

**WANDERSEARCH CANTERBURY CHARITABLE TRUST NEWSLETTER**



**THANK YOU TO OUR WANDERFUL VOLUNTEERS**

National Volunteer Week 19-25 June 2022 honours the collective energies and mana of volunteers in Aotearoa.

This year's theme is 'Time to Shine / He wā pīataata.' It's a time to recognise and celebrate volunteers. Our volunteers collectively contribute 1084 hours of their time annually. We could not provide this important service without your dedication so Thank you!



In May we enjoyed a training day in Timaru with our new manager Emma Parker, Steve Davis, Linda Rutland and volunteers Teresa May, Dick Price, Mel McSweeney. We have recently welcomed 2 new volunteers from the Waimate district: Debbie Stowell and Wayne Keen. We also had the pleasure of meeting Rosie Chambers from Alzheimers South Canterbury who spoke with us about the wonderful work they are doing to support those living with and/or affected by Dementia.

Safer Walking Framework

We have had a number of family members requesting further supports alongside their WanderSearch device. The Safer Walking Framework is an initiative delivered by Land Search and Rescue. The Safer Walking website provides a range of ideas, strategies and tools that have been developed to enable those at risk of going missing to live a healthy life in the community. These include social activities, home environment ideas and different technologies; WanderSearch is one of these tools. You can find the website at the following link:

<https://saferwalking.nz/>

There have been a few staffing changes recently we would like to inform you of. We have sadly said goodbye to former Manager of WanderSearch Canterbury, Linda Rutland, who has retired after 4 years. Linda's dedication and commitment to the trust is greatly appreciated. Linda will be missed by our volunteers, clients and partner organisations. Thank you for all your hard work and we wish you well with your retirement plans.



We have now welcomed our new Manager, Emma Parker.

Emma's background is in social care and volunteer management. Emma has experience working with a diverse range of community groups including children and young adults with disabilities, mental health and older adults. Emma is passionate about raising awareness and knowledge of WanderSearch in our communities and the support the Trust can provide to people living in the community who are at risk of going missing.

*Wandersearch Canterbury Charitable Trust acknowledges and greatly appreciates the support granted by the following funders. This support enables us to help more families affected by cognitive impairment than ever before. Special thanks to the Keith Laugeson Trust who have enabled us to reimburse our volunteers for travel expenses over the last 3 years!*



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