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NEWSLETTER



The Kollective, 17th Ave, Tauranga

We're on the Move!

Kia ora Koutou

After months of discussion and weighing up Headway BOP options, we have moved to The Kollective this week. The benefits are that I will be sharing space and time with other like-minded community groups, we will be paying a lot less for rent than we have been, and we will be able to book meeting rooms when necessary.

The Kollective is located on 17th Avenue and is a short walk to the Historic Village, its neighbour. Ngati Ranginui and St John's are just across the road, both organisations we work closely with.

The major downside is parking. This is an issue all over our city, so if you are visiting, please give yourself plenty of time to find a park. It's a long street and people are constantly coming and going, so hopefully it won't be too hard to find a space. If you would like to visit, please phone me first as I spend a lot of time on the road. Making a time with me first works best. Please feel free to call me – 027 926 1881 – if you need information, advice or a chat. I like to keep my working times flexible and am generally available to take calls up to 4pm most days. If I'm unavailable to take a call, remember that I check my phone for texts and messages through to the evening and if its urgent, I will respond as quickly as possible.

Meet Committee Member, Jan Simpson



Jan Simpson - Admin Officer & Secretary / Treasurer

Kia ora koutou
I'm Jan Simpson, Headway BOP's Administration Officer and Committee Secretary/Treasurer.

I joined Headway in early 2024 as a part-time Administrator, working 10 hours a week. Later that year, I also took on the role of Secretary and Treasurer. My responsibilities include managing accounts and payroll, memberships, newsletters, event communications with our members, and a variety of other administrative tasks. I work closely with the Headway team and Committee Members to help keep things running smoothly.

Originally from Wellington, I spent 15 years overseas—two years in Europe and the remainder in Sydney—where I worked in a range of roles, including office management and marketing. I returned to New Zealand and, in 2000, started my own website design business in the Bay of Islands. The business is still active today, although I now enjoy running it on a much more part-time basis.

I moved to Papamoa 23 years ago, raised my daughter here, and absolutely love life by the beach. My daughter now lives in Wellington—so life has come full circle! She loves it there, apart from the weather, of course.

I really enjoy being part of the Headway team and feel proud to contribute to the important support we provide to people affected by brain injury throughout the Bay of Plenty. It's rewarding to be part of an organisation that makes such a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and their families.
Jan Simpson

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
for Headway's Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser!



Headway is looking for volunteers to join us for our fun and festive Christmas wrapping fundraiser at Bayfair Shopping Centre.

You don't need to be an expert gift wrapper — just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to be part of a great team! It's a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit, meet people and help raise much-needed funds for Headway Brain Injury Association Bay of Plenty.

Shoppers are always in great spirits at this time of year, and our Christmas wrapping table is always a lot of fun. Come along, join the team, have some fun and help make a difference for people living with brain injury in our community.

If you can spare a few hours, we would love to hear from you!
Date: Tuesday 22 December 2026
Time: 9 am to 3pm
(two hourly slots for volunteers 9am to 11 am - 11am to 1pm - 1pm to 3pm)
Please contact Gill - email gill.headway.assoc@gmail.com or
Tel/Text 021 333 900

Meet Your Local General Election Candidates

WBOP DST
The Western Bay of Plenty
Disability Support Trust

On 2 Oct 2026 Western Bay of Plenty Disability Support Trust held a meet your candidates event. You can view videos of this event and each candidate who attended below.

Meeting Intro
https://youtu.be/mtUxIN-52io?si=q1f9duDknzSbskCD

Tracey Coxhead – NZ First Party, Mount Maunganui
https://youtu.be/-s-biJgLIn4?si=Nr4gP04ZCfHqk0ZA

Michael Carter – The Opportunity Party, Tauranga
https://youtu.be/GXIFfaniusE?si=m8bT9GH6ye-NSuIk

Rhieve Grey – Labour Party, Mount Maunganui
https://youtu.be/xQNzbe9jsx8?si=dCVJfyJKcFZaXbco

Daniel Oosthuizen, Green Party, Tauranga
https://youtu.be/fNqSFoiHjo0?si=jrBajuARlMgvEP5p

