



TU NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora koutou,

August has been a non-stop month of activity here at TU. Getting out in the various elements our lovely Mother Nature has provided us with; welcoming new joiners into our TU environment; attending the 'What's Outside the Box?' Transition Expo connecting with other community organisations and potential new joiners; and holding our TUCT fundraising events!

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

Tramping Whatever the Weather!

The tramping group have been out and about rain, hail or sunshine!

Recently they took a trip to Porirua East where they happened upon a fairy garden. They took their time to explore and snapped some great pics!.



Introducing Michael to the TU whānau

A big welcome to Michael, who has been joining us on Tuesdays throughout August as an introduction to TU, before starting with us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in Term 3!

It's been lovely getting to know you and spending time together. We hope you've been enjoying all the different activities and having lots of fun along the way.

It's great to have you with us Michael and we look forward to more great times ahead and having you become a member of our TU whānau!

Wednesday Adventures: Freedom of choice!

The "Adventures" groups have been out and about in Wellington, the Hutt Valley and beyond!

Our service members have a huge amount of input into where they want to go, how they want to travel (bus, train, van) and what they want to do there. Enabling good lives, their way!

These exciting outings occur every Wednesday morning and are the highlight of the week for some!





'What's Outside the Box?' Transition Expo 2026

Ryan and Aiken attended the 'What's Outside the Box' Transition Expo on 13th August at the Ākau Tangi Sports Centre in Kilbirnie, representing TUCT and all of the amazing things we do.

They shared information about our services with other vendors, community organisations, and members of the public. Generating a significant amount of interest in what we offer. It was a great success creating valuable networking opportunities and raising awareness of our services. "Ka pai tō mahi!" Great work Ryan and Aiken!

Z Energy—Good In The Hood voting open until Monday, 14 September

Voting for this year's Good in the Hood campaign opened on 18 August with a Thumbs Up voting box located at **Z Pito One!**

The more votes we get in our voting box the higher percentage of the \$5,000 share we'll receive.

Keep voting for us when making a purchase at **Z Pito One, corner of Jackson St & Hutt Rd. Voting closes Monday, 14 September.**

**Little token.
Big impact.**



Movie Night & Raffle Fundraising

On Sunday 23 August we held our TU Movie Night Fundraiser at the Light House Cinema in Petone.

Thanks to the overwhelming response by everyone it was a sold out event!

Our raffle winners were also drawn on the night before the start of the movie.

A huge thanks to all the local businesses that donated prizes.

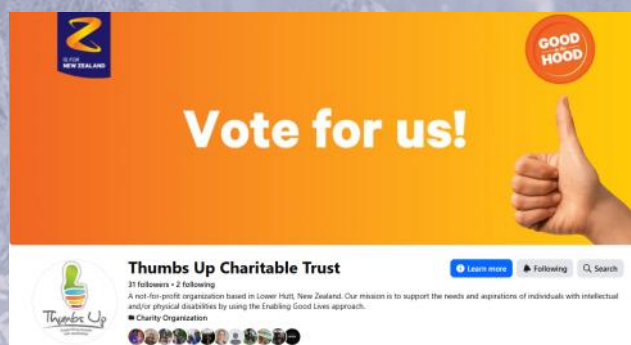


Congratulations again to our five prize winners:

1st Prize: Hayden King | **2nd Prize:** Moana Isaako |
3rd Prize: Holly Devine | **4th Prize:** Christine Guthardt |
5th Prize: Colleen Beyer

All the funds raised will contribute to the purchase of a new wheelchair van which will enable our members to continue their activities and contributions to the community. A HUGE THANK YOU for the support we received in getting behind this event!

Thumbs Up Charitable Trust now on Facebook



For a while we have been thinking about different options of communication in this ever-growing digital world.

A way of sharing our news, highlighting fundraising and upcoming events. TUCT now has an active Facebook page for this purpose.

The page is managed and monitored by our TU Board to ensure only relevant posts/comments are shown.

We have added the  icon to our website. Check it out and follow us on [Facebook!](#)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026/27

Term 3 2026: 7th Sept—17th Dec

7th Sept: First day of Term 3

14 – 20 Sept: Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

Closed: 26th Oct: Labour Day

1st Nov: Mitre 10 Petone, Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

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

23rd Dec: Last day for Staff

Closed for Christmas/New Year Holidays:

24th Dec 2026— 11 Jan 2027

Term 1 2027: 11th Jan— 30 Apr

6th Jan: First day for Staff Only

11th Jan: First day of Term for Service Users

Closed: 25th Jan: Wellington Anniversary Day

Closed: 8th Feb: Waitangi Day observed Monday

Closed: 26th & 29th Mar: Good Friday & Easter Monday

Closed: 26th Apr: ANZAC Day observed Monday

30th Apr: Last day of Term

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FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 11 - 1

Tiaki Room, Wesley Rātā Village, 249 Rātā St

NAENAE KOHA CAFE

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Pay what you can.
Your koha could be bringing food or helping out!

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TU ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Magill Consulting Group Ltd for their generous donation. Your support will enable us to provide more opportunities for our service members to enjoy.

IHC Hutt Valley for donating indoor games equipment. We appreciate your ongoing support providing opportunities and growth for our service members.

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 the wonderful sponsors that donated prizes for our Raffle Fundraiser:

Chez Nijel Ltd, The Empire, Gluten Free Café Petone, Light House Cinema Petone, Mosaic Venues, New World Lower Hutt, Pak'nSave Petone, Sprig + Fern, Style ON Jackson, Sushils Muscledchef Restaurant, Tui Balms, Unichem Petone & Zone Hair Alicetown. Your support is invaluable to us.

To all the **wonderful give-a-little page donors**. 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 them 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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