



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

It has been a busy time for us, with some real highlights, especially our successful crowd-funding campaign and growing our organisational reach.

Our cover story is about a new partnership with Wellington City Council to support the Ngā Wai Pīata Light Parade which literally had our name in lights! Our aim is to engage schools and encourage a culture of philanthropy in our young people.

We also completed our campaign to raise over \$20,000 for our Wellington Resilience Fund. Over 150 donors supported the campaign via the crowd-funding site PledgeMe – including an incredibly generous donation from Kiwisaver company Booster NZ to get us across the line.

Our 2018 Grants Round is now open. We're excited to be hearing from all sorts of organisations around our region doing great work. Applications close on August 31st so please read our grants policy carefully, then apply via our website.

Our next focus is Wills Month in September. If you have been thinking about updating your will to include a gift to Nikau Foundation, it is time to get in touch. We are working with a group of Wellington lawyers to make this free of charge so give us a buzz and tell your friends and family about it too.

Ngā mihi nui,
Louise



Ahi Kā: Matariki light parade

Check out our logo in the Tree of Renewal above, carried by each school in the parade!

On Friday 29 June, Wellington's waterfront lit up with the first annual Matariki, Māori New Year, celebration Ahi Kā. There was something for everyone on the waterfront - from hāngi, toasted marshmallows, fire on the water, a midwinter bonfire, Māori performers and storytellers and a beautiful children's light parade, part-funded by Nikau Foundation.

Nikau Foundation, in partnership with Wellington City Council and iwi mana whenua, had 7 local schools create illuminated artworks. The night was successful and bright as the students marched with their lanterns down near the harbour.

The event was well attended and has connected us with a future generation of philanthropists.

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WE MADE IT! Resilience Fund Success

Wellington now has a dedicated fund to help us be more resilient in the face of future emergencies, such as earthquakes. In partnership with the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO), Nikau Foundation established the Wellington Resilience Fund in 2016.

After a successful crowd-funding campaign in June this year, we have raised over \$20,000 with the sales of the Wellington Resilience chocolate bar produced in partnership with the Wellington Chocolate Factory.

We are excited about the 150+ donors and new supporters we have met through this campaign, and hope that this fund will keep growing through future annual fundraising campaigns.

Grants will be made to organisations building community connectedness; as well as for practical assets such as solar device chargers and water tanks for community centres, marae and schools to be better prepared.

Maud Rankin

Donor Story

"It was so reassuring to find a Foundation that enabled us to give exactly in the way that we wanted to give, without the big fees."



Maud says that, while she and her husband regularly support a wide range of causes, they have chosen a few 'special ones' to support in perpetuity through a gift in their will to their Willows Endowment Fund with Nikau Foundation.

"Having no family to give it to we wanted to plan everything in advance." Maud says that it feels like a big weight has been lifted off her mind, "We now have things in order exactly how we want them."

She adds that altruism is extremely rewarding. *"It's very warming. It gives real comfort to know that our wealth will go long-term to the causes which are close to our heart."*



Vibe Rainbow Hutt

Young people who identify as LGBTIAQ* face ongoing stress as they discover their identity and often struggle to find family and community support.

Research done by Vibe (Hutt Valley Youth Health Trust) concludes that 85% of LGBTIAQ youth have been harassed at school because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Nikau Foundation has recognised the value of this research, and made a grant to Vibe in hopes that the findings will help to reduce this stress for our young people.

The grant, made from The Tindall Foundation, has enabled Vibe to explore the specific needs of LGBTIAQ youth. It has already helped Vibe identify what the best practices may be, and to make some recommendations for organisations supporting Rainbow Youth.

"On behalf of the Vibe team, I would like to thank the Nikau Foundation for choosing to support us with this project. We look forward to sharing the journey with you over the coming months," says Vibe General Manager Bridget Roche.

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Asexual, and Queer. VIBE received a \$5,000 grant from the Tindall Foundation.*



September is Wills Month!

