

Monthly Newsletter



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Here's what has happened in the last few months and what's to come!

Welcome to our 1st newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our member organisations, sponsors and of course volunteers who have continued to support us during recent times. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to keep our programs running smoothly and effectively.

In terms of our recent activities, we have had another hugely successful COMAVOL event and would love to hear your updates on how many volunteers you have now placed, or from volunteers who have started volunteering for a new organisation as a result of COMAVOL and any success stories you would like to share. We are already planning something even bigger for next year!.

We are just starting to plan now for the next Community Carnival - So start planning now for the game you want to be playing with the community.

We are also excited to announce that all our live listings are viewable by following link on our website home page. Click the browse opportunities button.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our Volunteer Center relies on the kindness and support of our community. If you are able to donate your time or resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support! Enjoy this month's newsletter!

MANAGER - JULIAN BISHOP

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Community News

Here's some of the events coming up, information and call outs for our wonderful district. If your organisation has some news you would like us to share? Please email us.

Taupō Disability Focus Group is holding an Inclusion Hui on the 20th August at 12.30-2.30pm or 6-8pm at the Function Room, Taupō Events Centre. They are calling All Whānau/Parents & Caregivers of those with additional needs for a brainstorming session to help shape a more inclusive Taupō District and build a brighter future for our disability community. Do you have thoughts on what could make our community more vibrant and inclusive for people with disabilities? Whether it's Holiday programs, After-school activities, Sports or clubs, Community events. They want to hear from you!

Pregnancy Help Taupō is seeking donations of clothing for children aged 6 - 12 months and 1 to 6 years old. Your generosity can make a real difference for families during challenging times. They are looking for both Boys and girls clothing - Sizes 1 - 6 years with an urgent call for items for 6 -12 months old. Every item helps us provide comfort and support to young children and their families.

If you have a knack for numbers and a love for the arts, this could be your perfect match! Active Arts is looking for a Treasurer to help keep our creative community thriving. In this vital role, you'll manage the group's finances, ensuring our events and projects have a strong foundation to succeed. It's a wonderful way to put your skills to good use, connect with like-minded people, and help bring more art, music, and creativity to our community.

He Kāhui Tāngata Mentoring invites you to a free training workshop on Saturday 23rd August, designed for anyone curious about becoming a mentor for local rangatahi aged 9–13. With just a couple of hours a week, you could make a lifetime of difference, helping young people build confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging. This session is obligation-free, so it's the perfect way to learn more, ask questions, and see if mentoring is for you. RSVP by 21 August and take the first step toward creating brighter futures in our community.

Daffodil Day is coming up on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 August, and we need your help to make it bloom! By giving just two hours of your time at a street collection site, you'll be helping to raise vital funds that stay right here in our region supporting people affected by cancer with care services, transport to treatment, accommodation at the Lions Lodge, and funding life-saving research. If you're friendly, reliable, honest, and enjoy meeting people, we'd love to have you on the team. Choose a 2-hour shift on either day and make a real difference. To volunteer, contact Hailey at daijahjay@hotmail.com.

World Suicide Prevention Day - Wellbeing Market - Saturday, 6 September from 10am at the Taupō Timebank. Join them for a day of connection, hope, and community. Together with Taupō Family Centre and Property Brokers, they are hosting a Wellbeing Market to honour lives lost, support those struggling, and celebrate our whānau's strength. There will be Live music & activities, Local stalls & resources, Kai, and a sausage sizzle. Every dollar raised stays local. Funding counselling and practical support for those in crisis.

TREMAINS VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Noel Peters

Volunteer
Great Lake Taupō

Tremains July Volunteer of the Month

They say some people are worth their weight in gold - and for Lake Taupō Hospice, Noel Peters is exactly that.

For the past six years, Noel has been a twice-weekly fixture at Hospice, arriving every Tuesday and Friday with a warm smile and an even warmer heart. His day begins with a 20km drive around town, collecting patients who can't get to Hospice on their own. For many, this ride is more than transport - it's the highlight of their week.

Once everyone is at Izard Hospice House, Noel helps set the tone for the day - making tea and coffee, sharing stories, and creating a relaxed, welcoming space. Tuesdays bring social activities like singing groups, puzzles, and mini-golf, while Fridays focus on crafts, baking, and hands-on projects. Through it all, Noel is there with encouragement, humour, and a listening ear.

Beyond his regular shifts, Noel often goes the extra mile for patients, running errands or taking them to appointments. His quiet kindness, dedication, and compassion reflect everything Hospice stands for.

