Key moments in our history

1990s —

People involved in volunteer centres began discussing the value of a national body for volunteering.

August 2001

Volunteering New Zealand was established. International Year of the Volunteer.

2004

Website set up, providing resources on training and best practice. Criteria for a Volunteer Centre agreed by Network of NZ Volunteer Centres.

2006

Promotion and providing resources for Volunteer Awareness Week

2009

Formation of the Development of Management of Volunteers Project Group

2011

Launched the Employee volunteering health and safety guidelines.

Large-scale volunteering throughout New Zealand for the Rugby World Cup and in the wake of the Christchurch earthquakes.

2013

2016

Competencies for Managers of Volunteers released.

First State of Volunteering report

2018

LeadMe, volunteer management tool, developed

2020

Flagship State of Volunteering Report released; sector support for the Covid-19 pandemic

2022 -

Rebranded as Tūao Aotearoa / Volunteering New Zealand

2024 —

New mentoring and peer support programmes for volunteer managers

September 2000

The New Zealand Ministerial Reference Group for the International Year of Volunteers was established. Advocated for creation and funding of Volunteering New Zealand.

2002

Membership of Volunteering New Zealand had grown to 50 members, sector-wide.

2005

Strengthening relationship between Volunteering NZ and Māori (Ngai Tahu).

2008

First national conference, "Optimising the Energy of Volunteering"

2010

Volunteer Management research – the *Managers Matter* report

· 2012

Launched Best Practice Guidelines for Volunteer-involving organisations.

2015

Best Practice Guidelines v2 released, trialled by 12 'championing' organisations

2017

InvolveMe, online tool for volunteer self-assessment, released

2019

National Migrant Volunteering Strategy released

2021

Youth Working Group established; collaborated on sector-wide *Time to Shine* survey

2023

Launched new Volunteer *Best Practice Guidelines*. Initiated new campaign *The Big Shout Out*