

THE CONNECTOR!

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*Eve Rae went go-karting while on a CFFD camp.
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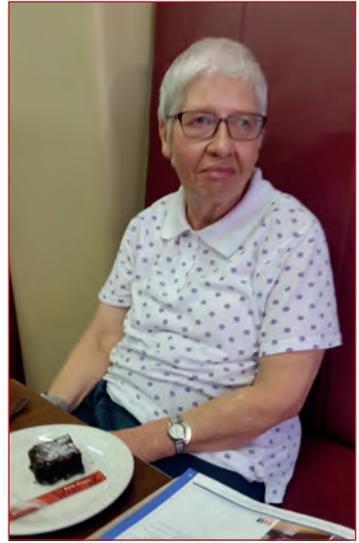
The deadline for the next issue: Friday 7 June 2019
Please send stories and pictures to admin@ccslt.org.nz

Looking good with my makeup

By Dorothy Hale

I went shopping for some makeup in Farmers, where a lovely shop assistant applied some makeup on me to see what it would look like. I liked what she put on, so I bought some foundation and lipstick. I wear my makeup when I go out in the community, which is about every day, and on special occasions.

This photo is of the day I had the makeup applied by the shop assistant. Don't I look lovely? As you can see I'm having a hot chocolate with an American chocolate brownie.



Walking to the shops

By Julie-Ann Brothwood

On Thursday 14 February, I walked down to the shops on my own for the first time and I caught a taxi home on my own too. I have been practicing lots of walking and crossing the road with the help of my support workers for a while now. I feel very good about myself and cannot wait to do it again. The more I walk down to the shops on my own, the more I get better at it.

On my way!

Our Staglands trip

By Jenna Maguren

We went on a bus trip with our staff to Staglands Wildlife Reserve near Upper Hutt. We went on Tuesday 5 February and it was a beautiful sunny day. We took our lunch.

Staglands is a beautiful place to visit – they have native and exotic birds, animals, trout and eels. I bought a bag of special food from the office. As I walked around I fed the birds and animals.

We saw the kunekune pigs, and the baby pigs were running past us, and we saw deer, goats and horses. There were lots of beautiful birds which were mingling around and we could hear them. They are very friendly. We saw the trout and eels swimming around.

Everyone had a lovely day and they really enjoyed themselves. Some of us want to go back for another visit. On the bus trip back everyone was happy and some were singing.

You can read the full story about our Staglands trip at www.ccsit.org.nz



Adrienne, Kevin, Derek, Bruce, Francie



Everyone having a good time at Staglands: Heather, Stella, Regan, Amelia, Shannan

Pink Challenge Ladies afternoon teas

By Samantha Burwell and Terrwynn Pryor of the Taranaki Network.

The Network girls have afternoon tea together every Wednesday. We meet at a cafe and we wait for everyone to come. We order scones or chocolate brownies and drinks. We really like catching up and hanging out and going out together. We go to the same place and we think that the lady who serves us knows what we're going to order. We all look forward to going to our Pink Challenge Ladies afternoon teas.



Terrwynn and Samantha

Graduating from Matrix

By Allyson Moore

I successfully graduated from the Matrix programme and I am so proud of myself. Some of the things I learned were literacy and numeracy. I learned more about nutrition and gained work experience in our local cafe. I loved my time on the Matrix programme.

Now my ultimate goal is to obtain paid work. I'm excited for what the future has in store for me.

Here are some photos from my graduation day.



Left: Allyson and her dad, Dave. Right: With her tutor, Henry



Regan's safety award

Regan McHugh received this award because he followed instructions to seek help in a difficult situation at the Hutt Staglands trip in February.



Fun ride on a trike

By Ethan Christensen

The story began when I met Brett who owns a trike. His trike is powered by a VW engine and I love VW Kombis. My support worker Brian and I rode on the trike with Brett to Southward Car Museum in Paraparaumu for a classic car rally.



It was very noisy on the open road but the wind was warm and the sun came out. I saw a VW Kombi at the classic car rally. It was a great day out and finished off with an ice cream on the beach at Kapiti.

Me beside the trike

Mix and Mingles Night

Easter theme

Friday 12 April

5:00pm to 9:30pm

Roadhouse Bar & Restaurant

(Chapellis)

18 Laing Road

Lower Hutt

Please come dressed in your favourite Easter outfit to celebrate Easter. There will be prizes for the best-dressed female and male, and the best male and female dancer. If you like a meal and a drink, please bring enough money to cover the cost.

Hope you have a good time!

HAVE FUN



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Wellington Round the Bays event

Sunday 17 February



From top right, Paul Holmes at the halfway point; Louise Bulled at the finish; inset, Amanda Williams; Louise and Judith at the finish.

My trip to Sydney and Melbourne

5–23 February

By *Tavila Asiata-Muese*

In February, after four years of planning, Tavila finally flew out to Sydney to meet up with his sister, June, and her family. He spent three amazing weeks with them, full of fun activities.

They went to Toboggan Hill Park which included a toboggan run, mini golf, water balloon launchers and a giant maze. Tree Top Adrenaline Park was a very physical activity in 35 to 40° heat. They also went on a dolphin cruise, had a ride on a camel and went to a swimming park. Tavila got to eat like a king, visiting many restaurants.

Tavila says this has been a truly amazing experience and wants to return ASAP for another holiday. He wants everyone to be able to experience these activities!



CFFD Camp at Waikanae

By Eve Rae

I went to a camp for my CFFD group, which stands for 'Christian Fellowship For Disabled'. We went to El Rancho in Waikanae from Friday 8– Sunday 10 March. We travelled down to Waikanae on the Hawke's Bay CFFD bus.

It was my second time going to the camp and I got to see some of my friends who I had met there last year.

On the Saturday afternoon, we did activities. I did go-karting. It was a dirt track and this time I did it confidently by myself. Only a little bit of help was needed to get in and out.

There were craft activities as well and I made a card for my sister's birthday in August.

The weather was really nice, where everyone else had rain, we had sunshine!!

I thoroughly enjoyed my time away at CFFD camp.

You can read the full story on our website: www.ccslt.org.nz



Art at Vincents

By Maria Filacouridis

At first, I was shy and unsure about going to Vincents Art Workshop in Wellington City because I didn't know what to expect. I also thought I was not even good at art and thought it would be challenging with only one arm.

I go once a week with my cool support worker Anna and she helps me. I learnt that Vincents has a positive environment and it now feels like a second family. I now look forward to going and producing art pieces that I love.



Happy with my artwork