

Pendants Provide Peace of Mind



Detective Sergeant John Wilson shows a pendant to (left to right) Trust Vice Chairman, Jo-Anne La Grouw, Lyn Soeters and Elaine Fox from the Alzheimers Society, and Trustees Lyall Thurston (rear) and Paul East.

Tracking pendants for people with dementia are available from the local Alzheimers Society. Detective Sergeant John Wilson of Rotorua Police Search and Rescue said the catalyst for the project was the search for Mabel Jamieson in March 2006.

"Many people will remember the tragic circumstances of Mabel having gone missing and her subsequent death, and we didn't want a repeat of that."

"We had heard about tracking pendants being used in other centres and with the help of a couple of local service organisations were able to get the project up and running here in Rotorua."

Elaine Fox of the Rotorua Alzheimers Society said it was absolutely great to be chosen to be part of the project. "It's working really well. All of the 18 people currently using the pendants have memory loss problems."

"We have another six people on our waiting list and thanks to the Trust's support we have been able to purchase a further 12 pendants."

Each pendant, which is worn around the neck, has its own channel. Rotorua Police

Search and Rescue has tracking equipment and a database of who has each pendant plus a profile of the person wearing it.

Mrs Fox said Alzheimers assists with identifying people who may need a pendant and provides details for the profile.

"The pendants give peace of mind to the families and caregivers of people with memory loss," she said.

Detective Sergeant Wilson agreed that they take "a load off families. People with dementia don't know they have it and that they are at risk," he said.

There are currently 40,746 people with memory loss in New Zealand. Mrs Fox said the financial cost of dementia in New Zealand in 2008 was estimated to be more than \$700 million.

"Our client base is increasing and is getting younger, and that is projected to get worse as more people suffer the long term effects of excessive use of drugs and alcohol."

For more information about the Alzheimers Society and the tracking pendants contact Elaine Fox or Lyn Soeters on 07 349 0053.

Management Team



(Left to right) Alison Perrin, Andrea Thompson (seated), Jack Kwok, Edith Tissink, Stuart Burns, Lee-Anne Thompson, Peter Halligan (seated).



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Keeping our Community informed

Budget Service May Expand



Malcolm Thomas, Leslye Pattle and Bryce Dunn (left) and Peter Jones (far right) of the Budget Advisory Service join Trustee, Trevor Maxwell, Trust Chairman, Grahame Hall (holding posters), and Trustee, Judy Keaney outside Community House.

The opportunity to provide budgeting advice to all income earners is being investigated by the Rotorua Budget Advisory Service. The year-long pilot study will look at the need for a budgeting service amongst all earning groups and if so, what resources would be required to provide this.

Malcolm Thomas, spokesperson for the Budget Advisory Service, said the voluntary service currently provides advice predominantly to beneficiaries as part of their Department of Work and Income requirements.

"We want to find out if the general public is aware of the service and if there is a need for this service in groups other than beneficiaries."

"Our feeling is that there could be the demand for the service to expand, especially with the current changing economic climate."

Mr Thomas said the pilot would also see if it would be viable to expand the service and how best to fund it.

"Currently we have a voluntary management committee with paid and voluntary budget advisors, and we are in the process of employing a part-time manager."

"We are affiliated to the New Zealand Federation of Family Budgeting Services and are not linked to any business group or company."

The majority of current funding comes from the Ministry for Social Development through the Department of Work and Income.

The Budget Advisory Service is located in Community House at 1115 Haupapa Street.

Mr Thomas said the Service had recently moved downstairs to larger premises on the ground-floor.

"We are now more accessible and have facilities to carry out private interviews. Our advisers can also visit people in their own homes."

Anyone wanting more information or advice should call 07 346 3236.

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More Scholarships This Year

More people received scholarships from the Trust this year with the award of an extra JWW Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship scholarship and two additional Tertiary Study Awards.

Education spokesperson Judy Keaney said the Trust usually presents up to 50 Tertiary Study Awards, 10 JWW Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship and 10 Waiariki Institute of Technology – Whare Takiura scholarships, each year.

“This year, 52 Tertiary Study Awards were presented and for only the second time, 11 JWW Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship scholarships. We also received a record number of applications for the Waiariki Institute of

Technology – Whare Takiura scholarships. This is a very clear indication that they were all worthy recipients,” she said.

