

"I didn't think  
**YOUR SORT**  
drank coffee"



If the lady who made the comment had just sat down for a chat, she would have realised she had a funny, intelligent, hard-working, and utterly charming coffee companion.

**This is why the Chrome Collective exists** - so that people living with disability can work, socialise, and thrive in our community. A big part of this is getting out into the community so that we can start the process of changing attitudes.

## It's All About The People

Read on to find out what our people have been up to as well as news about where the Chrome Collective Community is heading, and upcoming events.



### Dan's The Man

How Dan went from work experience to paid employment



### Social Media Star

David and his fish are making friends all over FaceBook



### Super Organisers

No capes in sight but this trio has big plans for the future



### Our Latest Graduates

Our Feuerstein Course graduates celebrate gaining their certificates

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## LET'S CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESSES

### Dan's The Man

Dan Sherriff is one of the Collective's success stories. He started working at Chrome Cafe one afternoon a week as a trial. He tried his hand at everything and discovered a real interest in making coffee.

Employer, Trudie Robinson, says he loves working with customers. "We can't get him out the back to do dishes anymore", she laughs, "he's our PR person". Dan says his favourite things about working at the cafe are free coffees and free food! Dan's regular shifts are now Tuesday morning, Wednesday afternoon and on Sundays with additional shifts when he's needed. He's easy to spot, he loves wearing pink and usually wears a frilly apron so people notice him. "The customers just love him, absolutely love him", says Trudie.

## LET'S CHEER ON OUR ENTREPRENEURS

### Social Media Stars

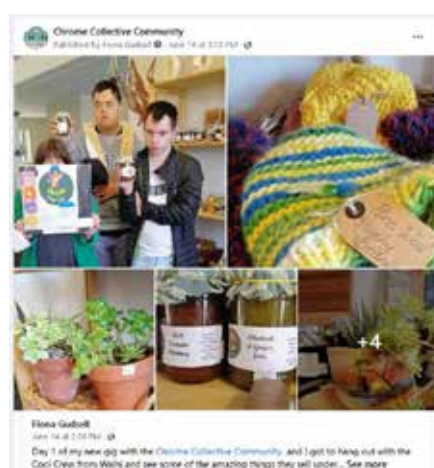
When the Chrome Collective's co-ordinator wanted to go fishing for 'likes' on FaceBook, she knew just the person to ask.

David MacKenzie hand-glazes pottery and also volunteers behind the counter. When asked to show off his wares, he came up with a winning smile which people just loved.

To date, nearly 3000 people liked the post. Comments included "Great work David", "You are very clever David", "Love your creations. Well done!", "Nice work David! I love the teapot", & "That's awesome David. Very creative I love it".



Also lending their smiles to our efforts (from left-to-right), Renee Callingham, the Cool Crew, Ruby Arthur, and Megan Carey.







## LET'S CONGRATULATE OUR LEARNERS

### Feuerstein Graduates

" I learnt more in the course than in all my time at school" says one graduate of the 20 week Feuerstein Course held at the Chrome Collective.

***9 students graduated the Level 1 & 2 courses with 9 further students due to start the level 2 course in September.***

Course tutor, Jude Robinson of PCTI, watched students grow in confidence and increase their ability to think. They also experienced reduction in anxiety, better attitudes, trying new things, socialisation, and increased communication skills. Jude says "the main highlight for me is the pure joy it brings when students master activities that go from relatively simple to more complex. Another highlight for me is the love that is shared as a group as the course progresses". It a course that also gives back to the tutor; one man who doesn't speak wrote on his evaluation. "I Lov you."

The lessons extended outside the classroom. One lesson was about attitude and two ladies went home and made posters looking up all the words for a better attitude and feeling good about themselves and pasted them on their walls. Support person Margette Campbell who brought Waihi's Cool Crew to every single session was also presented with a certificate in appreciation of her efforts.

We're hopeful for funding to take students to level 3 in the future. Jude says with the training-to-date she was able to identify 4 students who would be able to be in paid employed given the opportunity.



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# The Chrome Collective is Evolving

Here's what you need to know about the changes.



## The Store will 'pause'

With our lease ending, the Collective's shop needs a new home.

We have space where we can securely store goods until we can find & fund a new lease on premises (preferably in the heart of Katikati). We'll be hitting 'pause' on our retail operations in the short term although we would like to visit markets to keep the Collective in the public eye. We'll continue working to create micro-businesses with our entrepreneurs, attend community events and we're also looking to do some online selling.

## LET'S CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

### Super Organisers

Collective founder Shelley Robinson has a new sidekick and a new role that focuses on community connection. Shelley is now also working with Katikati Taiao and will be based at their Henry Road innovation hub.

Fi Gudsell is the new co-ordinator for the Chrome Collective. She will be getting our stories out to the public, improving our online presence, looking after any retail activities and looking for ways to immerse people with disability in the wider community.

Nathalie Thomas is still very much involved too. She looks after accounts and administration for us and her many years of experience in the disability space are invaluable.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Sat July 16**  
from 9am

***Katikati Artisan Market***  
at Chrome in Wharawhara Rd

**Fri July 22**  
from 5pm

***Katikati's Lanterns and Lights Parade.*** The Chrome Collective is providing wardens for the Parade & the town will be buzzing with street entertainment and outdoor eateries.



**Thu Sept 1**  
at 6pm

***Soul Soup by KaiGo*** is a crowdfunding initiative to help make community ideas come to life!



**Sept 3**  
more details in the next newsletter

***Parent-to-Parent Workshop***  
Topics include:

- Employing staff and the expectations for the best outcome for your child
- Training and supervising staff
- Having the right supports in place for your child
- Being in control of your own life
- Going flatting
- Enabling Good Lives Principles

