We also presented a certificate to a volunteer who has been with us for 17 years, we worked out that the minimum number of hours that would have been completed would be equivalent to over a year of full time work.

It was heart warming to see such

commitment and to be a part of such a wonderful team.

It has been a full on year for New Zealand with some amazing and heart wrenching volunteer opportunities opening the door into many communities.

Pike River Mine, the Canterbury Earthquakes, the Rena oil spill and the Rugby World Cup have all pushed our nation into the headlines.

We can look back as a nation on the last twelve months as world champions and leaders. We have shown the world that regardless of the challenges we are facing, we dust off the number eight wire to make sure 'she'll be right'.

We have come together as one to help so many communities in so many ways. The impact volunteers have had on people, animals and the environment in New Zealand has never been as

massive as it has been in 2011.

Every job, no matter how big or small has given something to both the volunteer and the recipient.. 2011 has proved that every little bit counts and matters.

Meri Kirihimete – Have an awesome Christmas with your loved ones. Eat, drink and be merry! *Ngā mihi o te tau hou* – may the New Year bring good things to you all.

Veronica Keats
VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR



Do you leave your jobs open or close them over the holidays??

Volunteering Waikato's office will be closed to the public (no interviews will be held) from...

***Friday, December 16
to Monday, January 9***

However volunteers who register online will still be able to apply for any open online positions during the holiday period.

If you are shutting down and will be unable to respond to a volunteer application within five days, please close your positions before you shut down - they are simple to reopen (copy) when you return.

If you need any assistance with this, give Veronica a call on 07 838 3449 or email recruitment@volunteeringwaikato.org.nz

Getting out and about around the Region...

In 2012 I will be getting out around the Region to visit all our member organisations outside of Hamilton, and making contact with non-member organisations to share with them the great work that Volunteering Waikato does in the community.

During the last six months I have enjoyed attending network meetings throughout our region and look forward to attending a new community network meeting for the Raglan area beginning in February 2012.

I am also getting great feedback from Member Organisations around the region, including the Centre Manager from Thames/ Hauraki Health & Disability

Resource Centre Trust.

"With assistance from Volunteering Waikato our organisation has now gained two brilliant volunteers. One of them has joined our Board of Trustees and brings with her a wealth of experience in the Not for Profit sector such as Governance, Fundraising, etc.

The other is a retired gentleman who went in to Volunteering Waikato because he wanted something to do with his spare time and also wanted to give something back to the community. He has a wealth of information on running a business and fundraising and is a 'Jack of all trades'.

We are so thankful that we

registered with Volunteering Waikato, as it has enabled us to find the right people for the positions available."

It's great to get such positive feedback, and I am very much enjoying working for Volunteering Waikato, knowing the huge difference that volunteers make in our community .

I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, please take care and travel safe. I look forward to catching up with you all in 2012.

Carol Mills
REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR



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a very busy month...

December has been a very busy month for groups!

Corporate groups:

- A large group of 20 volunteers from the Waikato District Health Board assisted in a cleanup at Methodist City Action. This was a great opportunity for such a large group of people to incorporate some volunteering into their team building day.
- A group from Telecom spent a day completely away from their normal work situation to assist with planting and a general tidy up at the zoo.

Teams of volunteers from Genesis Energy have been particularly active during this past month. I would like to extend a special 'Thank You' to this company for so generously allowing their staff to volunteer on so many of these projects.

- One team spent the day involved in a big 'spring clean' at Kimihia Rest home and Hospital in Huntly. The work they did was certainly appreciated and according to the manager: *'The team who came were very hard working, friendly, positive and fun to*

work with, We would love to have them back any time'

- Three teams are due to participate in the Christmas Gift Wrapping Project at Centre Place
- Another team will be assisting set up for The Special Children's Christmas Party
- Another team will be working on another cleanup project

I have just had the pleasure of conducting some Christmas Wrapping Training with a great group of interns from Deloitte - they are enthusiastic and looking forward to their day volunteering next week.

Other Groups:

- The conservation projects have provided some work for a group from TrainMe this month; however these conservation projects do slow down over the drier summer months.
- I was delighted to be able to match a newsletter folding job from L.I.F.E. Unlimited to the same group from Interactionz who did this last time. They were specifically requested because according to the manager at L.I.F.E. Unlimited:

'I was very happy with the Interactionz group's effort last time. Fantastic!' It is very rewarding to be able to pass on such positive feedback to this group and have them know what a good job they have done.

- A group of students from Hillcrest High School are to assist with putting up Christmas decorations at Atawhai Assisi Home and Hospital - what a special contribution to make at this time of the year.

As you can see, a lot of work has been done by many generous volunteers! Thank you so much for a fantastic contribution in 2011.

I look forward to working with you again next year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a special holiday season.

Raewyn Calvert
COMMUNITY PROJECT
CO-ORDINATOR



Telecom volunteers helping to keep the Hamilton Zoo beautiful...

Could one of our volunteer teams help your organisation?

In the New Year we will be looking for a range of voluntary projects suitable for group of 6-12 volunteers who are looking for volunteering opportunities. If your organisation is a member of Volunteering Waikato, and you have a project that needs doing, give us a call. At this stage the project needs to be in, or close to Hamilton, or in the Waipa region. Ideally we would like projects that can be completed in one day, or within a few hours.

Ideal projects include: Garden revamps; General maintenance / painting / building; Maintenance or 'spring clean' for schools or community facilities; Tree Planting; One off events / functions; Big admin tasks such as pamphlet folding, large mail-outs, information pack collation

Basically any project that can be done by a group in one day will be considered!!

Email your project idea: projects@volunteeringwaikato.org.nz or phone 07 838 3449

PLEASE NOTE: Your organisation must be a registered member of Volunteering Waikato for your project to be considered