When asked why he gives so much, Noel simply says: "I just love it."

Thank you, Noel - you're proof of the difference one person can make.



Community Carnival

We want you to be part of something spectacular! Volunteer Great Lake Taupō and Christmas in the Park invite YOU to join our upcoming Community Carnival on 6th December 2025, immediately following the Taupō Santa Parade!

- Showcase Your Group
- Fundraise
- Location: South Domain - Next to Lions Train
- Community Bonding
- Loads of Fun

Register Your Group: Sign up by emailing volunteerglt@gmail.com

VGLT Social Media Star Wanted



We are seeking a creative volunteer to help us develop engaging social media content. Your work will play a key role in raising awareness, gaining community support, and reaching those who need us most.

You will provide content for Facebook and Instagram (approximately 2-3 new posts per week) Develop ideas that align with our mission and brand

Create simple graphics and captions for posts (Canva experience helpful and subscription use available)

Work with our team to keep a consistent and empowering voice. Interested? Please email us at volunteerglt@gmail.com

Recent opportunities



Community Patrol Member

Ever wanted to be part of the action without wearing a badge? Here's your chance to work alongside police and safeguard Taupō.

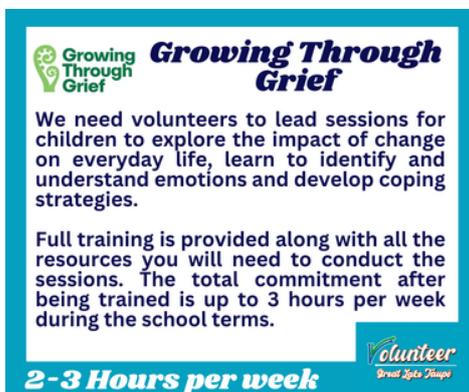
Read more on-line via our website



Cattery Assistant

Love cats? So do we, and they need your help! Just 2 hours a week in our cattery or op shop could mean a lifetime of love for a rescue cat. Whether you're cleaning, caring, cuddling, or helping raise funds, your time makes a real difference in their journey to a forever home.

Visit our website to find out more and browse all our available opportunities
www.volunteerglt.org.nz



Programme Facilitator

Growing Through Grief is a peer-support programmes for children, young people, and adults navigating change, loss, or grief, from the death of a loved one to family separation, relocation, and other life changes.

As a volunteer companion, you'll be trained to deliver these programmes during school terms, bringing empathy, reliability, and a listening ear. You'll need to have come to terms with your own grief, complete child protection and grief training.



Carpark Marshalls

We're on the lookout for local legends! The New Zealand Junior Rugby Festival is rolling into Taupō and we need Carpark Marshalls to help keep things running smoothly.

No experience needed
Lunch, Morning and afternoon tea provided
Just 4-6 hours per shift

Be part of the energy, off the field!
Whether you're keen to help out for a day or the whole weekend, your support makes a massive difference for thousands of tamariki, whānau, and footy fans.



Organisation Profile: Lake Taupō Hospice

Lake Taupō Hospice is a registered charity governed by the Lake Taupō Hospice Trust Ltd Board of Trustees. As proud members of Hospice NZ, we are dedicated to ensuring every New Zealander has access to quality palliative care.

We are a community-based hospice, providing free, specialist support for people with terminal illnesses and their whānau. Our clinical team cares for patients in their own homes and continues support if they move into a local rest home. Services include expert clinical care, personal care, family and bereavement support, and loaned equipment to help patients remain at home for as long as possible.

Our team of around 40 staff work across clinical, family support, finance, education, community relations, and retail, bringing their skills together to ensure care is seamless and compassionate, extending beyond a patient's passing to ongoing support for loved ones.

Around 30% of their funding comes from Te Whatu Ora for home-based care. The remaining 70% is raised through our Taupō and Tūrangi Hospice Shops, as well as donations, bequests, sponsorships, events, and community fundraising.

“We are always grateful for community support and right now, we’re calling All Retail Superstars. Are you a people person with a big smile, team spirit, and a love for retail?” Says Julie Brunton - Volunteer Manager

That’s right. Hospice is on the lookout for an all-rounders to join their amazing volunteer teams at both shops! It’s a practical, hands-on role that directly helps fund our free care services.

Thank you for reading!

Volunteer Great Lake Taupō is able to do Its mahi thanks to the generosity of our supporters & funders

