



Big Buddy.

Dear Tom

Thank you for joining us for this Big Buddy update. It has been a busy few months for Big Buddy and we're excited for the rest of the year (which is flying by!)

Fantail & Turtle recently hosted another fundraising lunch for Big Buddy and we held a car rally day out in Wellington, with more of these exciting events coming up in the next few months.

On a personal note, I am privileged to celebrate 5 years as the CEO of Big Buddy. It has been an incredibly fulfilling journey and one that I'm so grateful to be part of.

As you'll see in this newsletter, we have just announced a new partnership with Mitre 10 Mega Hamilton, an alignment that fits our organisation so well.

We've also been working closely with our Big Buddy Ambassadors Jason Gunn and Roman Travers. You may have spotted them on Breakfast, The Project or in Woman's Day recently and we thank them for their ongoing support and championing of Big Buddy.

We truly appreciate your support whether it's reading this newsletter, sharing a post on Facebook or mentioning us to a friend. The more we share the work of Big Buddy, the more boys we are able to match.

If you're active on social media, don't forget to follow us for weekly updates, news and stories. Here are the links to our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Warm regards

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Big Buddy Principal Partner



Big Buddy Major Partners



The Trans-Tasman row has started!



Yesterday our Big Buddy, Blair Cranston kicked off his BIG rowing challenge - a whopping 1892km, the equivalent of Australia to New Zealand on a rowing machine. Rowing from [Club Physical Coast](#), Blair will row multiple times a day, every day until he reaches his goal. He's aiming to raise \$30,000 and give another 15 boys a Big Buddy to spend time with and rely on.

We are encouraging the local community to get behind Blair by inviting them to donate using the button below, or drop in to Club Physical and row with him, for which Bayleys will donate \$1 for every kilometre!

Keep an eye out on our social media as some familiar sporting faces are likely to pop up next to Blair.

[Support Blair's Challenge](#)

Chuffed to Bits



It's always nice to hear from our former Little Buddies about how life has turned out for them.

We spoke with Alex Howard who jointly founded Chuffed Gifts two years ago after being made redundant during Covid. He kindly helped us out with prizes for our first Big Buddy Online Quiz hosted by new ambassadors Roman Travers and Jason Gunn. Alex talks about his business and what being a Little Buddy has meant to him.

[Read the full Story](#)

Mitre 10 Mega Hamilton teams up with Big Buddy



Big Buddy is pleased to announce Mitre 10 Mega Hamilton as our Principal Partner.

We are delighted to welcome Mitre 10 to the Big Buddy village. We're so grateful they have stepped forward to help us make a positive difference in the lives of boys without dads around and are really looking forward to working together.

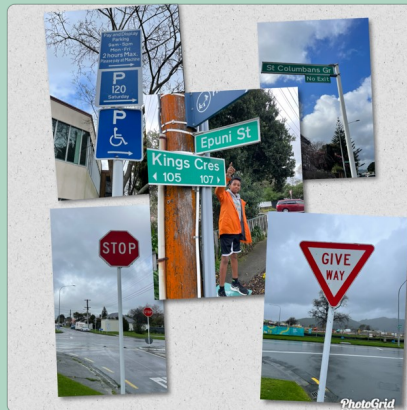
The alignment between Big Buddy and Mitre 10 is strong. Locally owned with strong roots in their areas, Mitre 10 is well regarded for the difference they make in their communities.

Mitre 10 is a Kiwi success story and has been a big part of New Zealand's of our DIY culture since 1974. As New Zealand's largest home improvement and garden retailer, Mitre 10 continues to grow both its trade and direct to consumer business.

Big Buddy Car Rally

At the end of August we held our Wellington Big Buddy Car Rally once again! Despite the recent rainy weather & winter ills, we had a group of keen participants eager to compete. The rally had our pairs driving around the Hutt Valley completing various tasks, capturing "proof" & eventually arriving at our secret destination.

A huge thank you to Pattle Delamore Partners for providing pizzas, lolly bags & volunteering their time to help set up. The pizzas were a big hit with everyone!



After some quick marking & tallying up of results, we found our 2022 champions – Little Buddy, Kauri & Big Buddy, Mike! They walked away with the gold medal & champions trophy for 2022. Congratulations!

Pictured is Little Buddy, Zeke during his epic adventure with Big Buddy, Tom!

Special fundraising wine offer for Big Buddy supporters



While many of you will not have seen the above label, that's because it's sort of been existing as an underground wine for a few years mainly to provide a quiet, great full bodied red for a few mates and restaurants around the country.

It's a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc from some great vineyards in the Gimblett Gravels and is unashamedly ripe, full flavoured with lovely fine gravelly tannins. It is from the 2014.... yes 2014 vintage, an absolute cracker in Hawke's Bay.

Smith & Sheth have kindly offered the wine to raise some funds for Big Buddy. So, the deal is, apart from what they have to pay the government in excise and GST, and their winegrowers, all profits will be donated to Big Buddy. It will be at least \$150 per case. There are only 32 cases available.

Here's the offer, a great, mature full-bodied Gimblett Gravels red wine for \$300 per 12-bottle case, \$25 a bottle. The offer is open until the wine runs out so don't wait around, when it's gone, it's gone!

[Buy a Case Today](#)

Great Gift Ideas

Stuck for gift ideas, or have a special occasion coming up?

We've got another way for you to support our mahi - giving through The Good Registry!

Whether you're giving or receiving gifts, their gift cards and gift registries make it easy to celebrate with donations to 65 NZ charities (including us!)



[Find out More](#)

A Big Thank You!



We love holding our charity fundraising lunches at Fantail & Turtle!

Thank you to everyone who came out in support - especially Big Buddy ambassador and Big Buddy himself Roman Travers for being our fantastic MC, Little Buddy mum, Nicola for sharing her incredible story, Nigel Latta and Grant Porteous of G.J. Gardner Homes our wonderful guest speakers and Auctioneer, Justin Brassfield of Bayleys in the North.

Special thank you to Travis and the team at Fantail & Turtle, our wonderful hosts.

We'd like to acknowledge our generous auction item donors, with special thanks to: Grant Fox, Nadia Lim, Jason Gunn, Steve Smith, KiwiRail, Mitre 10, Sudima Hotels, QT Hotels & Resorts, Vector Wero Whitewater Park, Flaxmill Accommodation and Venue, Archibald and Shorter Auckland & Sculpt Gardens.

A whopping \$45,000 was raised on the day, allowing us to continue making a positive difference and finding boys their Big Buddy!

Good in the Hood

We are so excited to have been chosen by a total of 17 Z petrol stations in Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga and Wellington for their 2022 Good in The Hood promotion.

If you're filling the car or stopping into Z from today, don't forget to drop a token in the Big Buddy vote jar!



Auckland

Roscommon Rd - Wiri, Auckland
Sunnybrae - Takapuna, Auckland
Te Atatū - Auckland
Avondale - Auckland
Glen Innes - Auckland
Glen Park - North Shore, Auckland
Kingsway - Papakura
Manly - Whangaparaoa

Waikato

Ngāruawāhia - Waikato
Dinsdale - Hamilton
Frankton - Hamilton
Hautapu - Cambridge

Wellington

Johnsonville - Wellington
Petone - Lower Hutt
Trentham - Upper Hutt

Tauranga

11th Ave - Tauranga
Hewletts Rd - Mount
Maunganui

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