

# EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING

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## Thank you for your ongoing support Victoria University of Wellington Corporate Challenge 2019/20





# The VUW Corporate Challenge 2019 Awardees



**Sustainable Cities and Communities category:** St Vincent de Paul with Mercer Ltd; Sustainability Trust-Curtain Bank with MBIE-Legal; Huntleigh Home, Maritime Heritage Trust and Friends of Vogelmorn with groups from ANZ; Lower Hutt Primary Schools Sports Assn with Vocus Group.

**Life on Land category:** Bring Back the Natives with NZ Post Group, The Treasury; Houghton Valley Rain Forest project with Massey College of Creative Arts; Remutaka Forest Park with Pynenberg and Collins Architects; Zealandia with ACC; Friends of Upstream with MBIE Legal; Friends of Makara Peak with KPMG.

**Volunteering Heroes Award** to ANZ; **Outstanding project Award** to Z Energy and Laura Fergusson Trust.

[Link to the VUWCC award winners video](#)

## Outcomes and Value of the Challenge

### Pre Covid

We were tracking to complete **122 projects**, including 1200 volunteers from **22 businesses** and government departments deployed to **30+** community organisations. **An increase of 20%** including a project with an entire department at MBIE with **250 employees to 22 projects across 3 weeks.**

### Post Covid

From July 2019 to June 2020 projected to complete **75 projects** involving **744** volunteers from **20** Employee Volunteer Partners.

### Going forward

Planning for the Victoria University Corporate Challenge event for 2020 is proceeding. The awards during National Volunteer week



VUW STUDENT VOLUNTEER ARMY – SHOPPING AID

on **24 June** at KPMG will celebrate projects that have contributed to two UN Sustainable Development Goals: Reduced Inequalities and Life on Land. Also special awards to frontline champions who went the extra mile during the Covid-19 response including the **Victoria Student Volunteer Army.**



'Thank you to Victoria University of Wellington for your civic leadership. The support for the Corporate Challenge demonstrates that you are a civically engaged, socially responsible institution. This sponsorship puts into practice the notion of 'he waka eke noa' – we really are all in this together. By supporting Volunteer

Wellington's Employee Volunteering programme you are helping to facilitate the sharing of expertise and resources across the community, government and business sectors.

'Employee Volunteering will remain important as we move into uncertain times socially and economically. The connection across sectors that has emerged during the current crisis provides a roadmap for a way forward.'

**Lyne Pringle, Employee Volunteer Manager**

## About the VUWCC event at KPMG in 2019

120 attendees including:

- His Worship the Mayor Justin Lester
- Souella Cummings Host partner KPMG
- Wendy Larner Provost VUW
- Karen Smith MC VUW
- Volunteer Wellington Chair and Board
- Participating partners including business, community, government and regional government, Victoria University of Wellington staff and students
- 22 Employee Volunteering Partners
- 30 + Community Member organisations including:
  - Kiwi Community Assistance; Ngā Hau e Whā o Papatārangī; Kaibosh; Te Rito Gardens; Zealandia; WCC Beach clean-ups; Hutt CC beach clean-ups; Hutt Valley Riding for the Disabled; Upstream Central Park; Ronald McDonald House; Innermost Gardens; Karori Normal School; St Vincent de Paul Book fair; St Vincent de Paul warehouse; Predator Free Miramar; Conservation Volunteers; Bring Back the Natives; Habitat for Humanity; Houghton Valley Restoration Planting Project; St Michael's School; Sport Wellington, cross country regional championship; Trelissick Park eel project; Forest and Bird; Vincentian Home; Samaritans; Sustainability Trust; Balance of Life Trust

The event was hosted by the marvellous Vanguard (a group of VUW students who contribute to the development of the EV programme).



VUW PROVOST WENDY LARNER

# Connections made for VUW staff through volunteering

We celebrate the inaugural VUW EV programme: 19 projects completed or in the pipeline. Here is a sample.

## St Vincent de Paul

'We are very grateful to have had the opportunity to volunteer for the Vinnies warehouse yesterday morning. It gave us great insight into what is involved in your organisation and how you reach out to all groups in the community. We had a great time and please pass on our thanks to all the other staff, especially Jocelyn and Emma, who were very tolerant and helpful as we worked through the 'bales' of clothing to be sorted.

'I have already shared with others the great work you do and I hope we might meet again in the future.' *Marie Paterson, Student Learning*



## Coolidge Reserve

Academic volunteers from the Centre for Academic Development

'We had a wonderful day with the VUW group, they were such a lovely group to work with and they did a fantastic job knocking back pest plants, especially the acanthus.

