



FIRE EMERGENCY
NEW ZEALAND

"I joined to help the community, upskill and have fun."

Tama Young-Kraal
Pest Control
Fire Force Controller
Inangahua Rural Fire Brigade

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
COME TO OUR OPEN NIGHT

6-8pm, 23 August
Inangahua Station
38 Upper Buller Gorge Road

Friends and family welcome

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"I joined because it's something I can do to help my community."

Helena Freeman
Quad bike guide
Volunteer Firefighter
Franz Josef Volunteer Fire Brigade

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Franz Josef Station
2 Main Road

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"I joined because I care for those in my community."

Marilyn Berendt
Tourism worker, tramp and musician
Volunteer Fire Force Controller
Charleston Voluntary Rural Fire Force

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6-8pm, 23 August
Charleston Voluntary Rural Fire Force, SH6

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Facebook post from Fire and Emergency New Zealand, West Coast Area. The post features a photo of Mark Horning in fire gear and text that reads: "Ever heard that poem and wondered what happened and who might be going to that call-out? Well it's people like Mark Horning...". The post includes details about an open night for volunteers on August 23rd.



Smartphone displaying the same Facebook post as the laptop. The text is clearly visible on the screen, showing the Fire and Emergency New Zealand logo and the details of the volunteer open night.

Fire brigades seek volunteer top-up

Thursday, August 23, 2018



FATHER and son Hokitika firefighters Kiri and Brett Holland outside the Hokitika Fire Station, one of 42 West Coast stations that will open the doors tonight in a bid to attract more volunteers.

By **Jane Sherman**

Fire stations and rural fire forces from Kerangora to Haast will roll up their doors tonight in a special sort of procession, just to attract more volunteers.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand area manager Mick Boore said more West Coast brigades were between two and four people short.

An art-wide approach to recruitment is being piloted in being to new members, with radio and social media promotion over the past six weeks, featuring local volunteers. Tonight each of the 27 brigades would hold an open night from 6pm to 8pm, including Kerangora, Hokitika, Kaitiaki, Kawharamanga, Ross, Haast, Whataroa, Franz Josef, Fox Glacier and Haast.

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A lot of people see firefighters going out and they don't realise what it would take - it doesn't take a special sort of person, just someone who is prepared to put in and do it for their community.

In the past year West Coast brigades attended close to 300 call-outs. More than a third were for medical emergencies, vehicle incidents and fires. Less than a quarter were fire-related.

Mr Boore said a minimum crew of four was needed for a call-out.

While current numbers were not critically low, it would only take one or two volunteers for most stations between Kerangora and Fox Glacier and most of them were short of volunteers.

Hokitika was the exception, due to the larger population.

With a full complement of 24 firefighters, Hokitika was a "hot" brigade in the fact that it had a waiting list to join, Mr Boore said.

Brett Holland, 20, is one of three event recruits to join the Hokitika brigade, which is the longest serving volunteer brigade in New Zealand.

It is a third generation volunteer following in the footsteps of his father Kiri and grandfather Dave Holland, both sold out members of the Hokitika brigade.

Mr Holland said he joined in 1964 to give back to the community and also supported the community that came with being part of the team.

Local volunteers like Mr Holland have been forming to the recruitment promotion within their area. If successful, the poster, triptych will be available nationwide for review anywhere to create and print branded posters that featured their own volunteers, volunteer milestones and other local Kiwi knowledge.

Nationally, Fire and Emergency's 1,400 personnel, 11,000 are volunteers.

The West Coast annually loses about 10% of its volunteers.



Coast brigades volunteer call

By **Ross O'Connor**

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Wednesday, April 17, 2019



New blood boosts brigade

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per capita in New Zealand

Greymouth Evening Star

The Greymouth Evening Star reports on the progress of a new church building in Greymouth. The article mentions that the ruins of the old church have been cleared and that a new building is being constructed. It also mentions that the Greymouth Volunteer Fire Brigade has received new members, which is a boost for the brigade.