



TU NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora koutou,

Throughout July we made the most of the nice sunny days when we had them!

It's been a busy month for us all here at TU, getting out and about, working on personal goals and strengthening our connections in the local community.

Here are a few highlights for the month we'd like to share with you...

Pickleball

This month we have been having a blast learning pickleball at The Walter Nash Centre on Fridays!

From mastering the basics to building confidence on the court, everyone has embraced the learning challenge with enthusiasm.

It's been fantastic to see new skills develop, friendships grow and plenty of laughs shared along the way.



Making the Most of Te Ara Tipua

Like many in our community, we have been enjoying the stunning **Te Ara Tipua** trail as part of our monthly programme.

Our people have loved getting out and about, taking in the beautiful scenery and spending time together in the fresh air.

A particular highlight has been enjoying rides on the trishaws with the fantastic team at [Riding with Olivia](#), providing an inclusive and enjoyable way for everyone to experience the trail and connect with the community.



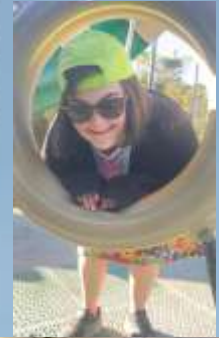


Connections, Confidence & Personal Growth

Our people have been super busy this month getting involved in activities they enjoy, building meaningful friendships and working toward their individual goals.

From community outings and trying new experiences to developing their skills and strengthening connections, it has been fantastic to see everyone embracing opportunities that support their independence, wellbeing and personal growth.

Every achievement, big or small, is a step forward on their journey and we are proud to celebrate these successes together.



Winter Working Bee

On Sunday 26 July we held our TU Winter Working Bee.

Though it was raining that morning, by 12:30pm the sun came out and we got everything on our list of duties completed by 3:00pm.

A huge **"Thank You"** to everyone who helped get these jobs done!



Z Energy—Good In The Hood

We received confirmation that we have been selected to have a voting box at **Z Pito One** for this year's Good in the Hood campaign!

Get the word out to vote for us when making a purchase at **Z Pito One**, corner of Jackson St & Hutt Rd.

Voting open: 18 Aug to 14 Sept 2026.



New Look TU Website:

We have given ourselves a new look!

It's been a long time coming but we got there!

Updates are being worked through and we want to add more on what we're all about. We hope you like it!

Watch this space...www.thumbsuptrust.org.nz

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Term 2 2026

11th May—28th August

Aug, 18th - Sept, 14th: Z Good in the Hood Voting @ Z Pito One, cnr Jackson St & Hutt Rd

Aug, 23rd: TU Movie Night Fundraiser & Raffle Draw, 5:00pm

Aug, 28th: Last day of Term 2

Term 3 2026

7th September—17th December

Sept 7th: First day of Term 3

Closed: Oct 26th: Labour Day

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

Dec 23rd: Last day for Staff



TU ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Z Energy—Good in the Hood for selecting us to have a voting box at their **Z Pito One** station. All funds received will go towards the purchase of a new wheelchair van which will enable our members to continue their activities and contributions to the community.

To all the **wonderful give-a-little page donors**. A special shoutout to **Workload Solutions** and **Michelle**. Your generosity continues to create new opportunities!

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

To all **our fantastic Volunteers** for offering their time and talents to deliver our diverse and wonderful TU tailored programmes. We appreciate your ongoing support and being a part of our TU community!

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