



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

We may be racing towards Christmas (and a promising summer break weather-wise), but there is still plenty going on down at Nikau Foundation.

We have just celebrated our end-of-year Wellington Grants event. This year it was held at the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts and through support from Nikau Foundation everyone thoroughly enjoyed the exhibition celebrating 125 years of the Wellington Photographic Society. It was great sharing with you some of the inspiring stories that our grant making has enabled in the last year.

I have also started my "How To Give Where You Live" Vlog. Please visit our YouTube Channel (Nikau Foundation) to subscribe and get regular updates about great charities doing good work in our region, tackling some of our most pressing issues. This is also available through our Facebook page and news page on our website.

Finally, if you are thinking about a gift to a charity this Christmas, please consider a donation into one of the charity endowments we have under our umbrella like the Women's Refuge Fund. Your one gift will last forever and ensure the organisations ongoing sustainability.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



A smart grant to Footnote

As a Wellington-based national arts organisation, a significant part of Footnote New Zealand Dance's programme each year is to create and perform high-quality contemporary dance works by and for the New Zealand community. In the past, Footnote have had to hire sound equipment for the staging of their shows, making up a significant expense in their budget. With the help of Nikau Foundation, Footnote has been able to purchase their own PA system to use during the numerous shows that the dancers perform each year in Wellington and further afield.

"All of us at Footnote are incredibly grateful for this support from the Nikau Foundation. Having our own technical equipment helps us to lower the cost of our community performances and allows us to make good on our goal of increasing accessibility to high-quality contemporary dance."

Footnote General Manager Richard Aindow

Additionally, Footnote plan to hire out this equipment to the wider Wellington community at reduced rates. This is a great example of Nikau Foundation's grants policy supporting charities who are developing social enterprise activities to improve their sustainability.

Footnote received a \$5,760.87 grant made available through the Elma Coxon Endowment Fund.



Need Christmas Catering?

Last year Nikau Foundation gave an interest-free loan to Pomegranate Kitchen, a catering company employing recently settled refugees.

If you or your business need a caterer for your Christmas event then Pomegranate is a great option. They have a wide range of authentic and delicious food to choose from, not to mention that they are very eco-conscious using biodegradable Biochoice packaging and locally-made Little Yellow Bird uniforms!

Pomegranate is still currently in start up mode and that means, as a social enterprise, they rely heavily on the good work of volunteers to help out. Pomegranate are currently looking for people to volunteer with them to work with admin, accounts, driving, etc.

If you're interested in helping out with volunteering or want to use Pomegranate as a caterer get in touch with them on 021 208 5212 or visit www.pomegranate.org.nz



Payroll Giving

Giving made easy

Payroll giving is a voluntary scheme that allows employees to make charitable donations straight from their pay to causes they care about that have approved donee status. Most major charities fall into this category, including Nikau Foundation.

This is a painless way to donate to charity because once set up with your employer, it comes out of your salary automatically and you receive immediate tax credits instead of having to process donation receipts at the end of the tax year. The only catch is that your employer has to be filing their PAYE with Inland Revenue electronically but most businesses are doing this these days.

Nikau Foundation is trying to grow the number of donors giving regularly by payroll giving - particularly into our Kāpiti and Wairarapa district funds. It is a great solution for small businesses who are constantly asked by communities for support and want to give to something that supports every charity in the region. Ask your Finance Manager about payroll giving today!



New Wairarapa Volunteer Centre

The Wairarapa Volunteer Centre has been established as a new entity to grow volunteering across Wairarapa region. Until now the co-ordination of community volunteering had been administered by the Wairarapa Community Centre but it has grown to the point where it needs to be set up independently.

