



Nikau News

NIKAU FOUNDATION

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

Featherston's History Remembered



Featherston Camp Sculpture Trust is fundraising to build a nationally significant sculpture to remember the Featherston Military Training Camp and its historic relationship with the town.

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. Nikau Foundation is pleased to introduce our new Marketing and Communications Officer, Caroline Ward. Caroline will work to raise our profile and attract more donors to help even more worthy causes in our region.

In other news we have moved our financial year end from June to September which will impact on our operations and reporting. We will be in touch directly if this affects you.

louise@nikaufoundation.org.nz



Adrienne Bushell
Development Manager

Thanks to our wonderful donors, Nikau Foundation will be delivering over \$400,000 worth of grants to charities in the region this year.

In addition, our new free donor advisory service is paying dividends, with Nikau Foundation pairing up new donors with causes that match their interests and organising pass-through grants on their behalf. We would love to do more of this so get in touch today!

adrienne@nikaufoundation.org.nz

Featherston Military Training Camp was active between 1915 and 1926. During this time the camp hosted over 60,000 troops who subsequently served overseas in WW1. The camp operated with the objective to turn 'raw recruits' into real soldiers: with signallers, artillery and machine-gun specialists all training there.



Barracks at Featherston Camp. Tyndall, Arthur (Sir), 1891-1979: Photographs relating to road, building construction. Ref: 1/2-104282-F. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand.

The impact of the camp on the local Featherston township, population 700 when war broke out, was significant. Troops were a familiar sight around the town seeking food and entertainment. Resourceful locals acted as a taxi service between the camp and the township. As one soldier wrote:

"In Featherston there are two hotels. Before the war they were quiet, country hostelrys. Now they are crowded nightly, but with sober, orderly men."

As the camp grew, and the fighting overseas continued, the town swelled five-fold to 3,500 residents. The majority of the industry in the township, and civic life itself, centred on its relationship with the camp.

It is important to the Featherston Camp Sculpture Trust not to build another war memorial, but to revive the memory of the camp and remember its role in the region's history. Also the sculpture commemorates the vital role that Featherston played in New Zealand's international war effort, with one third of NZ troops serving overseas having spent time at the camp.

...continues on page 2



Cont'd from previous page

The sculpture has been incorporated into the Council's town plan and is to be placed in the town square.

Internationally renowned sculptor Paul Dibble has been commissioned to create the large-scale public work, which will consist of 8-10 bronze columns, with images of soldiers, cavalry and the camp on one side, and personal letters, names and places on the reverse.



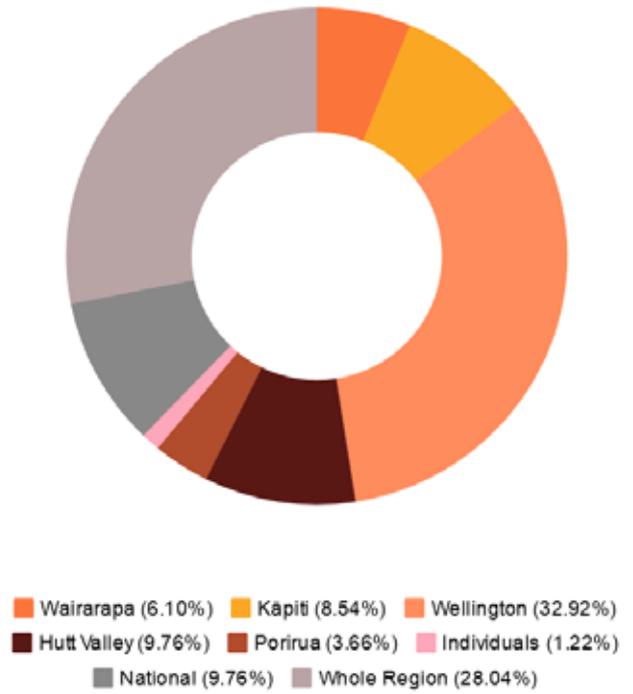
Model column detail of Paul Dibble's Featherston Camp Sculpture

The Trust currently has \$20,000 left to fundraise, in order to have raised a third of the total project cost, before approaching the Lottery Grants Board to fund the balance. Nikau Foundation contributed \$5,000 in the recent 2016 funding round to support this initiative.

