



Hurricanes Super Rugby Game

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NEWSLETTER | **DECEMBER 2020**

Message from Paul

Kia Ora everyone.

First, I'd like to thank our team - Henry, Louisa, Tania, Jaymie, Janelle for their fantastic ongoing efforts in putting the daily programme together for our clients as they do and to Jess and Malu for their valuable contributions. Also, thanks to Shane Ford and the various client volunteers who help keep our lawns and gardens tidy from week to week.

As you all know by now our old gas boiler which provided hot water for the building was replaced by a new Infinity hot water system a few months back. We also completed our space heating project with three more heat pumps installed so the whole building can now be at a comfortable temperature all year round. I hope everyone has enjoyed these improvements.

We continue to have Kimi Ora School occupying a part of our building which is a very positive part of our daily life at Manaaki. Literacy Aotearoa lease part of the house "Te Whare Manawa" at the rear of our property and several of our clients utilise their services.

Our programme is always having new initiative added. Waiata Kanikani our new

weekly musical participation programme has been a great success this year. We made the decision to invest in musical instruments and PA equipment so that we could maximise individual involvement by clients. It has been fantastic to see all the clients participating with such enthusiasm every Thursday.

It was sad to see Scott and Paikea Apanui leave our Manaaki family recently. They certainly provided a lot of character to our programme and we wish them all the best for their future in the Wairarapa.

The year is drawing to an end and many of the clients have said how much they are looking forward to the Christmas lunch which will be held once again at the Petone Workingman's Club.

Best wishes to you all and have a safe and Merry Christmas.



Paul Mainwaring
General Manager

Open Day

On Thursday 29th October, we held our annual Open Day to showcase Manaaki Ability Trust and all that we are. We would like to thank the local secondary schools, Weltec and Whitireia for their continued support and joining us on our Open Day. Everyone had a fantastic time meeting new people and engaging in our programs. We would also like to thank our clients for being tremendous hosts on the day.



Blind Low Vision NZ collection

Volunteering in the Community

Manaaki Ability Trust clients have volunteered their time recently to help Blind Low Vision NZ and the Hutt City Women's Refuge with their Annual Street Appeals.

This has been a great way to connect with our local community and helping charitable organizations. A big thank you to the public for all your donations and we are proud to be a part of the nationwide and local fundraising effort.



Women's Refuge collection



Chairman Ollie Kemp addressing the audience

AGM

On Thursday 5th November, Manaaki Ability Trust held its Annual General Meeting. Our guest speaker was Peter Boshier, Chief Ombudsman who gave an address about the history of the Ombudsman's office, and his experiences there particularly as they pertain to the disability sector. He commenced with an impressive statement in Te Reo.



Hutt South MP Ginny Anderson with MAT Board Members Karen Tate and Peter McLaren, and clients Michelle Simmiss and Laura Montgomery

We were also delighted to have in attendance our patron, Mayor of Hutt City Campbell Barry, local MPs Ginny Andersen and Chris Bishop, the Board of Trustees as well as staff, clients, family and caregivers.



Jerusha Simi and Shane Ford with Hutt City Mayor and MAT Patron Campbell Barry



Chief Ombudsman Peter Boshier

Special Olympics

Congratulations to all the Olympians who competed in the various Special Olympics sporting events at the recent tournament held throughout Wellington. We had clients involved in basketball, ten pin bowling, athletics and swimming. We at MAT encourage all our guys to aspire to be a part of organisations such as Special Olympics where comradery, sportsmanship and lasting friendships are formed.



Manaaki clients in the Hutt Valley Basketball team



Manaaki clients in the Hutt Valley Ten Pin Bowling team



Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern with Sidney Hunia

Meeting Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern

The Manaaki crew were filled with suspense, joy and excitement while waiting for the arrival of NZ Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern at Queensgate Mall on Tuesday 13 October! There was a great turn out of people and the clients even managed to take photos and speak with our Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. We were also able to connect with Hutt South MP Ginny Anderson and Remutaka MP Chris Hipkins. It was an extraordinary day for the Lower Hutt Community.



Manaaki clients with MP Chris Hipkins



Hutt Heroes Fun Run Event

Join us for the Hutt Heroes Fun Run on Sunday 6th December starting at Manaaki Ability Trust at 10am! Your choice of either the 2.6km Manaaki Mini Run or the 5.6km Value Motors Mega Run with both routes

along the Hutt River Trail. Manaaki clients will gain free entry and \$10 registration for everyone else. All proceeds benefit Special Olympics Hutt Valley.

Pink Shirt Day

For the month of October, a group of clients led an anti-bullying campaign for Manaaki to coincide with the national Pink Shirt Day on October 16th. Everyone rocked pink shirts on the day, with the focus for this year's campaign being to 'lift each other up'.





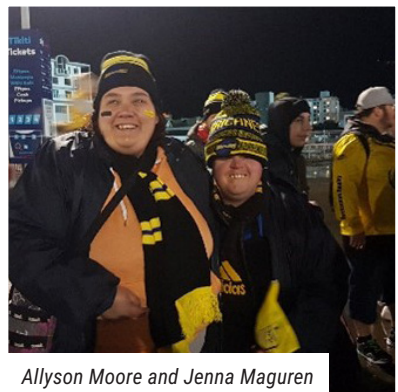
Manaaki Group at Sky Stadium

Hurricanes Super Rugby Game

On Saturday 18th July, a group of clients, staff and family rallied together to attend the Hurricanes vs Blues Super Rugby Aotearoa match held at Sky Stadium. For many of the clients it was their first "live" rugby game and they were overjoyed to be able to show support for their favourite team alongside friends.

