



**NIKAU FOUNDATION**

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# Nikau News

*Give where you live*

*Nikau Foundation makes giving easy for Wellingtonians. We invest donations, bequests and trusts, and then make grants from the income to a wide range of charitable purposes in the region according to donors' wishes.*



**Louise Parkin**

**General Manager**

Winter is always a bitter-sweet time at Nikau Foundation.

We are in awe of all the great work going on in the Wellington Region as applications for funding come in during June. We then have the excitement of contacting our donors and asking which of those applications they are keen to support through their endowment funds. It is a joy to hear what they are passionate about and work with them on fulfilling their philanthropic wishes.

The hardest part of grant-making is not being able to fund every worthy applicant, which amounts to approximately 50 applications this year. If any of our readers are interested in funding some of these great projects, normally to the tune of \$2,500-\$5,000, we would love to hear from you.

To expand the work of the Donor Advisory Service, I will be starting a vlog (video blog) on Nikau Foundation's website about how to give strategically for the greatest impact across our region. I will kick off with some of the findings from the Wellington Funding Mapping Project that Nikau Foundation initiated in partnership with Wellington Community Trust and the Wellington City Council.

Is youth, arts, sports or homelessness getting the most grants funding right now? Tune in to find out!



## Ngā Manu: Halo Project

Waikanae nature reserve Ngā Manu has recently opened the 'Halo Project', a multi-media collaborative installation. The outdoor photos and paintings were created by visual artist Paul Forrest with photographer Derek Tearne. Audio artist Matu Booth has provided a soundscape for the project.

Founded in 1971 and opened to the public in 1984, Ngā Manu is a 14-hectare Nature Reserve that has become a sanctuary for a variety of different bird species. Ngā Manu is a reserve to which birds from nearby Kāpiti Island make round trips to forage for food, or socialise with their wetland neighbours. The presence of Ngā Manu heightens the awareness and knowledge of our precious natural heritage among the next generation of New Zealanders.

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The aims of the installation are to allow the public to explore the works in a natural setting and to encourage young and old alike to get outside and experience the restored wetland. The works themselves are raising awareness about taking care of the land and the birds that inhabit it. Paul Forrest says that "if our native bird-life are healthy, our land is healthy".

Ngā Manu worked in partnership with Waikanae's Mahara Gallery developing the Halo Project, linking science with creative process. The art works featured in the Halo Project are available to purchase at Ngā Manu with the proceeds supporting Ngā Manu Charitable Trust.

*Ngā Manu received a \$2,000 grant from Nikau Foundation for The Halo Project, which runs until September 10th. Visit [www.ngamanu.co.nz](http://www.ngamanu.co.nz) to find out more.*



## New Self-Esteem Programme at Wairarapa Women's Centre

Thanks to a grant from the Roy and Jan Mace Trust, the Wairarapa Women's Centre has been able to set up a new programme for women who feel vulnerable or are struggling with low self-esteem.

"With this grant, we are now helping women to see their potential by raising their self-esteem and giving them a sense of community" says Yvonne Davvy, Manager at the Women's Centre. Yvonne noted that self-esteem is an important component in the mental health of participants, and the Women's Centre is looking to deliver more self-esteem related courses with 'fun' hands-on elements for participants.

*The Wairarapa Women's Centre received \$1,000 from the Roy and Jan Mace Trust to continue their work supporting and improving the lives of women in Wairarapa, their whānau and their communities.*



## Grants Round Update:

Our 2017 grants round opened on the 1st of June and closed on the 30th. \$1,893,250 has been requested from 197 applicants. Our team is now processing applications and will be notifying applicants in early September, after Board approval.

The work of our Grants Sub-Committee is a big part of our grant decision-making. This year Nikau Foundation has nominated two youth representatives to our Grants Sub-Committee, Andrew German and Grace Brennan.

Both our youth representatives have a demonstrated knowledge of the community sector, and are aware of the issues that young people today are facing. We are confident that Grace and Andrew will provide valuable insight into the concerns and challenges facing younger generations.

