



SEND IT SPRING 2018

## WELCOME...

Send It Spring is coming up and we can't wait to see what it holds for Youth Encounter. Now, the quarter that's been...

The first all girls group for Dirt Bike Encounter graduated our Arotika ki te Kaupapa (Getting on Track) course and we are so proud of each and everyone of them. They truly did encounter their potential and we hope each and every one of them continues to see their worth and reach their potential.



The Kawerau crew are well into their 8 week course and we are so blessed to have Te Wananga O Aotearoa on board to help our rangatahi unleash their potential. We will keep you up to date with how they get on in our next newsletter, but we can tell that this group has loads of potential and are eager to get on the track.

We also held our Ladies Learn to Ride level 2 day and it was a great success. It's awesome to see our ladies continuing to push the boundaries and explore their potential.

This quarter we held 3 awesome camps that were enjoyed by all ages. We began with Winter Wind-Out, designed for our teens, followed by the Young Adults Retreat and we finished off with our second Father Son camp. Each camp was filled with banter, opportunities for reflection and development, and of course plenty of dirt bike riding. Our camps wouldn't

be possible without our dedicated volunteers and we thank you for all of your hard work and awesome attitude you bring.



As a thank you to our awesome volunteers, we are holding a weekend retreat to celebrate the dedication of our volunteers and get them prepped with some training too – and yes there will be some time on your bikes. Our volunteers would have all received their invitations and all you need to do is register online through the link in your email. You don't want to miss out! It will be an epic weekend.

A huge welcome to our Encounter Race Team this year, we can't wait to see Jordan Milsom, Reece Lister, and Braeden Christian tear up the track and achieve their goals this season.

This year, we have been given an awesome opportunity to sell fireworks as a way to fundraise for Youth Encounter. From November 2nd – 5th we will have a site in Papamoa and Te Puke where you will be able to purchase fireworks and support Youth Encounter while you do it! It would be great to see you at 52 Jellicoe St in Te Puke or Papamoa Beach Rd and Domain Rd in Papamoa. We would love your support, so please spread the word!

## UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Des is this quarter's 'under the spotlight' and boy are we glad to have him on board! Des is the brand new Activity and Equipment Coordinator for Youth Encounter and so far he has made such an impact on our camps, Encounter Success events and our Dirt Bike Encounter programs. He began with us in early July and we are so stoked that he shares the same goals and passions we do here at Youth Encounter.

Des has 3 awesome, energetic boys and a lovely wife who share his passions of the outdoors, mountain biking and, of course, motorbikes. Thankyou Des for the awesome impact you have already had in Youth Encounter and we look forward to fun times ahead. Welcome to the team, Des!



# ENCOUNTER — SUCCESS —

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

Summer will be here before you know it and if you, or someone you know, is looking for an action-packed, unforgettable day on dirt bikes then please send them our way! Through the Encounter Success umbrella we are able to provide businesses and groups an awesome day at the track. Whether there's 5 or 50 people we can guarantee an exhilarating experience on our epic Suzuki DRZ's. We provide everything you need to ensure a safe, unique and unforgettable experience. Whether you're looking to thank you staff and celebrate a year of hard work, or just to have an epic day with mates, we can help you out. The best part... Every Encounter Success event that takes place, including the social event days, helps support our Dirt Bike Encounter programs and make a difference in the lives of our local rangatahi.

## A DEEPER LOOK... DIRT BIKE ENCOUNTER

Here at Youth Encounter we believe that dirt bikes can be used for more than just a good time. Riding dirt bikes can be a powerful tool in unleashing potential in young people and teaching lessons that relate directly to everyday lives. Dirt Bike Encounter works with youth in local schools and the community that are struggling behaviourally, or who are more practical than academic and finding it difficult to discover their self-worth.

Through dirt bike therapy our goals are to help these young people belong, believe and become in every aspect of their lives. Dirt Bike Encounter provides an opportunity for struggling young people to ride a dirt bike and begin to tackle the issues in their lives to help them fulfil their potential.