Are you keen to leave something to your favourite charities in your will? This September we have partnered with community-minded law firms to offer free will changes for those keen to give back to their community through Nikau Foundation.

Remember a gift through us means that your donation is never spent but continues to generate income for good causes forever.

Email Adrienne for more information on this offer: adrienne@nikaufoundation.org.nz



Sustainable funding for Wairarapa Nurses Educational Trust

Nikau Foundation has joined forces with Wairarapa nurses to secure a sustainable funding stream for their professional development.

The Wairarapa Nurses Educational Trust (WNET) was established by a group of nurses in 2008 to support training opportunities. Looking for a way to grow the fund, WNET have handed over the reins to the Nikau Foundation.

Nikau Foundation will manage the existing funds and ensure the original purpose is honored. Nikau Foundation expects to grow its capital from \$35,000 to \$50,000 quickly thanks to people in the community who want to "give where they live" and support the nursing profession.

Former Trustee Helen Pocknall (pictured) explained "The handover will relieve us of all administration and compliance activities and will almost double the returns to the community."

Nikau Foundation has many 'handover trusts' under management, and is the perfect solution for local trusts looking for a practical way to maintain the fund's charitable purpose, whilst removing the labour-intensive work of charitable compliance and accounting administration from trustees. For more information, please email info@nikaufoundation.org.nz or phone our office on 0800 YOUR GIFT.



Kāpiti News

Nikau Foundation is pleased to announce our commitment to support youth organisations in Kāpiti through the 2018 grants and sponsorship programme.

The Community Foundation and its Nikau Kāpiti Fund has long supported youth charities in the district with over \$50,000 committed in grants since 2011. Organisations such as Youth Quest (now part of KYS) have previously benefited from Tindall Foundation's youth funding stream.

This is set to continue this year through a range of endeavours, including Nikau's support of Kāpiti Run for Youth (pictured above), which was held on Sunday 25th March.

Look out for us at the Electra Business Awards - we've partnered with the Excellence and Achievement Awards section to bring you the 'Give Where You Live' award, recognising local businesses who are committed and smart supporters of their local Kāpiti and Horowhenua communities. The winners will be announced on 20th September, and celebrated at an awards function on Friday October 12th. More information: www.bkh.org.nz

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trustees so please email
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for more information.

2018 Grants Round

Our 2018 funding round is now open. This is a date change from previous years and fits in with recent changes to our financial reporting year.

Applications can be made through our online expression of interest form. We also ask for the following documentation to be emailed separately:

- your latest financial statement/audited accounts
- your annual report (or similar)
- and a scanned bank deposit slip/bank statement

Applications should be received by 31st August. Please read our policy carefully to ensure the best chance to be considered for our limited funds.

Funding Clinics

Nikau Foundation offers free funding advice sessions to organisations and community groups in our region. Funding clinics are an opportunity to learn more about our grants process, share your funding needs and provides fundraising training for community groups seeking funding.

Clinics are held over two hours as a shared, working lunch across the region. Each clinic is attended by multiple organisations, which often leads to information sharing and useful discussions.

Email Matthew Reweti: matthew@nikaufoundation.org.nz if you would like to attend a clinic, spaces are limited.

Ethical Fundraising

Nikau Foundation supports ethical fundraising. One way to ensure your fundraising is ethical is to become a member of FINZ, the Fundraising Institute of New Zealand. FINZ is the professional body that represents fundraising in New Zealand and has a code of conduct that will guide you in your work. They also provide great networking and excellent training opportunities.

www.finz.org.nz

New Ways to Give!

We are now a searchable payee on all NZ internet banking platforms. You can make a one-off donation directly to Nikau Foundation from your computer anytime, or you can set up a regular payment to the fund of your choice. Email us on info@nikaufoundation.org.nz to find out more, or request a tax-deductible receipt of your donation.

Our website is now able to receive donations via credit card! Set up for the Resilience Fund, look out for the "donate" button on our Resilience Fund page, and coming soon to our "Support Us" section of our website.



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