



# Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury

Te Rōpū Tūao i te waenga o Waitaha

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VMSC Mid-Canterbury Newsletter

February 2025

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**Happy New Year and best wishes for 2025 to  
Volunteer Managers, Volunteers & people working alongside  
volunteers.**

### **VMSC Website [www.vmsc.org.nz](http://www.vmsc.org.nz)**

Could I please ask those of you who have roles listed on our website to please check that they are up to date. If a role needs to be deactivated, please do so, or contact me to help with this or any other website tasks.

### **Volunteer of the Month**

Don't forget: Columbus Coffee is sponsoring our Volunteer of the Month. If you have a volunteer you'd like to recognise, please let me know any time – there is no monthly deadline as such. Just drop me a line when you have a volunteer to nominate.

### **Workshops and Professional Development**

(First Monday of the month, except February (no session) and May & July on the second Tuesday of the month.) At Community House.

I'm working on a workshop/professional development calendar for volunteers and their managers/coworkers. I have some exciting presenters lined up and will forward a calendar soon.

**The first workshop will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

### **Pop-Up Display in the Arcade**

If you happen to be in town on the morning of the **second Thursday of the month**, you will find me in the Arcade, spreading the word about volunteering and, hopefully, signing up some new recruits.

**First Pop-Up Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 9:30 – 11:30**

### **Invitation - Gatherings for Managers of Volunteers**

Starting in February, managers of volunteers or people who work with volunteers in any organisation are invited to a monthly gathering. We will meet on the third Thursday of every month from February to November 2025 at Columbus Coffee. I know we are all busy, but it is valuable to make the time to connect and network whenever we have the time. So, if you can, please come to some of these get-togethers. We will discuss successes or challenges in the volunteering space and come up with some great ideas to implement.

**The first gathering will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00am.**

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