"In the new year we are planning to open up 'one-day-a-week' volunteer centre pop-ups in community spaces so that people are empowered to focus on volunteering opportunities to build up the social capital in their own communities"

Regional Manager Jill Greathead

Wairarapa Volunteer Centre received a \$5,000 grant made available through The Richard and Doreen Evans Trust



Water safety for all

Thanks to a grant through the Blake Fund, Te Ara Moana has been able to continue to provide free water safety courses to low-income families.

"With this donation, we are able to fund our operations and give our students real life experiences on water safety while having fun at the same time" Te Ara Moana Trustee Jenni Bedford.

Jenni believes that this programme is critical because New Zealand has a high incidence of water related injuries. The donor behind the grant recently visited the project to get some insights into the impact of her donation- one of the benefits of "giving while living".

Te Ara Moana received a \$5,000 grant from the Blake Endowment Fund





The Shed Project is an organisation that works with disabled and disadvantaged people.

Shed Project: Giving back to the differently-abled

Thanks to a grant from the Kāpiti Community Enterprises Fund, the Shed Project has been able to continue doing its great work in its local community. Based in Paraparaumu, the charity aims to eliminate barriers in order to achieve successful integration into the community for those who may be potentially marginalised due to disability, gender, emotional or behavioral problems.

"It is our vision to create more social enterprises to provide further work and training to our people".

Founder and Project Manager Denis Wood

The grant has allowed the Shed Project to upgrade the electrical system to their machinery and workshops, which had been of concern.

Shed Project received a \$5,000 grant made available through the Kāpiti Community Enterprises Fund.

Celebrating at the Electra Business Awards



Nikau Foundation General Manager Louise Parkin and Donor Relations Manager Adrienne Bushell with Gary Taylor from Pak'n Save Kāpiti.

We were delighted to sponsor the Sustainability Achievement Award at the Electra Business Awards and are happy to celebrate with winner Pak 'n Save Kāpiti. Pak 'n Save Kāpiti are aiming to make their business more sustainable with store-wide recycling and using electric vehicles to reduce their carbon footprints.

"This is an excellent chance for us to celebrate the contribution that local businesses make to our community"

Nikau Foundation Deputy Chair Liz Koh

Nikau Foundation's involvement in Kāpiti started in 2013 with the establishment of the Nikau Kāpiti District Fund, a lasting way for locals to contribute to their community. Since the fund's inception, it has supported many local charities including the Waikanae Volunteer Fire Brigade, Kenakena School Dyslexia programme and Birthright Kāpiti.

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Two new funds to benefit Kāpiti

Nikau Foundation was pleased to announce two new Kāpiti focused funds at its recent annual grants event held at the Ngā Manu Nature Reserve.

Firstly, the Caroline Boyd Memorial Fund established, to benefit youth, women and community projects by Caroline's husband Tony Cooke after her tragic death earlier this year. The fund has already topped \$20,000 and grants to the causes she loved will be made in the 2018 grant round.

Secondly, Ngā Manu Nature Reserve has established its own endowment fund, and donations and bequests to both funds are welcomed.

Contact Adrienne on 04 381 2224



Remembering Athol Mann

The Board and team at Nikau Foundation were sad to hear of the sudden passing of our ex-board member Athol Mann. Athol has been an active supporter of many community organisations during his lifetime - particularly in the arts and medical research.

"Athol was an enthusiastic contributor to the early growth of our Foundation. His knowledge and experience, passion for the cause, and sense of humour were highly valued by fellow trustees and staff" Kevin O'Connor, Board Member.

We pass on our condolences to Athol's wife Ngaire and all friends and family of this great man.

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A Thank You to Ink Digital

Ink has been one of our longest standing sponsors providing speedy, high quality printing services for all of our collateral. Like many businesses, they are keen to help their community and see sponsorship of Nikau Foundation as a simple way to benefit all Wellington charities. We wanted to recognise their unfailing support, even after severe disruption to their operations following the November 2016 earthquake. If you need an innovative printer who can tackle print work on any scale, please give them a call on 04-384 9474 or visit www.inkdigital.co.nz.



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