Our values at Youth Encounter are Acceptance, Connectedness, Empowering and Engaging. Dirt Bike Encounter links all of these values together in the provision of dirt bike therapy for our young people.

## UPCOMING CAMPS

### Spring Fest | 30th Sept – 6th Oct 18

A week long camp specifically designed for teens to come together and ride their dirt bikes.

Register here <https://goo.gl/JriLPe>

### Parent Child Camp | 7th – 8th Dec 18

Similar to our Father Son camps, the Parent Child camp is a great place to connect with your parent or child and get in some epic dirt bike riding in too!

Register here <https://goo.gl/pj6Z3J>

### Summer Blast | 13th – 19th Jan 19

Summer Blast runs for a full week making the most of the beautiful lake Karapiro and the awesome tracks located nearby. Registration opening soon.

## GETTING ON TRACK - DYLAN

Dylan has been with Youth Encounter for over a year now. He initially was referred through Alternative Education to our Dirt Bike Encounter programme and completed our Arotika ki te Kaupapa (Getting on Track) therapy course. Dylan then went on to engage in one on one mentoring sessions and has attended three of our teen camps. He is still actively involved with Youth Encounter, continuing on the Encounter Pathway, not only with mentoring and camps, but also gaining work experience and volunteering back into the organization, helping with things like water blasting and maintenance work on the bikes. We are privileged to be journeying with this young man.

This is what he has to say:-

*"When I joined Youth Encounter I did not feel good about myself. I felt like no one loved or cared for me. I wasn't happy and felt like I was being judged all the time. I did not like school or learning anything and did not feel encouraged to try.*

*After joining the Youth Encounter Pathway I met some really cool and interesting people and I get on with everyone. I felt encouraged to try and get out there and do things and felt better about myself. I even started doing Correspondence School and find this easier and I actually want to do it and learn things. They also gave me the opportunity for some work experience working in a Kiwi Fruit orchard and the mentors are really good, they are encouraging and heaps of fun."*

And this is why we do what we do, making a real difference in the lives of our youth.



Want to know more?

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# IMPORTANT DATES

HEALTH **ENCOUNTER** NZ  
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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

Dirt Bike Encounter 1on1 therapy sessions  
Bookings available  
Contact Mary for details

### THURSDAYS

Arotika ki te kaupapa –  
Dirt Bike Therapy Programme

## SEPTEMBER 2018

SUN 30<sup>TH</sup> SEP – SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> OCT  
Spring Fest – Youth Camp

## OCTOBER 2018

SAT 13<sup>TH</sup>  
Ladies Learn To Ride Day

WED 17<sup>TH</sup>  
Encounter Connect Evening

FRI 19<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup>  
Encounter Race Team at  
MX Fest in Taupo

WED 31<sup>TH</sup>  
Encounter Connect Evening

## NOVEMBER 2018

FRI 2<sup>ND</sup> – MON 5<sup>TH</sup>  
Fireworks Fundraiser

WED 14<sup>TH</sup>  
Encounter Connect Evening

FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 18<sup>TH</sup>  
YEMT Volunteers Weekend

WED 28<sup>TH</sup>  
Encounter Connect Evening

## DECEMBER 2018

FRI 7<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 9<sup>TH</sup>  
Parent Child Camp

WED 12<sup>TH</sup>  
Encounter Connect Evening

SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 30<sup>TH</sup>  
Encounter Race Team at  
Summercross

## JANUARY 2019

WED 9<sup>TH</sup>  
Encounter Connect Evening

SUN 13<sup>TH</sup> – SAT 19<sup>TH</sup>  
Summer Blast Teen Camp

## DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN

ENCOUNTER SUCCESS  
[youtube.com/  
watch?v=kwQaZyQO9fU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwQaZyQO9fU)

DIRT BIKE ENCOUNTER  
[youtube.com/  
watch?v=5HIFspOwWH4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HIFspOwWH4)

ENCOUNTER RACE TEAM  
[youtube.com/  
watch?v=rWJMcA95nv8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWJMcA95nv8)

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