*Nikau Foundation involves interested donors in grant making decisions that are connected to the causes they care about.*

*You can view our grant-making policy on our website: [www.nikaufoundation.org.nz/about-us/governance/](http://www.nikaufoundation.org.nz/about-us/governance/)*



*The 'black dog' of depression: a growing concern for New Zealand*

## New Mental Health Fund

*Another way to give to those in need*

Nikau Foundation has a new "Area of Interest Fund": the Mental Health Fund. Set up to strengthen and support mental health services, anyone can contribute and donations of any size are welcomed.

The 2012/13 New Zealand Health Survey found that one in six New Zealand adults had been diagnosed with a mental health disorder at some time in their lives. This fund is a vehicle for donors to help tackle this growing problem within New Zealand, with grants going towards initiatives and organisations that strengthen positive mental health outcomes for our community.

The first contribution to the Mental Health Fund was \$5,000 given by a donor in memory of a relative who struggled with mental health issues.

Nikau Foundation has a range of Area of Interest Funds including arts, health, education, environment, resilience and youth. When a fund reaches the threshold of \$75,000, grants will be made available to the community through our annual grant round.

*Interested in giving to this fund or another area of interest? Contact Adrienne on 04 381 2224 or email [adrienne@nikaufoundation.org.nz](mailto:adrienne@nikaufoundation.org.nz).*



# Our First Brand Awareness Survey

Nikau Foundation recently conducted a brand awareness survey with the help of phone research agency Telelink.

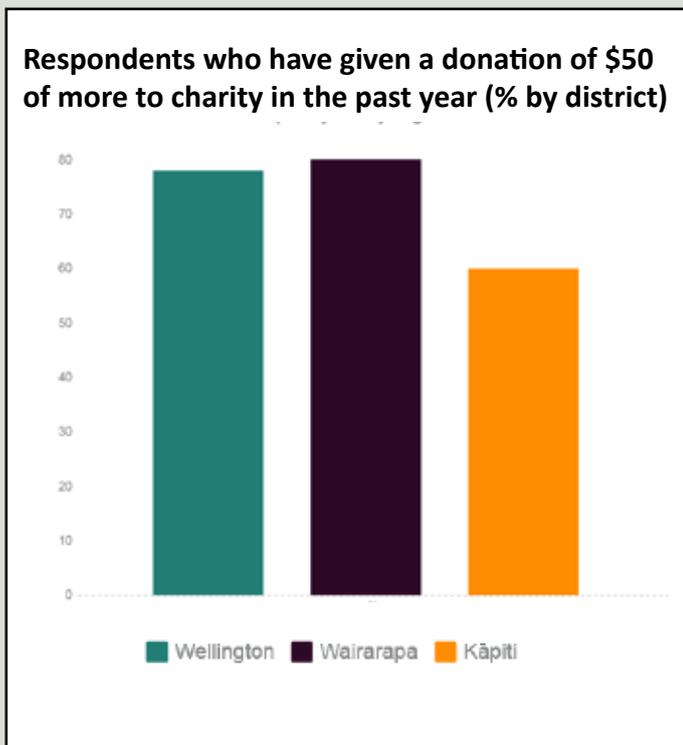
The survey was conducted throughout the Wellington region including Kāpiti, Wairarapa and Wellington. 501 respondents over the age of 40 were asked questions about Nikau Foundation, their community and charitable giving. Of the 501 people contacted, a proportionate amount of respondents were surveyed according to the population of each district, roughly Wellington 41%, Lower Hutt 20%, Upper Hutt 8%, Porirua 11%, Kāpiti 10%, and Wairarapa 10%.

The results have provided fantastic feedback for Nikau Foundation to reflect on, to understand our reach and the concerns of our community. We are excited to use this baseline data to track progress on our mission: growing generosity and social investment to strengthen our Wellington communities.