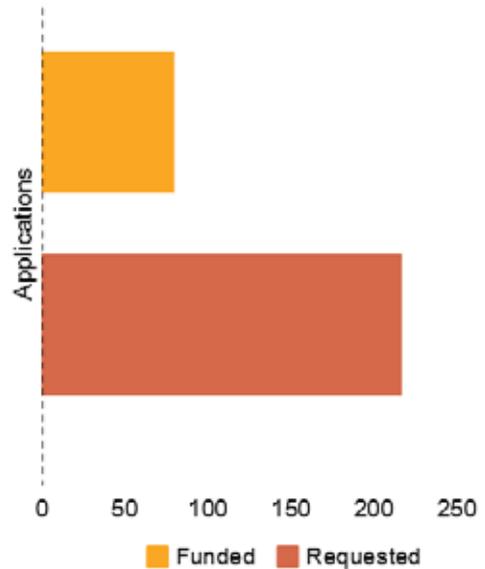
If you are interested in supporting more projects in the Wairarapa Region please email info@nikaufoundation.org.nz

Grants at a Glance

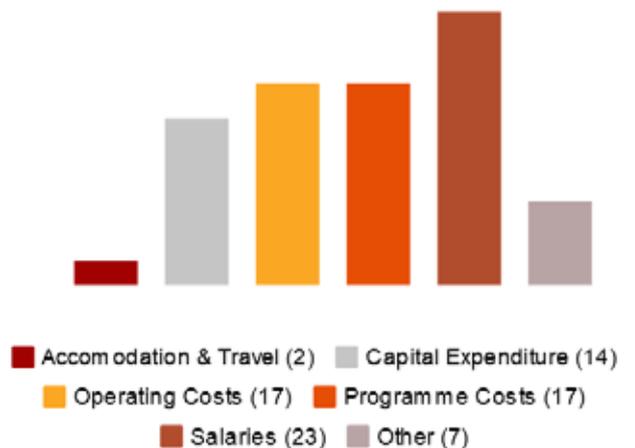
Funding Distributed by Region



No. of Projects Requesting Funding



Use of Funding



Model of Paul Dibble's Featherston Camp Sculpture

Free Donor Advisory Service

A new service offered by Nikau Foundation

Recently a donor contacted Nikau Foundation to assist with identifying charities that he had not previously supported through his personal charitable trust.

Our in-depth knowledge of the charity sector in Wellington meant we were able to give him a list of 30, from which he chose 10 for Nikau Foundation to provide with "pass-through-grants" of \$5,000 each. Two of the organisations benefiting from this are The Parenting Place and Zeal Education Trust, both working to address important issues facing young children and youth in Wellington.

The benefits of using a third-party organisation to assist with your giving are:

- Advice and knowledge of community needs
- Expertise in how to structure your philanthropy
- Anonymity if required

This is a free, no-strings-attached service so please contact us now if you need advice in this area.





Left: Hohepa resident moving tools into the new shed. Centre: Kāpiti Rotary Club building the sheds. Right: Finished shed beside the main Hohepa house.

Building Connections in Kāpiti

Hohepa has two new sheds, thanks to a partnership between Kāpiti Rotary Club and Nikau Foundation.

Hohepa Wellington, a residential community for adults with intellectual disabilities, was founded in 2013 on two hectares of land in Otaihangā, Kāpiti Coast. Hohepa's vision is to provide housing for up to 40 residents on the site, with appropriate infrastructure to support the participation of community members in a variety of recreational, social and physical activities.

