

re-source Newsletter

More Impact. Less Waste.

SPRING 2026

Collaboration is key to a warmer, healthier winter

This winter, 84 cord of firewood, valued at over \$20,000, helped keep Hawke's Bay households warm when they needed it most.



Charlie and Kevin from Rotary Club of Havelock North making a delivery of much needed firewood.

For families facing hardship, the difference between a warm home and a cold one can mean everything: children sleeping soundly, family staying healthy, and the dignity of not having to choose between heating and eating. Thanks to this incredible resource, those families didn't have to make that choice.

Hawke's Bay Regional Prison cut up trees for one of their programmes and wanted the wood to make a direct difference, without cost to the recipients. Re-Source was ready with the connections. We let services on our network know, and support workers targeted those in particular need.

Our good friends at the Rotary Club of Havelock North found a site for the prison to drop the loads, then used their own vehicles and trailers to deliver every cord to exactly where it was needed.

Three organisations, working together to accomplish what could not be done alone.

Hawke's Bay Garden Affair
12-14 November 2027



Exciting news!

See page 2 for more details.

COMING UP

The Great Textile Rescue

29 October

2 FREE 'Sew Memorable'

Workshops by Re-Sew

Visit the Hastings District

Council website for details

84 Cord.

Valued over \$20,000.

***Warming people in need,
thanks to your support.***

Feedback from the Frontline

“ You have made my day! I totally understand the need out there and felt bad requesting this with urgency and yet you have made it happen. Thank you, truly. This is amazing!! I am so grateful for the help you offer and this support may be the difference between this whānau being in and out of hospital vs a chance to get well.

491
orders
completed

21,319
units
processed

43
suburbs and localities
reached across Hawke's Bay

1,113 People supported

directly by completing referrals from frontline workers, providing targeted relief

plus

132 Orders to organisations

supplied free of charge to support their work in the community

Many of this season's rehomed items were gifted by people who were downsizing. So often the hard part is not knowing whether precious belongings will be valued and appreciated. At Re-Source, we connect donated items to a real, identified need in the community.

“Re-Source helped us de-stress our downsize and gave our donations meaning

Every item finds its place. It might go to a family through a frontline worker, support another charity or community service, or, if it isn't an essential item, help keep our service running. Nothing is wasted that can be used, and every gift helps.

This work depends on a community that trusts us with its generosity. That trust now reaches beyond our donors, to the people behind one of the region's new favourite events.

We're excited to share some wonderful news!

The 2027 Hawke's Bay Garden Affair, taking place from 12 - 14 November, will be supporting our work here at Re-Source.



We are thrilled to be the Garden Affair's 2027 beneficiary and to share their ethos of community support and sustainability.

The support raised through this event will allow us to reach further still, and to do even more for the community we serve.

We are looking forward to working together to plan a very special Garden Affair and hope to meet many of our supporters over the course of the weekend.

See you there!

Meet Brian, one of our dedicated volunteers giving donated furniture a second lease of life.

Brian Works Upcycling Wonders



“I want people to have the best piece of furniture I can possibly make for them

- Brian

These two desk cabinets arrived at the Hub without their tops. Unusable as they were, they were heading for landfill, and we were sceptical they could be saved. Brian thought otherwise - what followed was one of the most satisfying projects we have ever seen.

He moved the drawers to the side, made new tops from reclaimed wood and built a cabinet into the dead space at the back. The original handles and feet were polished up, spare door knobs were found at the Hub. Then, because thoughtfulness is at the heart of everything Brian does, he made a left and a right version so they sit either side of a bed.

The pair went to a family setting up a new home through one of our referring agencies.

Brian, Brett and Ben give their time and skills for free, saving repairable furniture from landfill and getting it to people who really need it. The materials are another matter. Every piece needs sandpaper, oil, varnish, glue and hardware, and that's where you come in.



You can keep Brian's workshop running

The right materials make all the difference. Can you donate any of these much needed supplies?

Tung Oil · Varnish · Paint Brushes · Sanding Discs · Sandpaper (varying grit) · Handles · Hinges · Clamps

Email: admin@re-source.co.nz

Space is tight. Please check first

Some repair work happens at home, some in the car park, and each person can only accomplish so much.

If you have furniture that needs restoring, please get in touch so we can be sure we have capacity and don't burn out our team.

Call Stacey: 021 337 386

Re-Source Guardians

You could be a Re-Source Guardian: one of our regular givers, the steady backbone that keeps our doors open. Guardian support pays for the materials behind every piece Brian restores, and keeps so many of our other programmes running.

Rapid Response Baby Packs for the Police Family Harm Team

When a family needs help, these baby packs must be ready - day or night. Held by Family Harm teams, they provide essential items when time matters most. Keeping these packs ready takes resources. We make every donation go further, using donated goods wherever possible. But some essentials must be new. **That's where we need your help.** Your donation helps ensure these packs are ready when families need them most.



YOUR DONATION TODAY WILL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT TO A FAMILY FACING CRISIS.

\$5

1 x Small pack nappies.
(Multiple sizes needed, newborn to walker)



\$35

1 x Dummy 1 x Nappy rash cream
1 x Baby wash 1 x Pack baby wipes
1 x Baby lotion 1 x Nappy bags



\$75

Sponsor a complete baby pack that is ready to go at a moment's notice.



Talk to us

Drop Stacey a line at
admin@re-source.co.nz
or 021 337 386

Donate goods

Get in touch to find out
about drop off points or to
arrange a free collection

Become a Guardian

Guardians give monthly to provide what
donations can't: nappies, underwear and
repair supplies.

HOW YOU CAN HELP WITHOUT SPENDING A CENT

- Donate what your home or business no longer requires. We will match it with a community need.
- Donate an item to help with fundraising. (Non-essential items, such as art and decorative pieces).
- Share this newsletter with friends who haven't heard about Re-Source.
- Join us on social media and help spread the message.

With heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, staff, Board, Papa Jerry Hapuku, the Rotary Club of Havelock North, our community partners, our Re-Source Guardians, and the funders who keep the doors open.

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