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Message from the Chief Executive



Lorraine

Kia ora koutou katoa

Where have the months gone!! It's really scary to hear children saying the year is going so fast - usually the adults ponder the passing months. Since our last newsletter.....

A long time personal friend and mentor and supporter to Homebuilders, Terri Gourley passed away on April 6. Terri was an inspiration to many people in the Buller providing supervision, mentoring and coaching over a number of years. Terri will be sadly missed and we will think of John, Michelle, Sean, Kieran and Joanne as they continue life's journey without their beloved wife and mother.

In May we had a staff dinner to give thanks and farewell our Greymouth Co-ordinator, Gillian Morgan. Gillian has retired to her hometown in the Waiarapa. I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you and appreciation to Gillian for her work ethic, loyalty, commitment and efforts on Homebuilders behalf. Gillian, we will miss you; we wish you all the very best in your well earned retirement.

I extend a warm welcome to Keri Ansley, Suzanne Beckett and Shona Preston to our Greymouth team; to Clare Craddock and Sandra Calder our volunteers in Westport. I welcome the appointment of Sheryl Tuuta as Team Leader of our Homebased Services.

We thank Peter Macdonald for a very informative, positive, and focused planning day in May. We reviewed our previous annual plan and I want to acknowledge and appreciate Homebuilders staff and their achievements; the list is certainly very impressive. We all enjoyed the opportunity to participate in planning for the future. We have a solid annual plan to inform our five year strategic plan, working towards our visionary 10 year goal.

We have entered into a High Trust Contract with the Ministry of Social Development. This has been an interesting process to combine our 11 current contracts into one including results based accountability reporting. The ultimate outcome is to provide wrap around services to clients so the right service at the right time is available; to provide evidence about how well did we do it; to provide evidence that clients are better off.

We are in the process of developing our website. Watch this space!!

We have two fundraising events scheduled for later in the year - a Mercantile Netball Tournament in September and Dancing Without The Stars. We hope you will support both these events.

Nga mihi nui

Lorraine Scanlon

Our Board Members



Bev

Hello

My name is Bev Poynter and I hold the position of secretary for Homebuilders West Coast Trust. I am married with three adult children and six grandchildren. I retired three years ago from nursing/hospital management at Buller Hospital. I joined Homebuilders "to give something back to the community" as I had spare time on my hands. I fully support and am proud of the services offered by Lorraine and the team at Homebuilders.

I mentor a young person through Homebuilders Big Brothers Big Sisters programme.

I am also involved in Buller Country Music Club, Home Hospice and Buller Adult Learning Services.

Hello

My name is Peter Campbell and I was born in Greymouth. An accountant by profession (BCom University of Canterbury 1985, CA 1985 and Chartered Accountant in public practice), I have owned and operated my busy sole practitioner's practice in Westport since 1988, currently employing 15 staff.

I am married to Jan, who also works alongside me in the accountancy business, and we have three daughters, all of whom attended Westport North primary school and then Buller High School. I have always had a strong interest in education and community affairs and have served as Deputy Chairman, then became Chairman of the Buller High School Board of Trustees for 10 years.

I have been involved in the educational field at regional level, and was Chairperson of the Marlborough/Nelson/West Coast School Trustees Association for several years, having previously been a registered trainer for the NZSTA. I was also on the Board of the NZ School Trustees Association and in 2000 represented that Association when I became a member of the Ministry of Education's Practitioners Group for the review of operations grant to schools.

I am also a long-time member of the Westport Rotary Club, and organises the annual Rotary speech contests for school students in the Buller region. My keen sporting background (which includes cricket, squash, hockey, badminton and volleyball) has also drawn me into the field of rugby where I am a well-known local referee.

I was part of the group which was instrumental in forming the Westport Youth Club in 2000, aimed at providing a drug- and alcohol-free social environment for the young people of the town. I was also Chairperson of the former Buller Youth Works Trust, which acted to place young local people in employment.

In 2000 I became one of the two Westport representatives on the newly formed West Coast branch of the Chamber of Commerce. Then in 2007 I was elected as a Councillor on the Buller District Council, where I take an active role in promoting the interests of the Westport community. After venturing into "Dancing Without The Stars" (where I certainly was not a star!) I became involved in Homebuilders, and recently moved into the role of Chairman.



