



TU NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora koutou,

It's been a busy few months here at Thumbs Up, and we apologise for the delay in getting this newsletter out to everyone. To recap the last few months we have the following highlights to share...

COMINGS & GOINGS:

NEW SERVICE USER: In June we welcomed Morgan into our TU whānau and we look forward to sharing in the new experiences and friendships he will have.

WELCOME BACK: In June Muntaha rejoined us as a casual Support Worker. It's great to have her back with us again!

FAREWELLS: In May we said goodbye to our Office Administrator, Katrina Girvan. Then in June we farewelled two of our Support Workers. Sam Kay who has moved into a Social Worker role and Pam Wiki who has relocated to the shores of Australia.

We wish them all the best in their new ventures and thank them for their years of service with TU. You will be missed!

NEW SENIOR SUPPORT WORKER APPOINTED:

Aiken has been promoted into the role of Senior Support Worker, making her the go to person for any small worries around service users and the programme.

You can email her at: seniorsupport@thumbsuptrust.org.nz

Congratulations on your new appointment Aiken!

TU WINTER PROGRAMME:

Autumn has quickly turned into wintery conditions!

Our Winter Programme is being adjusted on a daily basis to ensure we are making the most of the sun when we can.

A reminder to pack a spare layer just in case our members need them to keep warm and toasty!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Term 2 2026

11th May—28th August

May 15th—Pink shirt day

Closed: Jun 1st: King's Birthday

Jul 10th: Matariki

Sunday, 26 Jul: 12:30pm TU Hall—Winter Working Bee

Sunday, 23 Aug: TU Movie Night Fundraiser

Term 3 2026

7th September—17th December

Closed: Oct 26th: Labour Day

Dec 17th: Christmas Party
& Last day for Service Users

Dec 23rd: Last day for Staff



THANK YOU



TU ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Pelorus Trust for their ongoing support and recent grant contribution towards the purchase of a new TU wheelchair van that will enable more community outings for our members.

COGS Hutt Valley & Hutt Mana Charitable Trust for grant funding towards the CPI Training for all our staff members.

Pub Charity Limited along with their partner Lower Hutt venues - ***Angus Inn Hotel, Bj's*** and ***The Empire Est. 1950 (Ex Butcher & Brewer)*** for grant funding to ensure our members continue to enjoy and benefit from our Music Therapy Programme.

To all the ***wonderful donors*** who have been donating through our ***give-a-little*** page. Your generosity creates opportunities!

The ongoing support of ***our volunteers*** enables us to continue to deliver all of our diverse and wonderful TU tailored programmes.

Hutt Timebank and the ***Koha Cafés*** for their ongoing support in creating meaningful volunteer roles for our members within the community.



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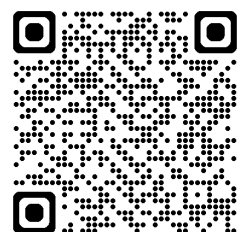
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NEXT ISSUE TO BE SENT OUT: First week of August 2026

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TU MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER 2026

SUNDAY, 23 AUGUST 2026, LIGHTHOUSE CINEMA, PETONE
SPIDERMAN: BRAND NEW DAY

We are holding a movie night to raise funds towards the purchase of a new TU wheelchair van. A new wheelchair van will enable more outings for our members.

Spread the word to your whānau, friends and social groups to help fill the theatre. Enjoy the latest Spiderman movie and support a worthy cause.

Tickets: \$25pp

Doors Open: 4:15pm

Movie starts: 5:00pm

Bookings via email to: trustees@thumbsuptrust.org.nz

Can't attend but want to support us?
Check us out on *givealittle*

