

Nikau News

"Inspiring local giving for local needs"



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"Over my time with the Nikau Foundation I have seen the vision of donors translated into grants that have enriched and supported myriad community organisations in our Wellington region from the Kapiti coast to the Wairarapa. What gives me a real buzz is knowing that the income from our donors' gifts are available to be given out year after year – and despite the fact the money goes annually to what the donor has chosen, their original gift has actually grown in value.



Adrienne Bushell

Do call me to arrange a chat if you would like to find out more about this different and interesting way of giving to the things you care about in your community."

The Nikau Foundation is an independent charitable trust dedicated to benefitting the greater Wellington region. It is part of a worldwide family of community foundations that build endowment funds for their local regions.



Giving Back to the Wellington Community

During 2011/2012 the Nikau Foundation Grants round provided funds to the value of over \$250,000 towards community projects in the Wellington region. The grants ranged from \$1,900 to \$30,000 and were allocated according to the donors' wishes. Some of the recipients include: Mary Potter Hospice, Volunteer Wellington, Wellington Free Ambulance and Kaibosh.



Brian Burge,
Nikau Manager

Nikau Club – We Need You – please!

Welcome to our three latest club members who join the team of very generous individuals who are committed to the development of community philanthropy in the Wellington Region. The Nikau Club continues to support the administration and development of the Foundation.

Nikau Club members make a commitment of three thousand dollars a year for three years and can take advantage of the tax benefits (33.3% tax credit). During the year, members are invited to a function to one of our recipients.

If you would like to become a member or would like more information please contact either Monique Laurensen or Adrienne Bushell on (04) 472 2470 or info@nikaufoundation.org.nz



Monique Laurensen

Monique Laurensen enjoyed a six month stint with Nikau Foundation assisting with marketing.

"I was thrilled to be at the Nikau Foundation where people are so generous" says Monique "I am amazed how many different

organisations directly benefit from Nikau. It is important that the Foundation continues to build on its current success and also continues to let people know about what the Nikau Foundation does. Over the next few months you may continue to see some advertisements in the DomPost, other newspapers, magazines and radio advertisements on Newstalk ZB.

The Nikau Foundation is very fortunate to have the wonderful support of the DomPost and Newstalk ZB".



Sir John Todd

Congratulations to Nikau Club member Sir John Todd who recently became a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.



Ron Henry

Giving Options - Flexible and Easy to establish, The Willscott Endowment Fund

The Willscott Endowment Fund was transferred to the Nikau Foundation from a private charitable trust in 2008. The family Trustees found the administration of the trust was time consuming, and were keen to use the Foundation to assist them. "The transfer of the trust in 2008 has been seamless and efficient and we are very happy that we no longer have any administration associated with the trust".

Since 2008 the Nikau Foundation has distributed over \$20,000 to a number of charities in the Wellington region on behalf of the Willscott Endowment Fund including: The New Zealand School of Dance, The Samaritans of Wellington Inc and the Aubert Child Care Centre.

This flexibility means that the Foundation is able to keep donors' wishes relevant and adapt to changing needs in the community as well as benefitting multiple charities with one gift.

Youth Quest

Youth Quest is a character mentoring, programme based organisation, with a passion to practically and effectively work with young recidivist men and their families within their communities in the Kapiti Coast. They deliver high quality programmes and mentoring to the young people who work on building - Independence, Generosity and Belonging. Approximately 45 young men have been through the programme this year. The programmes assist with dealing with stress and anger, drug and addiction management, personal presentation, communication, leadership and team building.



The Nikau Foundation grant has assisted towards the running costs of the organisation including the camps where the young men learn a variety of skills.

"The boys are no longer committing crime and have successfully turned their lives around and put all of that behind them. This could only be achieved by the incredible mentorship that the Youth Quest mentors have provided to the youth and the respect that they have both received and given back to the Youth" **NZ Police Kapiti**

How can you help?

Please contact Nikau Foundation if you are considering your will to see how you can assist the Wellington community on an ongoing basis. We will do the work for you on your behalf to ensure that the Region remains a well-funded vibrant community - for you, those close to you and those to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Monique or Adrienne on 04-4722470 or visit our website

www.nikaufoundation.org.nz

Getting to Know You - Speed Dating

Business and charities got to know a lot more about one another at Volunteer Wellington's first forum for the year. Time and Talents Speedmatching was the title of this successful event which celebrated the Nikau Foundation Corporate Challenge 2012.

The Nikau Foundation funds Volunteer Wellington to complete community projects from February to June each year during the Corporate Challenge. The forum was a "speedy" way for businesses and community groups to meet one another, talk very fast (5 minutes) and find out about each other - their services and mission - to see if they could work together on community projects.

14 community groups and 11 businesses took part. It was a buzz as each group tried to get the information across in the fastest time. The feedback from the groups is that they would like to try it all again.

Trustee profile

Graeme Sinclair

Graeme has been a Trustee for the Foundation since June 2009. Graeme is a Fellow Chartered Accountant and brings over twenty years experience as a partner of KPMG. He is a member of the Grants and Investments sub-committees. Graeme operates his own business, developing business strategies, plans and assessing business risk. He is currently part of Te Omanga's management team which is a key contract. He is also deputy chair of UNICEF New Zealand.

Graeme enjoys following motorsport, playing golf and skiing. He enjoys spending time with his wife and three children and one grandchild.



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