



NIKAU FOUNDATION

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# Nikau News

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*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*

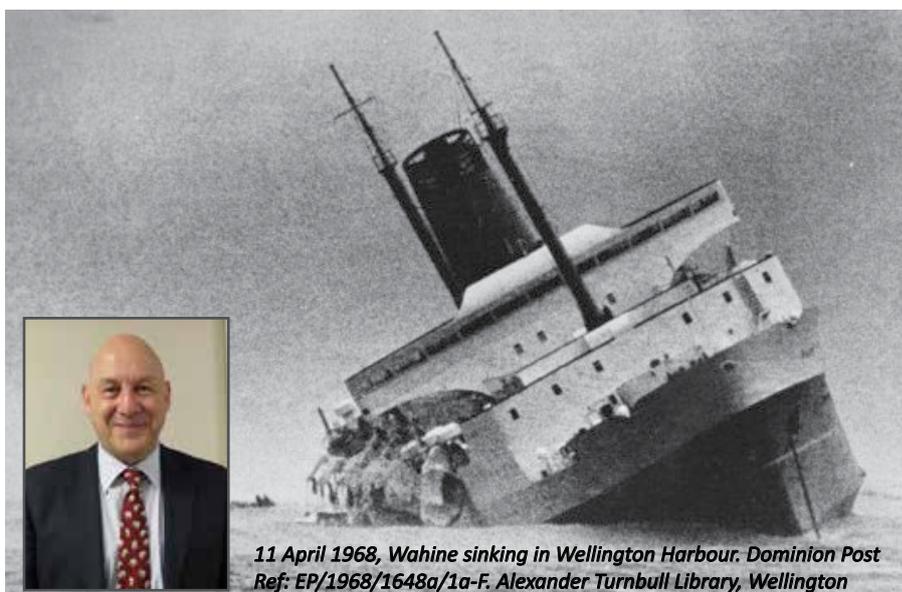
The Nikau Foundation office is getting a real buzz going with the arrival of some new specialist staff. Matthew Reweti (below left) has joined us as the new Development Manager with Adrienne moving into a more Donor Relations specific role. We also welcome Michelle Wanwimolruk (below right), as Philanthropic Advisor to the Michael and Suzanne Borrin Foundation.

It is great to have such a diverse team who are each bringing their professional strengths to our fundraising and grant making activities.

Our 2017 grant round is coming up fast on 1st- 30th June. Thanks to two generous donors who funded the digitisation of our application process via a new portal on our website, we will be saving both applicants and the team hours of manual processing.

Other great news is that we are now able to offer free wills and will changes through our new sponsors Wakefields Lawyers during our Will Week, 3rd- 7th July. See page 2 for more information!

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*11 April 1968, Wahine sinking in Wellington Harbour. Dominion Post Ref: EP/1968/1648a/1a-F. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington*

## Wahine 50 Memorial Trust

*Lieutenant General (Retired) Rhys Jones, Chair of Wahine 50 Memorial Trust, talks with Nikau about the upcoming 50th anniversary of an event that shaped our region.*

My involvement with the Wahine 50 Memorial Trust came through a colleague whose parents were on the Wahine and are both on the Trust board. After meeting them and giving some advice I also said that it was a worthwhile cause and offered to help, so they asked me to be on the trust.

I was a young school boy in Whanganui when the Wahine disaster happened. I remember the storm and walking to school in the rain, leaning into the wind on a 45 degree angle. For those who were involved it was probably as memorable a day as the moon landing, the death of Princess Diana, or the 2001 World Trade Towers; you remember where you were when you found out.

The Wahine was probably NZ's largest maritime disaster in living memory, and the fact that it was on the footsteps of one of our large cities, the capital city, made it quite a remarkable event that was really not just on TV, but taking place out the window.

I think it was important because it's a milestone that we can reach back in living memory and say 'remember that?' 53 people died, it was tragic, but 850 people were saved because people got off their backsides and went out to help. I think it's an important event to commemorate and to use that to raise the message that it's as much about volunteers and Wellington's rescue operations.