The Hurricanes won the match, beating the Blues 29-27 within the last 5 minutes of the game which was intense to watch! The atmosphere was electric throughout the stadium with over 20,000 in attendance!

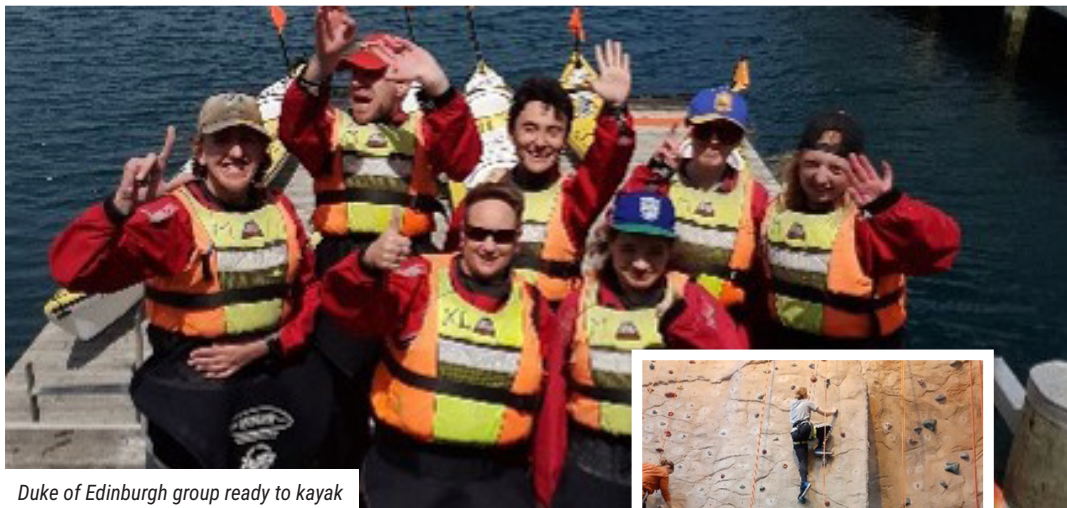
This is a sporting event the clients won't forget!



Allyson Moore and Jenna Maguren



Scott and Paikea Apanui



Duke of Edinburgh group ready to kayak

Duke of Edinburgh Programme

The Manaaki Ability Trust Duke of Edinburgh Award Clients have had an extremely busy couple of weeks. They have been working solidly towards completing their Qualifying Adventurous Journey for their Bronze Award and the weather finally allowed them to achieve this. They spent a day travelling to Wellington, to kayak on the harbour followed by a rock-climbing adventure at Fergs Wellington.

They also joined other regional participants at the Dukies Club event, held at the Pelorus Trust by Duke of Edinburgh NZ where they did team building and had the opportunity to meet other participants and share their achievements.



Laura Montgomery rock climbing and Chelsie Parsons assisting





Rahu Sticks

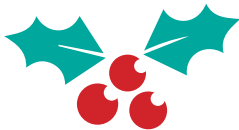
Maori Language Week

Manaaki Ability Trust celebrated Te Reo Maori Language week! There were many creations made to celebrate the Maori culture like harakeke paintbrushes, Putiputis and rakau sticks to learn the rakau stick game. Everyone enjoyed engaging with one another, learning new skills all while getting to experience Aotearoa's history and diverse culture.



Kirstina Forrest

*From all the
staff at Manaaki
Ability Trust, we
wish you a safe and
Merry Christmas!*





Conor Metcalf



Conrad Clarke



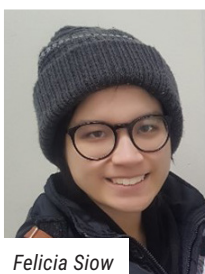
Korero Mai Speech Competition

On Friday 13th November, Manaaki Ability Trust travelled to Weltec Petone to partake in the inaugural Korero Mai Speech Competition. The theme for the speeches was 'If I won Lotto..' and this was able to be presented alongside a powerpoint presentation or an impromptu speech. Everyone got very creative with how they would spend their winnings, from buying a basketball team, meeting celebrities, travelling, and some chose to donate to charities.

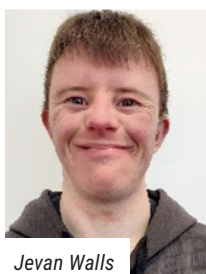
IMPORTANT DATES: The centre will be closed from Tuesday 22nd December to Monday 11th January 2021

INTRODUCING

Our Newest Clients



Felicia Siow



Jevan Walls



Kauri Mahuika



Moses Siow



Kirstie Wake

Our 2021 Client Representative

Introducing your new client representative to the Manaaki Ability Trust Board in 2021, Kirstie Wake!

You're invited to
 MANAAKI ABILITY TRUST'S
CLIENT
Christmas
LUNCH

12PM ON TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER
 PETONE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Please *Rsvp* your attendance to Jess
 at reception by Friday 11 December



