

October 2025 Community Partnerships Team UPDATE



"The local government's role is to support, connect, resource, partner and share the risk with local places. Local communities need support to be able to lead – they don't just want to be led."

Strategic Alignment

2024 Council Strategy

03	Support communities to develop and shape their own direction.	• Work with communities to ensure key community infrastructure is appropriate for the future. • Continue the development of relationships with social service providers to facilitate access to appropriate services. • Deliver key services where funding is available, and the services meet the needs of the communities. • Encourage communities to consider how they can enhance the tourist visitor experience by taking pride and ownership in their district.
04	Respect the foundations of our shared history to build the future.	• Forge strong and respectful relationships with Ngāti Kuri and Ngāi Tūāhuriri as tangata whenua. • Respect the natural environment and work to facilitate good environmental outcomes. • Be influential in preserving and adaptively reusing the built environment. • Support the cultural values developed by communities over a long period of time.



People

Hurunui District is welcoming, inclusive, safe, accessible and supports the health and well-being of communities.

Community Partnerships Team



Vision

A connected thriving Hurunui District enhancing local leadership.



Mission

Building strong partnerships to encourage collaboration, community ownership and development.

Outcomes



Resilient Communities



Inclusive Communities

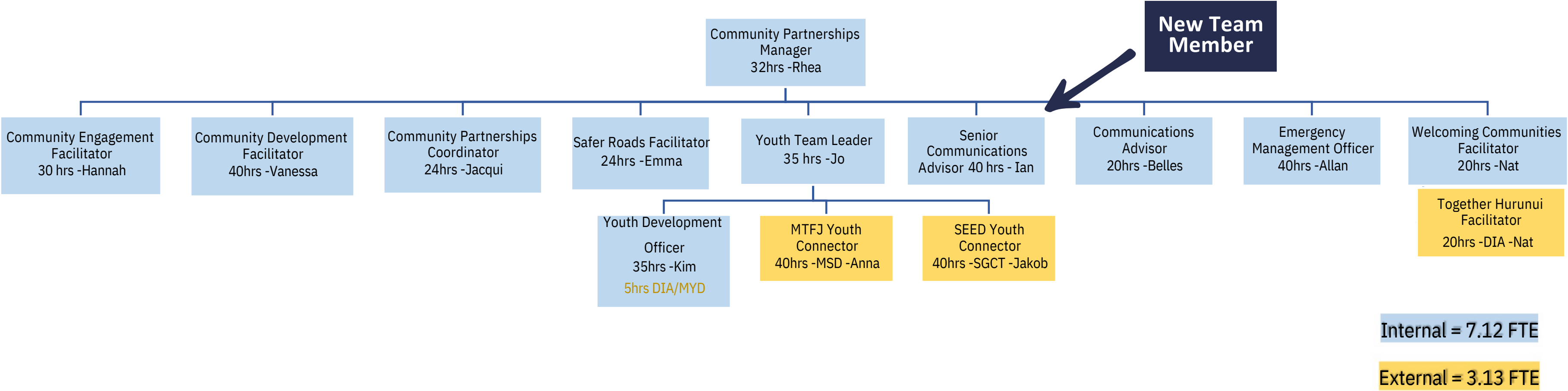


Empowered Communities

The Team

Community Partnerships Team Structure

(14 roles, 13 people, 10.25 FTE equivalent)



Strategic Overview

Community Partnerships									
OUTCOMES	 Resilient Communities			 Inclusive Communities			 Empowered Communities		
FOCUS	Safe Relationships	Wellbeing	Safe Environments	Connected Communities	Involved Communities	Culturally Inclusive Communities	Social Enterprise	Developing Leadership	Youth Opportunity
IDENTIFIED NEED	Youth Social networks Family Violence	Drug/Alcohol-related harm Mental Health Poverty Economic Older person	Community (4R's) On-line safety Youth Vulnerable communities Driving licenses	Community projects Social Isolation Service providers Information sharing Community Hub	Volunteering Accessibility Review/Evaluation Community aspirations	Welcoming Communities Build relationships with local iwi HYC Cultural competency portfolio	Support local social enterprise Investigate potential for increased social procurement Business & Employment	Capacity building workshops Volunteering Training Community Led Development	Youth Council HYP MTFJ SEED
	Youth			Youth programmes across schools			HYP and HYC leaders		

Reviewing CPT focus areas



How's life in Hurunui?