We've started our lead up quite a way in advance, because there are several things we need to accomplish. The first thing that we're trying to do is to raise awareness that there will be a 50th commemoration, and it will probably be the last official commemoration of the disaster.

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The second thing that we want is to have an exhibition. This is the last chance to get people who are still alive from that day who haven't told their story. We've got oral historian Anna Cottrell doing our recording.

There'll be a dawn service on April 10th 2018 on the Eastbourne Coast. There'll also be a midday service on the waterfront in Wellington, hosted by Wellington City Council, which will have a lot of other volunteer organisations like the Coastguard and Life Flight present.

One of the interesting stories that has come out so far, is that the people in the lifeboats going ashore started to sing. It was cold, and they were trying to keep morale up, and they started singing. They sang songs you'd sing to children, the national anthem, 'Michael, Row the Boat Ashore', anything. That's one of the things we are thinking of doing at the midday service, sing some of the songs. We don't want it to be a depressing commemoration, we want to remember that the 850 people who survived, survived because of the efforts of ordinary Wellingtonians.

We're encouraging people with a story to tell to go onto the website, register, and give a brief note of their experience on Wahine day. Then we can go through and choose a range of stories that represent the experiences of the disaster.

[www.wahine50.org.nz](http://www.wahine50.org.nz)

## Speech NZ Scholarship Awarded to Amy Masari of Lower Hutt



Amy Masari (17) is in Year 13 at St Oran's College in Lower Hutt. She has been awarded the Nikau Foundation's 2016 scholarship to help fund her Speech NZ examination fees for the Associate Diploma in Speech and Drama Performance.

Amy says: "Last year, when my father passed away, I thought I wouldn't be able to afford the examinations. The thought made me so sad as it was everything I had worked towards for the past seven years. The Nikau Foundation assisting me monetarily has lifted a huge weight off my mother's and my own shoulders. I cannot express how thankful I am to the Nikau Foundation for enabling me to make my dreams a reality.

"I've always adored every single aspect of Speech and Drama. I am grateful that studying Speech and Drama has furthered my passion to communicate and interact with people on all levels."

*The Speech NZ Scholarship has been made from the Laurie Bushell Fund, founded in memory of the donor's late husband who was passionate about the arts and music.*



Carterton Railway Station. Credit: Palmerian at English Wikipedia

## Update Your Will for Free this July!

Wakefields Law is offering free wills and will changes to Nikau Foundation supporters during 3rd - 7th July

Wakefields Law is a leading Wellington law firm that specialises in property, commercial and wealth protection matters with offices in Wellington's CBD and on the Kāpiti Coast. Wakefields runs a comprehensive Corporate Responsibility Program to ensure that as a law firm, and as a group of individuals, they are giving back to community causes and supporting the development of the wider Wellington region.

As part of that program Wakefields has recently come on board as a sponsor offering anyone who wants to support Nikau Foundation the opportunity to draft and execute a will without charge during 3rd- 7th July. This includes sitting down with an experienced lawyer to ensure that all estate planning matters have been considered.

Even if you have a will in place it is important to review it when your family circumstances change, such as after the birth of a child, the death of a relative, a marriage or a divorce, before overseas travel or the inheritance of assets. The decision to support Nikau Foundation, either during your life or after your death, provides an ideal opportunity to undertake that review.

For more information ph (04) 381 2224  
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## Fostering the Wellbeing of Carterton

The Carterton District & Community Trust has been transferred to Nikau Foundation and renamed the Carterton District Endowment Fund. The aims of the new fund are to support health and well-being, community development, general charitable purposes and promoting generosity within the Carterton District.

A number of factors influenced the decision to shift the trust's management to Nikau Foundation. Mike Palmers, Deputy Chair of the Trust, first raised the idea 3 years ago and Nikau Foundation was mentioned as a solution to increase the trust's capacity. "It was the logical progression, community foundation models are the way of the future for trusts like ours" Mike says. "The fund is now looking to the future of Carterton, with a wider charitable purpose."



