



Timebank - Neighbours Helping Neighbours



Meet Pia Tahana,
Timebank Raglan Coordinator.

The Whaingaroa Environment Centre runs Timebank Raglan, one of a number of Timebanks in New Zealand and around the world. We caught up with Pia to find out a bit more about her and why she Timebanks.

Kia ora Pia! Tell us a bit about yourself
Where are you from?

I was raised in South Auckland and moved to Raglan at the end of 2013

What do you like about living in Raglan?

It's beauty, the culture of the community, a great place for the kids and the connection it has to my family.

What interested you in Timebank?

Getting involved within the community, helping those where I could and to gain knowledge and learn skills from others.

So what is Timebank?

Timebank is a community group where neighbours help neighbours, exchanging

abilities, skills, talents and experiences within the community without the use of money. It's a way of giving and receiving to build supportive networks and strong communities.

How does it work?

One hour helping another earns one TimeBank Hour (also called credits) TimeBanking builds on the magic of "pay it forward," one good turn leading to another and another.

Why should people join Timebank?

It's a great way to connect with others in the community, help those or receive help from others when needed. You can contribute to building a resilient community

How does someone join Timebank?

Signup online at raglan.timebanks.org.nz or drop into the Whaingaroa Environment Centre to complete an application form between Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm. Orientations run every Friday 2pm -4pm.

Drop into the Whaingaroa Environment Centre Fridays 2pm-4pm to meet Pia and find out more about Timebank

The 4 Steps to Becoming Plastic Bag Free

Respect Raglan, Refuse Plastic Bags



1. Get a Bag. A reuseable or even some old plastic ones lying around your house.
Don't forget to find some bags for fruit and veges



3. On arrival to the shop, take your own bags with you into the shop. *If you are walking into or have already walked into the shop without your bags, don't stress – instead walk back to your car and get them.*



2. Put these bags into your car right now. Yes NOW!
Don't wait until you are going shopping – put them in now. The goal is to always have bags in your car.



4. When you get to the counter, wave your bags about, smile, refuse their plastic bags, and feel good walking out of the shop knowing you are saving the world.

P.S. If you do not have a car then you cannot do step 2, instead take a bag with you when you walk or bike to the shop.



Time Bank RAGLAN



"I didn't really know where to start a garden so I went on Timebank and I posted a request, two days later Annie and she said she could help me with my garden!
Annie and I went to the seed bank together and she told what was good to plant. I borrowed tools from the tool library and she helped me plant seeds, design the garden and she helped me with compost. It was amazing!! Later I got to help Annie with her garden.
And from nothing I now have a lovely garden and a new friend!" - Annika

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