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NORTH RODNEY BLUE LIGHT NEWSLETTER
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CELEBRATIONS

Our Community Youth Coordinator, Shane Gould was awarded Kaipara Districts Councils Citizens Award. Shane has been full time for the past 27 years. He acknowledges the support of his wife and faithful committee many who have been volunteering for 25 years.

OPPORTUNITIES

Subject to Funding we are expanding into a Youth Development Coordinator position to assist local intermediate students.



So much has changed over the past 3 years, and Blue Light has been evolving to remain relevant to today's youth. The social impacts of the COVID pandemic have been both positive and negative. We have seen social connectedness on a global scale, and modern technologies changing the way we develop our services.

“Fill Your Life with Adventures, Not Things. Have Stories to Tell, Not Stuff to Show”

We believe with the right personnel and resources we can best serve our youth with positive role modelling. Providing memorable activities, experiences and teaching our Values of Respect, Resourcefulness, Responsibility and particularly **Resilience**.

This will best equip our youth for their futures.

Committee & volunteers

Kristal Gould, Vicky Sheriff, Bruce Nelder, Ray Hollis, Darryl Reardon, Mark Carrell, Barbara Lane, Melissa McCabe, Karen Murphy, Antony Searle, Diane Smith

Staff & Volunteer Updates

Our new branch Chairman Mangawhai Community Police Officer S/Const. Rob Cato continues to support the Youth Coordinator and initiate opportunities for youth.

Diane Smith has joined part time in the administration role

S/Const. Antony Searle appointed Wellsford Youth Aid Officer.

Barbara Lane continues support in the Treasurers position. Ray Hollis initiated and developed the Grace Farm “Can Do” Project involving students from Rodney College in Sustainable Farming practices. Alan Sheriff assisted Ray.

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COMING UP

Continue and expand our involvement as a provider of Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) activities for schools and their camps in the district. We achieve this with our wide range of equipment generously sponsored by the community.

The full-time employment of a Youth Development Officer working with selected students in three local rural schools.

Continuing recruiting and sponsoring students for the Blue Light Lifeskills and Leadership 5-day courses led by the NZ Defence Force Youth Development Unit. These courses provide life changing opportunities. Students earn NCEA credits.

Continue to provide opportunities with our National Blue Light Events and Community Networks, Rainbows End Fun day, Kids Gone Flying, Spirit of Adventure, Bungy Jumping. Youth in Emergency Services.

Support local community initiatives i.e., Mad Mel's Gym, Can Do project, Youth Group centres.

NETWORKS

All Local Schools from Warkworth, Wellsford, Mangawhai, Maungaturoto and surrounding communities

NZ Blue Light Ventures, NZ Police, NZ Defence Force Youth Development Unit. Te Whai Community Trust, Springboard Community Works, The Rising Foundation, Mangawhai Cadet Unit, SUNZ Fishing camp. Kelly Club Wellsford,

Dairy Flat School, Dargaville Primary, Pouto School, Dargaville Primary

Kaikohe & Whangarei Blue Light branches.

VENUES

Campbell Park Christian Camp, Mangawhai Estuary, Matakana River, Warkworth Cement Works, Marsden Bay Christian Camp, Moirs Point Christian Camp, Otamatea Marae, Ponui Island, Ruakaka Estuary, Tawharanui Regional Park, Whananaki Youth Hostel, NZDF Youth Development Unit Whenuapai

WE APPRECIATE OUR SPONSORS

Wellsford -Auto Services, Champion Bakery, Denby Catering, United Appliances, St Johns, Wharehine Contractors, NZ Police, Firewatch Rodney,

Mangawhai, Carters, Causeway Church, Community Opportunity Shop Trust

Warkworth - Hunting & Fishing, ITM, Mason Containers, Monaghans Food Distributers, R & S MacKenzie, Matakana Anglican Opportunity Shop,

Whangarei -Oxford Community Sports Trust, Sport Northland Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund,

Waipu -Lions Club, Opportunity Shop,

Other- Grand Lodge of New Zealand Buffalo Lodge No 109, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry Social Development

VISION – Empowering Youth to Make Positive Choices for Themselves and Their Community
MISSION – Providing fun and challenging activities to grow youth potential with community and Police partnerships.
VALUES – Respect; Responsibility; Resilience; and Resourcefulness