We'd love to hear from you

We're running a short survey to check in with our community - what's going well, what's tricky, and what could be better.

Your feedback helps us understand how life is going across the district, and where we can focus our energy to make Hurunui even stronger.

SCAN ME



Scan the QR code to access our online survey.

BE IN TO WIN! Prizes!

For a paper copy of the survey, visit your local library or the Hurunui District Council office. Link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WellHurunui>

All responses are anonymous.

Closing date of 7 December.

Share your thoughts to promote wellness and well-being in our community.

SOCIAL RESEARCH & EVALUATION



Contact
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Phone: 03 314 8816

Stronger Hurunui



Hurunui wellbeing / wellness survey

- Sense of belonging
- Health physical/mental
- Preparedness
- Crime
- Barriers
- Accessibility
- Communication

Informing the work and measuring the impact.

This supports regular data collection every few years to track changes, identify gaps, and discover new opportunities over time.

PEOPLE



PLACE



PARTICIPATION



PREPAREDNESS



Community Engagement

Campaign Videos



Council in Action



Building trust through clear, inclusive communication



Meeting people where they are - rural & remote



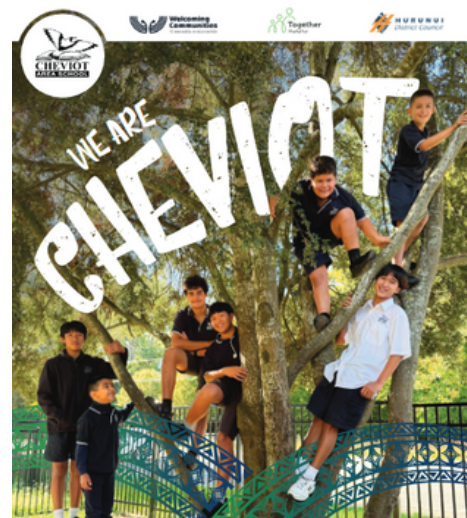
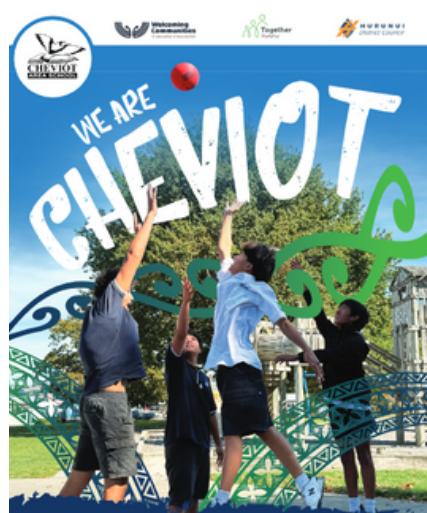
Breaking down barriers like jargon and access



Collaborating across council & community networks



**Welcoming
Communities**
TE WAHAROA KI NGĀ HAPORI



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**Welcoming
Week**





Join us for an evening celebrating diverse traditions with:
Food, Music, Games, Dance, & Conversation!

Enjoy various performances highlighting the richness of
different cultures.



WHEN: 8TH AUGUST 2025, FRIDAY.
START AT 6:00PM

WHERE: AMURI AREA SCHOOL GYM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