Sam Uffindell – National Party, Tauranga
https://youtu.be/i6h_uPzkdcw?si=IhiVX5AxIbiU3vqe

Pualele West - Green Party, Mount Maunganui
https://youtu.be/NGX9xw5b3vQ?si=oh97ISS5X6XvUYnK

Collection questions
https://youtube.com/shorts/ZhYiZoAdTnY?si=9VYyU9qrWk-1Zjat

Question & Answers

https://youtu.be/L9Vya3qfkz8?si=YjSyLebPmY_RHtRu

Question & Answers
https://youtu.be/drkK2hFaKZY?si=KnHYxsSMqZ5wfoj-

GROUPS - ALL WELCOME

You are all invited to attend our groups, see below for this months dates:

FRIDAY 6 & 20 NOV - **Tauranga Coffee Group** - from 10am at the café – Please check your emails on the week of these meetings for locations.

FRIDAY 13 NOV - **Katikati Coffee Group**, 10.am Digital hub next to the library.

NOTICEBOARD

Mt New World $15.00 Voucher Sept 2026

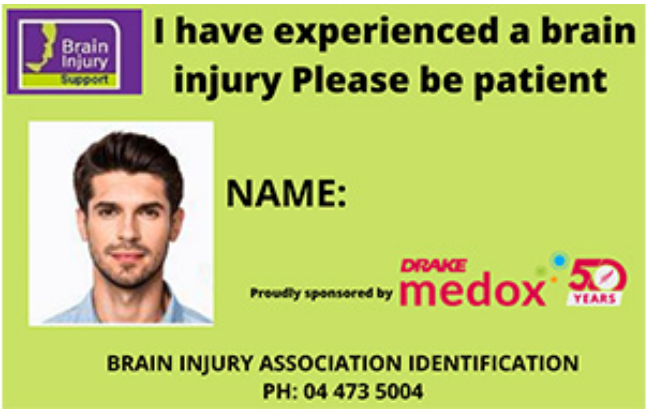
The lucky winner was **Sharon Boyes**

Big thanks to owner Alan Rudkin for supporting Headway.

Brain Injury ID Card

Our Brain Injury ID cards help explain your condition in situations where others may not understand. Carry one for a discreet way to communicate your needs and ensure better support.

This card is free thanks to Drake Meddox!





HOW TO APPLY

If you would like a card please contact Diane at liaison.headwaybop@brain-injury.org.nz

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HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED?

Please let us know if your address, email or phone number have changed by emailing admin.headwaybop@brain-injury.org.nz with your new details.

SUBS & DONATIONS

MEMBERSHIP SUBS ARE NOW DUE

1 July 2026 - 30 June 2027

Headway bank account number: 03-0445-0195410-00

Please include your name as reference.

THE MORE FINANCIAL MEMBERS WE HAVE, THE MORE GRANTS WE RECEIVE FROM FUNDING TRUSTS, AND THE MORE WE CAN DO. SO IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER, WHY NOT JOIN TODAY!

To become a member of Headway BOP please complete the form below and send back to admin.headwaybop@brain-injury.org.nz or mail to 53 Fraser St, Tauranga 3112.

Name/s .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Email/s .....

Subscription: Individual $5 or $10 Family (please circle one)

I consent to the collection and retention of the above information by Headway Brain Injury Assn BOP Inc for purpose of membership records in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Headway gratefully accepts donations direct to our Account 030445 0195410 00

Contact Headway office on 07 572 4547 or Gill 021 333 900 or click below to donate via our Give a Little page.

DONATE

Headway acknowledges support and funding assistance from Lottery Grants, COGS, Lion Foundation, NZ Community Trust, Pub Charity, WBOP Disability Support Trust, Mt RSA, and Ministry of Health. Lions Papamoa, Lions Greerton,

Lions Harbour City, Lions Katikati, Tauranga Rotary Trust; Good OP Shop Presbyterian, TECT, St George Centrepoint, Endeavour, Legacy Trust.

Thank you to the many retailers allowing donation boxes on their counters.

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