Residents are using one of the new sheds for firewood and storage, and the other to store garden tools and equipment. Gardening is a part of daily life in the community. Hohepa residents grow organic vegetables and herbs in their kitchen garden, and another larger garden is currently under development.

Other sister organisations and service providers have already expressed interest in gardening at Hohepa, having the infrastructure to support these new ventures is essential. Hohepa's Community Manager, Heide Alexander, views the new garden shed as part of a larger way of building connections with the wider community. "This shed brings more opportunities for us to get out and interact with other people in the area" she says.

Funding for the new sheds came from the Kāpiti Rotary Club as well as the Kāpiti Community Enterprises Fund, established in 2014 with funds remaining from the sale of a social enterprise managed by Rod and Carol Lingard. The mandate of the Kāpiti Community Enterprises Fund is to provide opportunities for people with mental health and developmental disabilities to have training for future employment and opportunities for community integration. With Nikau Foundation managing the Kāpiti Community Enterprises Fund, interest from the invested fund is available to the Kāpiti community in perpetuity.



Postcard from Ashton Sellars

Hi Nikau Foundation Team,
I'm told I'm the first New Zealand musician to study at this school! I've been playing with top class musicians from all over the world (well, mainly all over Europe so far).
My teachers are fantastic and are really challenging my abilities. I have also been able to watch amazing musicians play most nights, including seeing the great Kurt Rosenwinkel last week.
Thanks for helping make this happen!
Ashton

Ashton received a grant through Nikau Foundation to help with study costs in attaining a Masters Degree in Jazz Guitar at the Conservatorium Van Amsterdam, after with graduating First Class Honours in Jazz Performance and Composition at the Wellington School of Music in 2013.

Nikau Club

Nikau Club members are committed to the development of community philanthropy in the Wellington region. They support the ongoing administration and development of the Nikau Foundation, through a tax deductible donation of \$3,000 a year or \$250/month.

If you would like to join us or would like more information about the benefits of becoming a Nikau Club member, please contact Louise Parkin or Adrienne Bushell on (04) 381 2224 or email info@nikaufoundation.org.nz

 facebook.com/nikaufoundation  [@NikauFoundation](https://twitter.com/NikauFoundation)

If you enjoy reading about our work and the projects we support, email info@nikaufoundation.org.nz to sign up to our online newsletter and 'like' us on Facebook to receive regular updates.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your friends, colleagues and family.

Thanks to our Supporters



Our Board



Chris Milne
(Chair)



Liz Koh
(Deputy Chair)



Kevin O'Connor



Ian Cassels



Pancha Narayanan



Patron Fran Wilde, CNZM, QSO, JP



Celia Wade-Brown



Robert Cross



Richard Caughley



John Allen



Susan Hornsby-Geluk

Trustee Profile - Greg Kelly



Greg Kelly joined the Board in 2015. He was motivated by the desire to see a strong community foundation in the Wellington Region, and hoped that his legal expertise in the trusts and estate sector would be of use to Nikau Foundation. His father, the Public Trustee for New Zealand, never held the expectation that his son would follow in his footsteps, but it was unsurprising that Greg gravitated towards the legal profession.

A lover of music and sport, Greg also loves travelling. If he could go anywhere in the world tomorrow? "I'd go to one of the smaller rural areas in France. My wife and I love hiring a car and just exploring."

By the numbers

\$4,552

Average grant size
made in 2016

229

Funding applications
received in 2016
funding round

\$418,799.73

Given to charitable causes in
the Wellington Region in 2016

Updating Your Will?

When considering your will, please contact Nikau Foundation to see how you can assist the community in a way that lasts forever. We do the work for you to ensure the Wellington Region remains a well-funded, vibrant community, for those dear to you and those to come. We are happy to provide further information or answer any questions you or your organisation may have about Nikau Foundation. Just call Louise or Adrienne on (04) 381 2224.

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 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.

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. All donations are tax deductible.