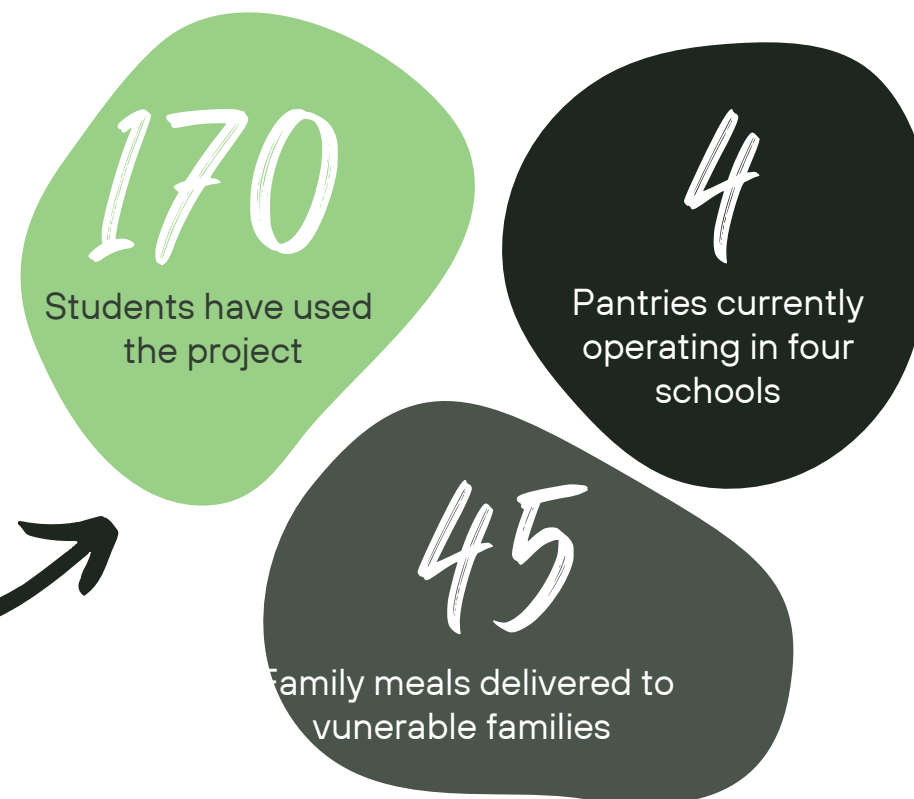


- Updated Next Steps site
- Distributed 220 Newcomers Guides
- Advisory Group expanded → bi-monthly South Island hui
- Upcoming focus: Indian & Pasifika communities

Mainpower Pantry

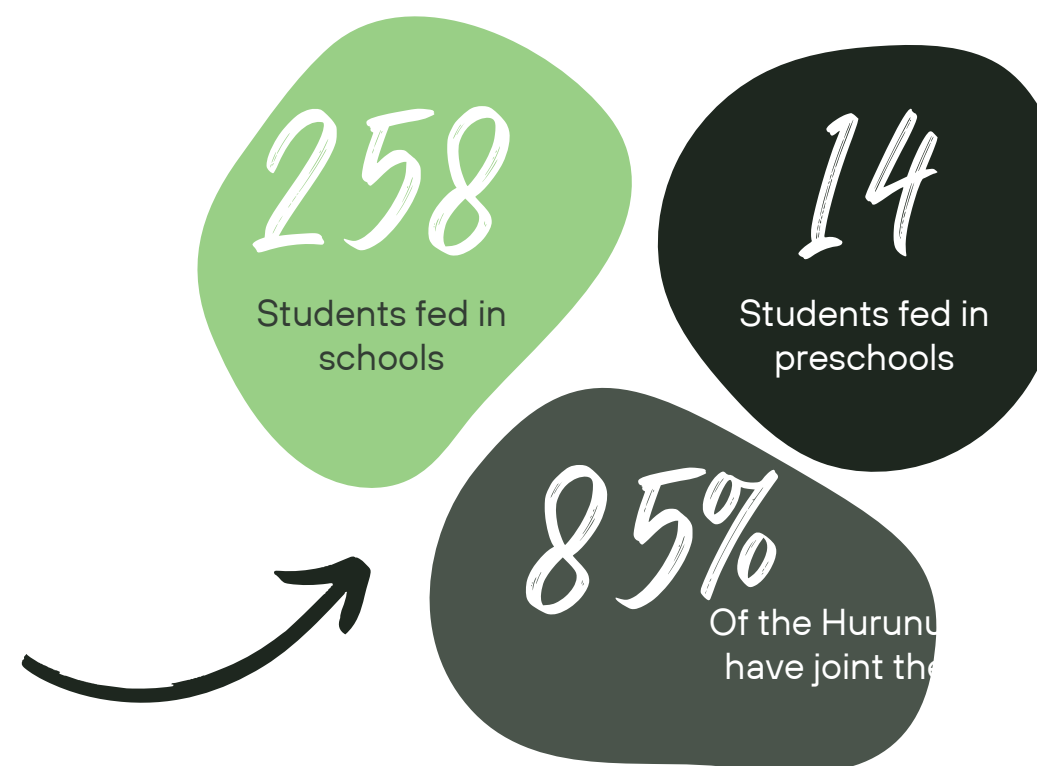
More growth for this initiative, with the addition of Hurunui College this year. If other schools/preschools identify a need, we will work with our funders to make it work.

mainpower



Snacks in Schools

We've continued to see this project grow in 2025 and we're excited to add Hurunui College to the initiative this year. We hope to add more schools/preschools as the need arises.