Eyvonne

Hello

My name is Eyvonne Diskin

I have enjoyed being part of the Homebuilders team as a board member for the last seven years. I have lived in the area all my life and was born at Waimangaroa. I completed my enrolled nursing at Buller Hospital. I have three married sons who have produced nine grand children for me to spend much of my spare time with. I operate my own retail business and spend much of my leisure time tending to my gardens & 700 hazelnut trees. I have a great interest in outdoor pursuits which includes netball, tramping & running. I also endeavour to follow my children's sports and spend the left over time with my husband Ross.



Ngaire

Ngaire Townrow

I am married to Barry and have two adult daughters. In my day job I am a Personal Banker at ANZ Bank where I have been employed for the past 19 years.

I have been associated with Homebuilders since it's inception as a Trust in 2003, initially as secretary of the steering group that established the Trust, then as secretary of the Trust for four years and a board member for the past three years.

I am a community focused person with strong ethical values and a desire to utilize my skills by working as a volunteer for a number of local organisations that provide support for people in need.

Groups I am associated with besides Homebuilders include Buller Victim Support, Rape & Sexual Abuse Support West Coast and Buller Budget Advisory Service. I am also a member of the Westport Performing Arts Competitions Society and a registered Marriage and Civil Union Celebrant.

In my spare time I enjoy the performing arts, sewing and spending time with my family and friends.

Kevin

Kevin Poynter is also one of the board members but was unable to be reached before this newsletter went to print.

His profile will be placed in the next issue.



Homebuilders would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to:

The ANZ bank for the generous donation made to Big Brothers Big Sisters it was very much appreciated.

Lend A Hand Foundation for their donation towards the purchasing of a punching bag and gloves.

Staff Promotion

Tena koutou katoa

My name is Sheryl

I have been Team leader for our homebased services now for two months, this is a newly appointed position and it has proven very rewarding. One of my new duties is to provide clinical supervision for our homebased team in Westport and Greymouth. I am fortunate to be able to work alongside our Chief Executive, Lorraine as we have negotiated the many contracts that make up our work load here at Homebuilders. It is a role that I am enjoying and look forward to progressing over time.

Nga mihi nui
Sheryl



Sheryl

NEW STAFF IN GREYMOUTH



Suzanne

Kia Ora

My name is Suzanne Beckett and I have become a member of the Homebuilders team as the social worker in schools programme coordinator/facilitator. I live in Greymouth with my husband. We have three grown children, two of them are at University in Dunedin and one is here in Greymouth.

I have a Degree from Massey University in Education and History and a Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary). My teaching subjects are history, social studies and health. I have worked as a teacher aide with children with challenging behaviours for eleven years. From my experiences I have found that for some of our children school is not as happy a place as it is for others. In some cases this is getting in the way of children being able to maximize the opportunities that schools can offer. I am passionate about creating the best opportunities for our children to develop a lifelong love of learning.



Shona

My name is Shona Preston and I am employed as the social worker for Greymouth and Hokitika area. I look forward to the challenge of my new position and learning more about the Coast and Coasters!

I came to Greymouth in March this year to be closer to my two lovely grandsons who live in Barrytown. My cat Ginge and I have settled in to the quiet after the pace of Christchurch and we are both enjoying it very much. Some more sunshine would be good.



Sandra

Hi,

My name is Sandra Calder and I have lived in Westport for eighteen years. I am married to John who works for Holcim Cement. We have twin girls who are our pride and joy.

I have worked for Homebuilders before and I do enjoy the work and caring for children. I am looking forward to volunteering and will do my best.



Clare

Hi,

My name is Clare Craddock and I have just started as a volunteer for Homebuilders.

I have spent most of my life in Westport and went to both primary and high school here. I moved to Sydney in 2003 where I worked in the Hospitality industry, mostly as a Pastry Chef. I met my partner Sam there and we now have two children. We have been home for two years now and I feel really grateful that I have been able to come back to Westport to raise my children.

I think Westport is a great place to bring up children. The support services here are amazing and there is a great community spirit. I'm very proud to come from such an awesome small town.

I am intending to study towards a social work degree or diploma starting next year. I feel volunteering for Homebuilders will give me a great insight into my chosen career path and I am looking forward to learning all that I can from their experienced social workers and staff.

Volunteers