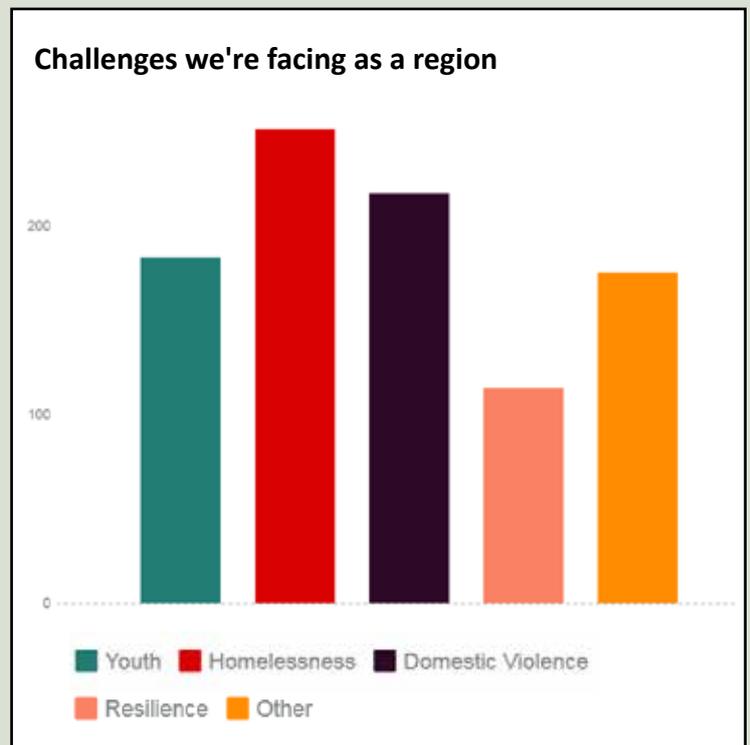
Finding out more about the concerns of our region's residents is an important part of our mandate. As an organisation we are in a strong position to work with the community sector to meet these concerns, raise awareness, and help connect charities working in these areas with resources, donors and funding.

## Key findings:

- 28.5% of respondents had encountered Nikau Foundation.
- 76% of all surveyed had given a donation of more than \$50 to charity in the past year.
- Wairarapa is the most generous district, 80% of participants gave \$50 or more to charity in the past year.



Charitable giving was impressively represented in those surveyed, above. A 2016 report by the Charities Aid Foundation found that New Zealand had the second highest rate of charitable giving in the world, behind the USA.



Participants were asked their opinion on what challenges their community is facing. The top four concerns are represented above, with the 'Other' category including climate change, the environment, elderly, single-parent families, poverty and health.

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## Building a Stronger New Zealand



Nikau Foundation is the Families and Social Services funding manager for The Tindall Foundation in the Wellington Region – Wellington, Hutt Valley, Porirua and the Kāpiti Coast. Each year we distribute over \$100,000 of Tindall funding to projects that fit within 8 focus areas: early years, youth development, Māori, migrant, refugees and cultural, housing, literacy and numeracy, budgeting, and community services and development.

The Tindall Foundation gives over \$10 million to community projects and initiatives around the country every year, contributing to a stronger New Zealand.

## Tune In!

Thanks to Hobson Wealth Partners we are hitting the airwaves this month with some brand new radio advertisements on Newstalk ZB and Coast FM. The adverts aim to increase our organisation's profile and encourage people to think about making a lasting impact through a gift to their community via the Nikau Foundation.

If you happen to hear one of our ads on air, drop us a line and let us know what you think!



## Nikau Foundation's Will Week a Success

Our first Will Week (3-7 July) has been very exciting, with lots of new donors leaving a gift in their will through Nikau Foundation to causes they care about.

A big thanks to Wakefields Lawyers for sponsoring the campaign offering free wills and will changes, giving the opportunity for even more people to join us contributing to our community in a lasting way. Watch this space as we're planning another campaign soon!

## Yes I want to give something to my local community

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

One-off donation by cheque (payable to Nikau Foundation) or by direct payment to our bank account: Westpac, Lambton Quay. 03 0502 0163248 00.

I would like to learn more about giving to a district fund (e.g Nikau Kāpiti or Nikau Wairarapa fund).

I would like to have my own named fund. Please contact me to discuss this.

Please contact me to discuss leaving a bequest or gift-in-will.

Please return this form to Nikau Foundation, P O Box 25-289, Wellington 6146 or, if you prefer, email us your details: [info@nikaufoundation.org.nz](mailto:info@nikaufoundation.org.nz). All donations are tax deductible.