## Inspiring Positive Futures in Kāpiti

The five young men who graduated from Youthquest's latest Development Programme were celebrated in a ceremony on 13th April at the Paraparaumu Baptist Church. The occasion marks the 28th course for Youthquest since it was founded in 2006.

Youthquest is a leadership and mentoring organisation specialising in at-risk young men. Often they are referred to the course through the police as many institutions have already given up on them. Youthquest mentors believe there is nobody who can't be reached, there is nobody who won't respond positively to a supportive environment and there is no reason for these young men to spend the rest of their lives in prison.

The programme covers positive self image, healthy peer relationships, strong relationships with whānau, good decision making and leadership development through a hands-on 'bush camp' training and classroom sessions. After the course the boys are actively mentored for 12 months, reducing the risk of re-offending or slipping back into old behaviours.

*Youthquest received \$5,000 from the Tindall Foundation in 2016 to continue their work improving the lives of young men, their whānau and their communities. [www.youthquest.co.nz](http://www.youthquest.co.nz)*



Above: Peers Choice Award recipient Samuel Anaru  
Below: At the Youthquest graduation ceremony with Deputy Mayor of Kāpiti, Janet Holborow.



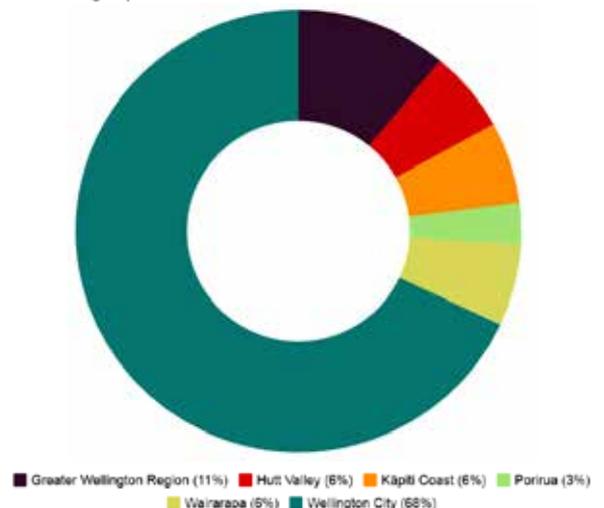
## Phase 1 of Funding Mapping Research Report Released April 2017

This report is the most detailed study to date of the grant applications processed and approved by the local councils and a growing number of philanthropic trusts and foundations in the Wellington Region.

Thanks to a generous donor, Nikau Foundation has played a lead role in the project, researching the funding distributed in Wellington Region, alongside Wellington Community Trust and the Wellington City Council. The research is being conducted by Generosity New Zealand.

The graph on the right shows the disparity in funding available within the region's districts from 2014- 2016. Nikau Foundation's District Funds are a way for donors to "give where they live" and ensure that their local community is getting an equitable slice of the funding pie.

Geographical Distribution of Grants 2014 - 2016



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## Farewell Departing Trustee Celia Wade-Brown



Former Mayor of Wellington City, Celia Wade-Brown, has stepped down from her position on our Board of Trustees as of late 2016. After serving two terms as Mayor and five as a Councillor, she has left a strong legacy of community connection and integrity in local leadership.

Celia brought her expertise and strength in governance to board meetings. Despite her busy role, she was always well prepared to make a meaningful contribution to Nikau Foundation.

We wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

## Nikau Club Event with Pomegranate Kitchen



Our Nikau Club members were treated to a hands-on cooking class with Pomegranate Kitchen last month. Pomegranate Kitchen are a social enterprise employing former refugees and received an interest-free loan this year from Nikau Foundation to expand their capacity. Watch a video from the event on our Facebook Page!

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



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I would like to join the Nikau Club.

I would like to have my own named endowment fund and please contact me to discuss this.

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

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