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We know some of our students come to school without enough to eat, for all sorts of reasons. The Food in School project is a practical way we can show manaakitanga and make sure no child goes hungry.

It's there when it's needed – no fuss, no judgement.
- Rob Cavanagh, Principal, Leithfield School -

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Holiday Programme



15 day events + 3 camps!



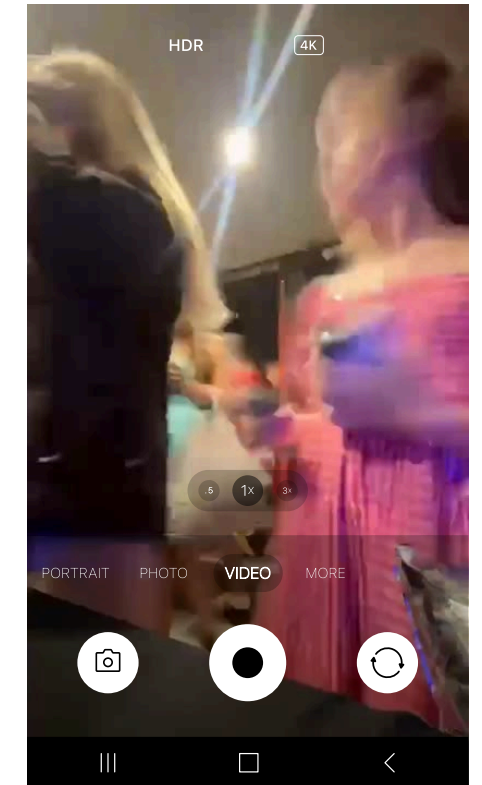
Life Skills



Youth Led Events



Hurunui Youth Council & HYP Leaders



Yr 7/8 Transition Pilot

3-part high school prep programme

Yr 8/9 Weekly Connect

Weekly peer support at Amberley Library



YES Camp

17 youth introduced to emergency services

Wānanga

20 young people, strengthened friendships & whanaungatanga

Tuakana-Teina mentoring

22 students at Cheviot School & 6 mentor/mentee pairs



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Youth Group gives me a safe place to be myself, meet others my age and prepare for high school. In our rural area there aren't many after-school options like this. Without it, local students would miss valuable connections, support and a positive space to spend time.

- Tuesday Yr 8/9 Youth Connect -

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Business

Community Trust

Other...

