

WANDER NEWS

WanderSearch Canterbury Charitable Trust Newsletter



In our last issue we reported that Margie Sharkey and Allan Pritchard had retired from the WSC Trust board after nine years of totally dedicated service.

In this edition we are very pleased to report that both Margie and Allan were awarded a Civic Award from the Christchurch City Council for the work they have done setting up and running WanderSearch Canterbury Charitable Trust. To read more on the awards use this link <https://bit.ly/35qQnTN>



On 16 January Steve Davis, WSC BOT member and trainer, and WSC manager Linda Rutland enjoyed a great afternoon training session with South Canterbury SAR members in searching for lost individuals using Wandatrak devices. From left to right: Luis Calles, David Hetherington (Sth Canterbury AREC) Mike Brown, Steve Davis, Clayton Connolly and Dick Price.

WanderSearch tracking training is carried out regularly in the region to ensure that when the call comes from the Police that a client is missing, we can help track the individual in the minimum of time using their assigned device frequency number.

IMPORTANT—TEST YOUR DEVICE'S BATTERY WEEKLY

All WSC client caregivers should have by now received a battery tester for their device. The manufacturer would like you to test your device's battery weekly to ensure it is working. Why? Because on rare occasions beacons can turn off with external magnets found in the home such as toys and appliances. Also, some users give the beacon such heavy use moisture can get inside and this can affect the battery. If you do not have a battery tester please email linda@wandersearch.nz

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WanderSearch Canterbury has a new phone number, please delete the old one from Margie's time and use 03-9070072. You must use the area code but the call is free.

OUR NEW WANDERFUL VOLUNTEERS



WanderSearch Canterbury has always incorporated South Canterbury organizationally within the Trust. However, until late last year local Timaru Police managed the distribution of devices and battery changes for clients. Since this change I have been busy getting to know the Timaru and surrounding area a little better, visiting retirement and care homes to introduce myself and recruiting more wonderful volunteers to service this area on the same basis as North Canterbury. To this end we now welcome two new volunteers Teressa May and Jodie Hawke (No photo available).

Teressa will be very familiar to most Timaru locals as she is involved with many community organizations. She also works fulltime as a paramedic driving for the ambulance service. It is wonderful to have Teressa's extensive local knowledge of South Canterbury's people and places.

Jodie on the other hand will service clients in Mid Canterbury. Jodie who is a Search and Rescue volunteer has a busy fulltime job as a senior retail manager but her flexible job still allows her time to volunteer for WanderSearch Canterbury. Linda Rutland - WSC Manager

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