'We do love having volunteer groups along as it makes such a difference to our reforestation project, they contribute hugely to its success, which is very exciting for all.' *Elizabeth Kay from the Coolidge Reserve Group*



## Remutaka Forest Park

'Huge thanks to your wonderful team for their enthusiasm, good cheer, and great company whilst contributing valuable time and effort to our riparian restoration project on their Volunteer Day down at the Remutaka Forest Park.' *Peter Cooper, Volunteer Manager Remutaka Forest Park*

'It was amazing – physically gruelling, but extremely satisfying, and it was so lovely to be out in the sun, among the native flora and fauna. It's a great team-building exercise, and good for everyone's physical and mental wellbeing. I'd really encourage others to take up this opportunity and spend a day volunteering,' *Delwyn Carter-Jarratt from the office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Science, Engineering, Architecture and Design Innovation, who organised the event*



## Te Rito Gardens – Porirua

'It feels good to know that our workplace supports the community through allowing staff to volunteer. It was a good experience, one we'll be looking to repeat next year.' *Timon Bakker, CRM Specialist*



## Trelissick Park

'Thank you Peter for all you do as well. We had an amazing day, it was great that you managed to organise nice weather for us, all the best, and we hope to do it all again soon.' *Shalini Gajadhar School of Languages and Cultures*



## Vanguard Update

This group of incredible movers and shakers have graduated and moved into the work force. They continue involvement with the Vanguard and will take a role at the VUWCC event 2020.

They are taking leadership CSR roles in their new workplaces by

initiating EV projects and stepping in as mentors for the new intake of VUW students into The Vanguard.

Lucy Kenner – Legal Assistant Supreme Court; Joshua Finegan – DIA; Jordan Lanshear – Intern KPMG - Business Consultant; Sunny Qi – Intern Ernst and Young – Auditor; Emma Green – Position with MBIE on hold due to Covid-19 – continuing to volunteer for VW, assisting with member liaison.

**Employee Volunteering Partners:** ACC, AJ Park Ltd, ANZ National Bank, AsureQuality, IAG New Zealand, IBM New Zealand, KPMG, Massey University College of Creative Arts, Mercer Ltd, Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment – Legal, Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment – Capability Services, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Justice, Parliamentary Counsel Office, Parliamentary Services, Pynenberg & Collins Architects, The Treasury, Victoria University of Wellington, Vocus Group, Wellington Electricity Corporation, Z Energy



# Communication and brand placement

- *Dominion Post* full-page ad 04/04/2019 158,000 readers per day; also May 2020
- Two-page advertorial in the *Dominion Post* about the VUWCC in National Volunteer week; 158,000 readers per day
- Employee Volunteering newsletter – distributed to 300+ businesses and community partners – distributed 3–4 per year
- Volunteer Wellington newsletter – distributed to 700 Volunteer Wellington stakeholders: community partners; businesses; government; local government – distributed bi-monthly
- Volunteer Wellington Annual Report – distributed to 700 stakeholders
- Fortnightly lists of opportunities to 130 business contacts
- Weekly Facebook posts to the Volunteer Wellington page
- Stories shared on Employee Volunteering partners’ pages
- Post the VUWCC event multiple posts across multiple platforms featuring VUW brand



**2020 Victoria University Corporate Challenge!**

For more info email [ev@volunteerwellington.nz](mailto:ev@volunteerwellington.nz)



## Victoria University of Wellington Corporate Challenge 2020



**Join up with Volunteer Wellington**

**THE DETAILS:** Volunteer projects • Tailored brokering • Culminating in an annual awards event  
**YOU WILL:** Support 400 community organisations • Build your team culture  
 • ‘Walk the talk’ of social responsibility

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## Celebration

**Volunteer Wellington invites you to the Victoria University of Wellington Corporate Challenge Awards 2019 in National Volunteer Week**

Come along and hear how the UN Sustainable Development Goal of sustainable cities and communities has inspired this volunteering challenge

**KEY NOTE SPEAKERS**  
 His Worship the Mayor Justin Lester and Provost VUW Wendy Larner

When: 5pm – 7pm, Wednesday 19 June  
 Where: KPMG, Level 9, 10 Customhouse Quay

RSVP by 14 June 2019: email [ev@volunteerwellington.nz](mailto:ev@volunteerwellington.nz) or phone 04 499 4572

**Refreshments will be served**






## 2019 Victoria University of Wellington CORPORATE CHALLENGE



**‘Walk the Talk’**  
**Victoria University of Wellington partners with Volunteer Wellington**

**JOIN UP AS AN EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING PARTNER AND YOU WILL:**

- Connect to your community
- Increase employee engagement
- Invigorate your CSR mandate
- Enhance your brand

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