North Canterbury Youth Futures Career Expo



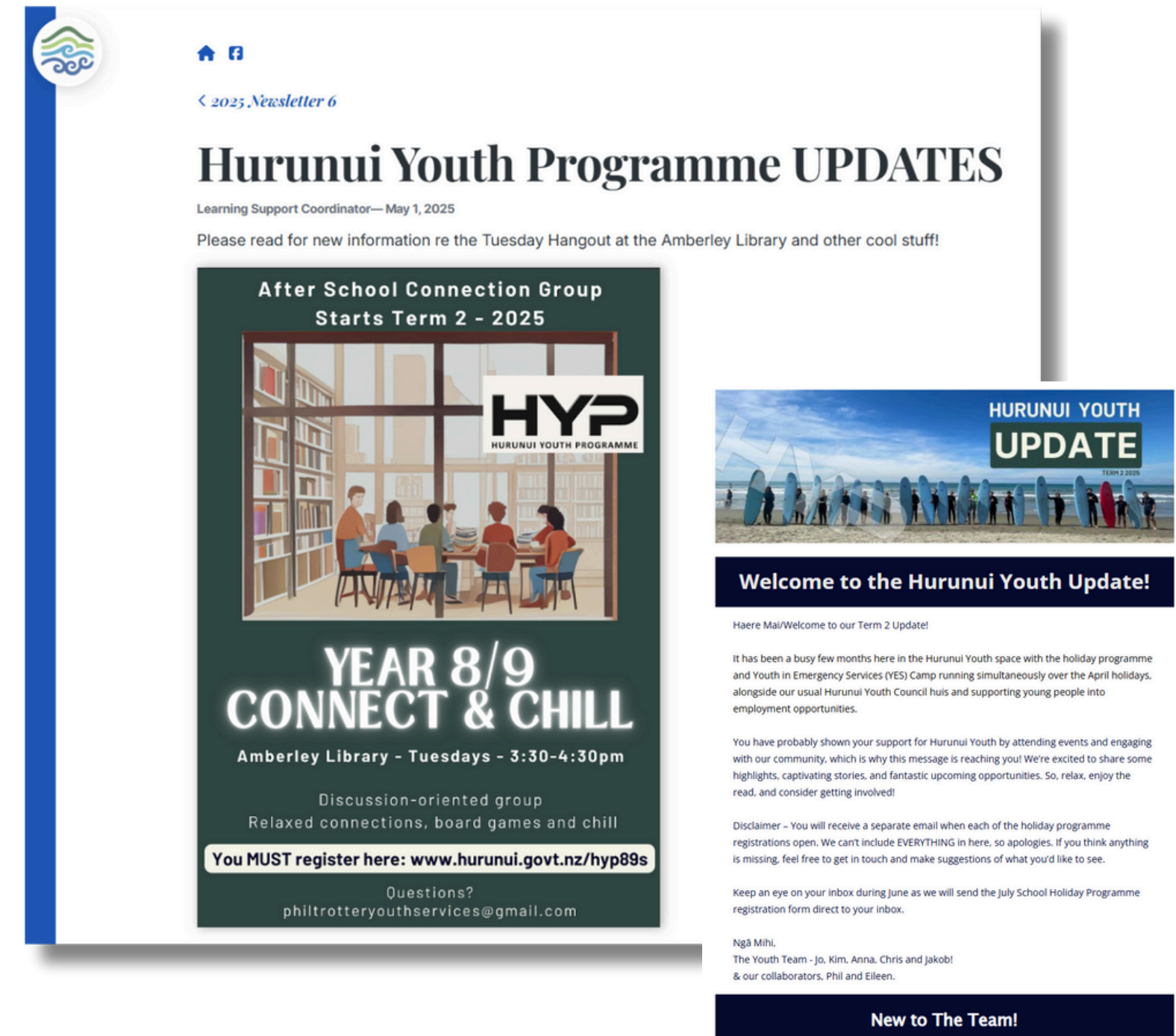
1205 ATTENDED



3 x Termly Newsletters



235 DISTRIBUTIONS



Hurunui Youth team is made up of now 5 amazing people, and we recently welcomed Jakob to the team. Get to know Jakob below and make sure you say giddy if you see him around!

**\$130,000
committed
for 2025-2026**

- **Target:** 15 placements from July 2025 to June 2026
- 8 MSD jobseeker benefit, and
 - 7 NEETS to make our sustainable outcome.
- Placements need to be:
 - 6 months + and,
 - 30hrs + per week.



Since July 25

- **Employment Status:**
 - 23 individuals are currently employed,
 - 2 are in apprenticeships.
 - 26 job seekers looking, 16 meet MTFJ criteria
 - 10 16-17 year olds
- **Business connections**
 - Proseed
 - Country Estate
 - North Canterbury Quarries
 - Amberley NZ
- **Challenge:** Limited entry-level jobs and 6-month+ contracts

Watch this space - Work-ready mentoring!



Course

What is SEED?

Sowing Skills, Growing Journeys

\$100,000 committed for 2025-26

24 outcomes per year

3 courses

15-24yrs

Course 1: 30 June - 18 Sept

OUTPUTS

- 4 First Aid certificates
- 2 Learner Licenses
- 3 regular driving lessons
- 3 on work experience
- 1 paid work following work experience



OUTCOMES

- More confident young people
- Connections made in community
- Self belief
- Strengthened relationship with schools

Funded by:
Snowgrass
Charitable Trust



He waka eke noa.
We're all in this together.



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