

The Reporters

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Client Profile Brent Rule

Brent Rule has been a long serving member of DRC. He started; he thinks around 1990 and says there have been a lot of changes for the better. But Brent did say he enjoyed coming to DRC when it was a “workshop”. His jobs then were to put inserts into wine boxes, cleaning the racecourse and rolling the newspaper for the RSA. He liked working in the Tank.

Brent says he enjoyed doing his work because he got paid, then it all stopped. He says it was alright to stop the paid work.

Brent says there have been a lot of changes at DRC, there were major alterations to the buildings and more buildings were built, he also helped to lay the foundations of the staff’s lunch room, Family room and Interview Room. He also mentioned that there has been heaps of different staff and clients that have gone through DRC.

Some of his favourite things he ever has done is mowing the lawns for DRC and other businesses in Nelson St, and working in an orchard which he enjoyed immensely.

Now Brent loves doing his Radio Show and likes talking about singers and actors both past and present. He does all his own research and writes up all his material. They know Brent quite well down at Radio Kidnappers.

When asked how DRC has helped in his life, Brent replied “At first I was shy but now I have come out of my shell, by making friends and been around other people. He says he likes it as it is.

But he did say there was room for improvement, he would like different activities, more social events rather than just golf and 10 Pin. He would like a Sports Day or Picnics. When asked what his favourite movie and music is. He replied U2 and his favourite movie is “Dude Where’s my car”. Brent also enjoys the Avengers. Home away and Neighbours.

Brent said he has a good year and is very happy here. But if he had a magic wand he would go all the way back to the way it was where he earned money, had fun with friends and had a purpose.

Something to think about. !!



Brent Rule with his Certificates

At the Library

An interview with one of the Librarians Rhiannon Tamainu

The Position that Rhiannon holds in the Library is “Assistant Librarian “ She can assist anyone to find a certain book, and if it’s been issued out , you can reserve it , when it’s returned. She restocks the shelves with returned books , issues books and locates them ETC . Rhiannon can and does everything you could want from a librarian __ But , perhaps NOT make a cuppa tea.

We tried giving her some tricky questions

How many people use the Library ?: Rhiannon replied Thousands , from all over Hawkes Bay. “

“How many books are stored within these walls ? “ Rhiannon had to think about this one ...for a few second, “Literally millions , as we also have access to talking books ,EBook , and online books.”

“How do you know where certain books go on the shelves ?” This was as easy one , as well . “We use the Dewey Decimal system , where a subject has its own number . For instance —Romance might be in the 500’s and Science I could be in the 1200’s .

Some one in the reporters group thought of asking, “How many D.V.D s are there ?” Unfortunately , Rhiannon was not too sure on the numbers , but gave ,”This library holds lots , and if requested we can borrow from other libraries too.” She quickly added to her reply ,”you can listen to C.D.’s if you have headphones on. As you must respect others .”

Kelle was bursting to ask , “Who has worked her the longest ?”

“Probably Linda —As she has just celebrated her 50th Year Anniversary, for working within the Hastings Public Library walls.”

Next question was an awkward one , “Are E-books taking over libraries ?”

But Rhiannon answered strongly , “No ! We, in this particular library are trying to stop this from happening . Sure this is how technology seems to be heading. But I’m sure you’ll agree , there’s something about holding a physical book , its very tactile. And sometimes just to smell the paper within the book especially the old historic journals , can be quite magical..

Trudy came up with asking ,”What are some of the ridiculous excuses you’ve heard for the loss of a book ?”

“The dog has chewed it or I’ve already brought it back , was the response.



Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

GRAFICA STREGATA

Meet a Firefighter

The Roaming reporters met with Brad, a fire-fighter at the Hastings Fire Station. He has been a fire-fighter for 19 yrs. now, 15 years as a volunteer and 4 years on the payroll. He says he enjoys being a fire fighter and enjoys the work of putting out fires, because if they didn't the fires would get bigger. When asked if he rescues people from fires he said "Most definitely, No 1 priority is to save lives, then property". Brad also added that attending car accidents are more common now.

The fire fighters are also known to rescue cats from high places and this is true. One reporter asked "How scary is it to fight fires", the answer was scary, very scary on a scale of 1 —10 at least a 9.5. But it is okay because we wear all protective clothing and have breathing equipment to help them fight the fire. And we are trained to do what we do when asked if he was ever frightened Brad replied No I have not been frightened.

The reporters asked about the station and how many worked there, there are 37 fire-fighters that is operational staff in Hastings. They have four different teams Blue, Brown, Red and Green. There are 2 shifts a day, 10hr in daytime 14 hrs. in night time. Each team works 2 days on and 2 nights and then 4 days off. And yes they do have female fire fighters there are 4 in Hastings. So that's why we talk about fire fighters and not firemen or firewomen.

When they are not fighting fires they do community work, promoting fire safety in schools, they also attend public events. And when they are not doing that they practise their fire fighting skills and do maintenance on their equipment as it all has to be in ship shape condition for them. They also have to do a lot of physical work to maintain their high fitness levels. As they can race up and down the tower in under 60 seconds.

One reporter was quite concerned about the fire engines and whether they got cleaned or not. He was relieved to hear that each engine got cleaned at least once a week or when they needed it. A fire engine lasts over 20 years and are swapped around to other stations depending on the work load and the age of the engine. There are some fire engines in Hastings over 20 years old.



managed to wedge himself under a vehicle in the garage and got stuck while the flames were around him. Something he is not allowed to forget



Client Profile Johann Landkroom



Johann Showing off his medals

This interview was attended by all the clients in the Roaming Reporters group . We were very interested in finding –out about what Johan did during the trip . You may be aware that Johan , along with William , Peter and Lewie , went to Argentina to represent and compete in the Tae Kwon Do World Championships. It took a flight trip of 14 LONG hours , in a n airplane . While in Argentina , Johann proudly WON! , three silver medals , one for Official Patterns , one for Flexibility Patterns and one for Team patterns . There were 70 other teams from around the World . But in ,Argentina, they don't speak English , their native tongue is Spanish . New Zealand has the BIGGEST team ! “GO little N.Z. BIG UP’s The trip was amazing , but the food

was ‘Disgusting’, according to Johann , he was sick through out the trip . But , then he changed his mind , with a rebuttal” I actually love the food , it is different to the food here.’ but with saying this ,he told us both his Mum and Dad had tummy bugs. Johann told us , that the group had a tour guide , who took care of the N.Z. team, and that they stayed in a lovely hotel. Their hotel was a hour’s driving distance from the Stadium . Every day, they would take an ITF bus to the Stadium . While in Argentina , they had 10 hour, long days Busy people . .Seems very different to what we are used to , here in N.Z. don't you think ?

At the end of the Awards celebrations , the New Zealand team performed a Haka , to which everyone applauded and cheered!!! “I loved my trip to Argentina . But I am glad to be home “ Johann thanked us , and all DRC for our support and encouragement . Then Deena gave a little speech of congratulations to Johann and the other participants that went to Argentina .



Johann and the Roaming Reporters

*Remember : Clients Return on the
9th January 2019*

