



PATRONS BULLETIN

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S UPDATE

We're thrilled to connect with you through our newly launched, Patrons Bulletin, which aims to keep you abreast of the LSV programme and the inspiring journey our LSV trainees are undertaking. This newsletter will be distributed twice each year and has been created to assist in keeping you informed.

This Bulletin will include upcoming Patron events and LSV graduations. We welcome you to attend and celebrate their achievements, as your presence adds to the joy of their success.

There will always be a good news story or two that lets you relive heartwarming success stories of our LSV participants, patrons or employers and we hope that you will read, enjoy and send us any of your feedback.

Thank you for being an essential part of the LSV community.

Together we are making a difference!

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

MEET LOCKEY HURLEY - LSV GRADUATE

Lockey Hurley does not see himself as inspiring, but hopes that sharing his story might inspire others. A little over a year ago, at just 16, Lockey had left school without any qualifications and was unsure of his future prospects but Lockey had wanted to go into the army since he was at primary school. After completing a Blue Light Open Life Skills course with the NZDF he was even more motivated and saw the Limited Services Volunteer (LSV) programme as a good opportunity.

Lockey was apprehensive about the longer camp, knowing it was going to be difficult, but that didn't stop him from signing up. He chose to complete the training at Burnham Military Camp. Reflecting on his time on LSV, Lockey said it was definitely the hardest thing he has ever had to do, but also the best.



Story continues...



“What they call the longest day was by far the hardest day of the six weeks there. It was about 18 hours of intense activity and fitness. We had to do a 9km pack walk with about 10-15kg on our back, carrying 10kg jerry cans which we would share between the team. It was hard out. We hadn’t had breakfast and all that was going through my mind was how much I wanted to eat. Then there was a 1km tyre pull – that was pretty brutal too.”

“But it was worth it, because it showed me what I was capable of and it taught me to believe in myself.”

After all his hard work and fitness on LSV, Lockey is keen to maintain this. He now goes for regular morning runs and does weight training. Lockey says “One of the best things is that they help you to get a job when you come out.” He is now looking to make a move into the forestry industry; a job that was set up for him during his time on LSV.

“This is a different Lockey to the one before LSV,” says Leanne from Blue Light. “Lockey has always impressed me with his willingness to take the opportunities presented to him. But he’s so much more confident, self-motivated and focussed. He has built good habits into his life now and he’s making some really positive choices.”

“I can’t join (the army) until I’m 18. I just want to fill in the next year and do a bit more training to get the credits I need to qualify for the infantry division so I can join up.”

Lockey’s story is far from over, but given his journey so far, it would appear that a career in the Defence Force is his destiny.

Check out another fantastic news story about Graduate, Jamie Lee-Rogers [here](#).

CELEBRATING OUR SUPPORT CREW

CONGRATULATIONS ON LSV SUCCESS AT THE ANNUAL TOHU AWARDS, 2023

The Minister of Defence Force’s 2023 Tohu Awards recognise excellence and commitment of the people and organisations that support the Limited Service Volunteer programme.

Employer Contribution to the Limited Service Volunteer Programme

Taylor Preston Ltd

The Outstanding Contribution to the LSV Programme for 2023 is awarded to Taylor Preston.

Taylor Preston has been an enduring supporter of the Limited Service Volunteer (LSV) Programme and the company’s Recruitment Manager, Barry Walsh, is a long-time active benefactor of the LSV programme. Over many years, Barry has given up evenings to speak with the trainees in an open and honest approach about what working in the meat industry looks like, the type of work, and the opportunities that come from working in the industry.

Story continues...

Since the LSV programme returned to the Wellington region in 2019, Taylor Preston have employed over 30 graduates and these graduates are given time off to talk to current trainees about their LSV experience and work journey.

The values, vision and purpose of the LSV programme continue to be reinforced by Taylor Preston with graduates who accept employment opportunities with the company.

Outstanding Contribution to the Limited Service Volunteer Programme

Glenn Dawson, NZ Police

The Outstanding Contribution to the Limited Service Volunteer (LSV) Programme Award for 2023 is awarded to Glenn Dawson in recognition of his enduring support and actions as an LSV Course Police Mentor, specifically his devotion and participation in course activities where he engaged with trainees and staff with consistent professionalism, enthusiasm and passion.

Read about his story in detail [here](#).



CELEBRATING OUR PATRONS



We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to the following people who were Course Patrons in 2023:

YDU North

Dave Rosenberg,
Managing Director Leadership, Strategy, People and Growth, APAC
Geoff Polglase, Managing Director Hobsonville Realestate Ltd
Charlotte Gibbs, Editor/Publisher, Toitōi
Grant Ellis,
Chief Executive Officer of Restaurant Brands NZ Ltd (Retired)

YDU Central

Brent Mulholland, Managing Director, ELE Group
Jacinda Funnell, Chief People Officer, NZDF
Ross Browne, Company Director Triplex Consulting
Felicity Evans, Independent Director and
Member of the Defence Employer Support Council (DESC)

YDU South

Tim Austin, Managing Director, Warner Fencing and Gates
Andrew Simcock, CEO, Nutrient Rescue
Andrew Stone, General Manager - VR Competency, IMPAC
Benoit Midol, General Manager - Transport South, Downer



PATRONS EVENTS



In 2023 YDU North held a fantastic evening with Patrons where we had an opportunity to reconnect and they bought along potential patrons.

In 2024 a Patrons Event is planned for all sub-regions. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for past patrons to re-engage with LSV, introduce potential patrons to the programme and enjoy some good company.

More details will follow in the new year.

COMING UP

Short Name	Location	Start Date (March in)	End Date (Graduation)	Point of Contact
LSV N01/24	Whenuapai	18-Mar-24	27-Apr-24	Major Steve Bougen Officer Commanding YDU North, steve.bougen@nzdf.mil.nz
LSV N02/24		10-Jun-24	20-Jul-24	
LSV N03/24		14-Oct-24	23-Nov-24	
LSV C01/24	Trentham	15-Apr-24	25-May-24	Major Marc Mackie, Officer Commanding YDU Central, marc.mackie@nzdf.mil.nz
LSV C02/24		17-Jun-24	27-Jul-24	
LSV C03/24		19-Aug-24	28-Sep-24	
LSV C04/24		29-Oct-24	7-Dec-24	
LSV S01/24	Burnham	29-Jan-24	9-Mar-24	Squadron Leader Craig Thornley, Officer Commanding YDU South, craig.thornley@nzdf.mil.nz
LSV S02/24		6-May-24	15-Jun-24	
LSV S03/24		5-Aug-24	14-Sep-24	
LSV S04/24		21-Oct-24	30-Nov-24	

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Follow the LSV Courses progress on [LSV – Limited Service Volunteer - Auckland](#), [LSV – Limited Service Volunteer - Trentham](#) and [LSV – Limited Service Volunteer - Canterbury](#) for real-time updates, behind-the-scenes glimpses, and watch the graduations live or in your own time.

For some video content about the LSV Programme, please enjoy the following links:

About Us video (01:42 minutes): Check it out [here](#).

Maori TV (12 Minutes): Check it out [here](#).

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