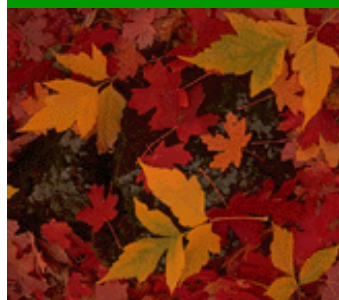


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TURNING POINT

Roaming Reporters

The Reporters

Reporters

Chris Bott,
Trudy Eldred
Mark Crook
Deena Rigby
May Lauvao



Back from left Chris and Deena Front: Trudy, Mark and May

Bread makers Scott and Blair

Blair and Scott have been coming to DRC for some years now. Blair says 8 years and Scott for 15 years or more.

Blair says his favourite thing here is working on his Radio Show, he loves researching his topic and talking about it on air which he does with little support from staff.

While Scott's favourite thing is his volunteer jobs. Both are on Thursday, one is helping at Sit And Be Fit and the other is delivering leaflets for the police as Scott is a member of Hastings Community Patrols.



Scott and Blair

They both said they liked it all at DRC and there was nothing they didn't like.

When asked about hobbies Blair said he loved reading, while Scott loves driving around keeping Hastings safe.

Both Blair and Scott have started bread making and are enjoying it. They say that kneading the dough and following the instructions is important in Bread making. They say they do find it challenging but it also is relaxing. When asked if we would ever get to taste the bread, they said maybe, one day and then laughed.

When asked what they want to do in the future they both answered "Just to enjoy life as it is." We all hope you can Blair and Scott. Thank you.

Suzy at the Funky Farm

The Funky Farm is a farm animal zoo at 236 State Highway 2

Mangateretere (next door to Golflands and No5 Café & Larder) where we met a lovely lady, Suzy.

Suzy has been at this location for the past one and a half years, she has owned The Funky Farm for more than 10 years at a different place.

The farm is a wonderful setting for birthday parties and functions, as well as being a place for people to learn, pat and pet the animals. It also offers a toy library —where people can hire children's toys for a small charge.

The Funky Farm is definitely safe and friendly for those with all kinds of disabilities too. One day they had as many as 270+ people visit the farm but , on average they have between 50-100 visitors.

There are many different types of animals at the Funky Farm, the usual farm animals and stranger ones like Guinea Fowl, Emus, Frogs, Alpacas and Turtles.

We watched AJ(Staff Member and a DRC client),feed some piglets. They squealed when picked up from the ground. And, for some unknown reason, they seem to follow Kelle around. We all laughed at this.

When Suzy was asked if any of the animals have tried to escape, she replied,"We've had a small group of pheasants run away to the Frimley area". They also had some piglets run into the house. And a donkey, who would only "Heehaw "at her husband. An egg was born inside another egg. As well as a sheep, who decided to go and visit inside the rabbit hutches, too : It sounds as though it s all on at the Funky Farm

Thank you Suzy



AJ and Suzy

Lisa From Club Hastings

Lisa has been working at Club Hastings for the past 24 years .. When queried as to how many drinks the staff would serve on an average day? Lisa replied "100 –200 per day at least . Their most popular drink would probably have to be 'Tui Beer .' "



Deena , Lisa and Mark

But her personal favourite drink is the Malibu Lemonade. This sounds very nice with some crushed ice especially on a hot day. Don't you think?

When we asked Lisa if she had a funny work story that she could share with us She told us, that Halloween seemed to be quite exciting :As all the staff and some patrons dress up for the occasion. Most people really get into the fun of it all.

Kelle asked , if they have ever thrown anyone out the door ?

"Yes Quite often. But no one from DRC . Thank goodness" And, Yes! Lisa loves to see the guys from DRC every Friday for our Social time , playing pool , etc

"Thank you Lisa"

Point of Interest

In beer there is freedom, in wine there is health, in cognac there is power and in water there is bacteria.-

Staff Profile : Elana

Elana is our new Information and Communication Coordinator. We were very keen to interview Elana, as we know nothing about her and where she is from.

Elana was born in Freemantle, Australia before coming to New Zealand, as a baby.

She studied a few different subjects while at Auckland University, such as Spanish. She has a Bachelor of Arts and a Major in Political Studies. Also during her time she set up a business that sells sauces.

Elana told us, that she enjoys working at DRC because she interacts with a lot of interesting people. She thinks it's fun to be involved in something different. And she likes to be able to use the office skills that she has acquired. She also likes working amongst the Clients at DRC.

She has not worked with people who have faced barriers, but she does have a personal life experience with people with barriers.

When queried, if she had a funny story to share with us, concerning working at DRC, Elana replied with a simple No Not yet ... but we've got plenty of time to change this for her.

Elana likes lots of different type of music, but her favourite would probably electronic. And when asked about her favourite food she replied without hesitation "Chocolate, all kinds. "She did not have to think.

Even though Elana confesses she does not have a favourite movie. She likes the Sci Fi Genre, and did regrettably confessed that she is a trekkie fan. Upon hearing this Trudy quickly gave the Spock Vulcan salute 'Live long and Prosper' to which Christine did the same. Thank you Elana



Symptoms of a Trekkie

IF: your screen saver says "Resistance be assimilated"



is futile, you will

OR : you find yourself in a jam and say "Scotty, beam me up!"...