Lyall Thurston, the Trust’s youth spokesperson said the Trust remained united in its commitment to the continuing education of young people in the Rotorua District, having invested approximately \$4 million in scholarships and tertiary education to date.

Applications for ALL Trust scholarships will open on 1 October and close on 20 November 2009.

Full information is available at www.rotoruatrust.org.nz under Scholarships.

Students and apprentices who received awards this year were:

Tertiary Study Awards

Jessica Barrett	Kristin Hall	Clare McLean
Tracey Bates	Renee Hannah	Laurence McLean
Jordan Brannigan	Kaine Harington	Matthew McMenamin
Stacey Bryan	Mathew Haworth	Jenna Nelson
Charlotte Christmas	Geoff Howes	Bradley Nielsen
Melanie Cotton	Anton Ivanov	Alexander Pelham-Waerea
Julia Edward	Joydeep Kaur	Llewelyn (Rory) Pryce
Sophie Esler	Alexandra Keyte-Beattie	Thomas Richardson
Karen Flaherty	Brad Kilgour	Riley Riddell
Peter Forbes	Frankie Lu	Humphrey Shand
Jade George	Katherine Marshall	Annabel Shaw
Henry Genefaas	Natalie McGavock	Tarou Shiota
Imran Joseph Grant	Kieran McHugh	Haiden Somerville

Roseanna Spiers
Amy Stewart-Badger
Luke Symes
Renique Tenhagen
Yurika Teramura
Scott Thomas
Kathryn Travis
Dannelle Tuck
Ryan Walker
Lana Walters
Elise Westcott
Anna Whillis
Niels Yuan



Recipients of 2008 Tertiary Study Awards with Trustee Trevor Maxwell, Education Spokesperson Judy Keaney, Chairman Grahame Hall, Trustees Jo-Anne La Grouw and Lyall Thurston, and Trust Chief Executive, Stuart Burns (seated front fourth from left to second right).

JWW Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship Scholarship

Bret Beattie	Automotive City Autos Rotorua	Matthew O’Connell	Plumbing Plumberman
Richard Burns	Automotive Heavy Engineering Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd	Scott O’Connell	Joinery KLM Joinery Ltd
Michaela Creighton	Hairdressing Salon St Bruno	Michael Price	Carpentry Mark Signall Builders Ltd
Richard Edwards	Heavy Diesel Mechanic Farm and Garden Equipment Ltd	Steven Smith	Heavy Fabrication Active Engineering Solutions
Jason Gooding	Electrician Sefton Electrical Ltd	Aden Te Kiri	Electrician Undies Electrical
Chris Long	Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanic Cable Price		



Apprentices who received JWW Lepper Memorial Apprenticeship Scholarships with Trustees Trevor Maxwell (seated far left) and Lyall Thurston (standing second left), the Trust’s Education Spokesperson, Judy Keaney and Chairman, Grahame Hall (seated centre front), Trustee Paul East and Trust Chief Executive, Stuart Burns (standing third and second right), and Trustee Jo-Anne La Grouw (seated far right).

Waiariki Institute of Technology – Whare Takiura Scholarship

Vicki Browne	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Susan Makiha-Walker	Bachelor of Nursing
Elizabeth Cyca	Bachelor of Nursing	Maria Mihaka	Bachelor of Applied Social Science
Philip Dowie	Bachelor of Computing Systems	Sharon Moore	Bachelor of Applied Social Science
Denny Hona	Bachelor of Applied Management	Amanda Te Whau	Bachelor of Applied Social Science
Geoffrey Manahi	Bachelor of Applied Social Science	Chantelle Walker	Bachelor of Applied Social Science



Trust Education Spokesperson, Judy Keaney and Chairman, Grahame Hall (seated centre front) and Trust Chief Executive, Stuart Burns (standing far left), together with Trustee Lyall Thurston (seated far left), Ken Kennedy, Waiariki Kaumatua, Pim Borren, Waiariki CEO, and Trustees Trevor Maxwell and Jo-Anne La Grouw (all standing right) join recipients of this year’s Waiariki Institute of Technology – Whare – Takiura Scholarships.”