



# Whanganui Community Foundation



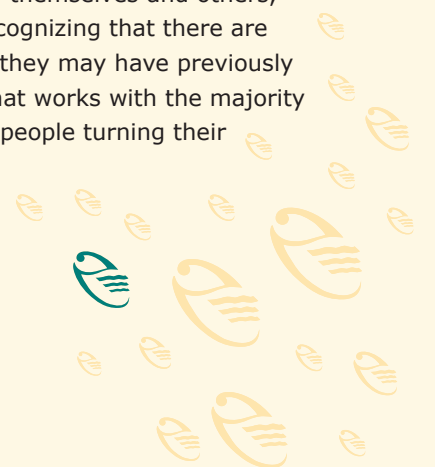
Having fun as a family is important. It's part of the strategy that social workers at Life to the Max use as they help families to discover their strengths and to add more tools to the family toolbox. Families usually become part of the Life to the Max because a child or young person in the family has come to the notice of the police or has the potential to become known because of concerns around their behaviour. Life to the Max social workers walk alongside the whole family giving new ideas and strategies and different ways to respond that increase the family's choices.



# LIFE TO THE MAX



As well as working with families there are also programmes for children and youth that encourage the development of social skills through new experiences. This involves helping children and young people to understand about respecting themselves and others, making good choices and recognizing that there are more choices available than they may have previously thought. It's an approach that works with the majority of these children and young people turning their lives around.



★ PRACTISE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS ★

# Green Bikes



The Whanganui Green Bikes scheme recycles donated bikes, making them roadworthy to lend out for a minimal charge. The scheme has been operating for over a year now, with funding from Whanganui Community Foundation and NZ Land Transport Agency. To date approximately 200 bikes have been given out.

Green Bikes is a community-based cycling advocacy group. They aim to help raise the profile of cycling as an effective, efficient, fun and worthwhile means of transport. The project aims to decrease car use and increasing cycling in Whanganui by making it easier for those without a bike to access one. It gives an opportunity to first-timers to try cycling out, perhaps encouraging them to go on and buy their own cycles.

Lack of exercise contributes to obesity and a range of health problems. Increasing regular activity such as utility cycling is helping to address this issue directly by encouraging people to 'get on their bikes'. As well as the health benefits everyone in Wanganui benefits from reduced car traffic. Those who cycle as a result of the scheme benefit in terms of their health and pocket.

All bicycles are repaired with the intention that they will be safe to

ride, and if maintained will last the recipient for a reasonable amount of time. Green Bikes pays particular attention to brakes and tyres in the interests of making the bicycles safe. They also assist people in choosing a bicycle which suits their physical, practical and lifestyle needs.

The workshop has been fitted out almost entirely with recycled and found materials and a minimal budget, to create a functional bicycle workspace for up to 4 people. It is often used by people fixing up their own bikes and volunteers, including two regulars with intellectual disabilities.

Jonah Marinovich, Workshop Manager, has constructed four cycle trailers during this time specifically to order out of old supermarket trolleys, marginal bicycle parts and found materials. This is making clear practical statements about saving resources that would otherwise go to landfill and innovative use of bicycle technology where people might otherwise default to driving cars.

The Green Bikes project is needed in this community because bicycles and getting more people on them

are key factors in making Wanganui more Sustainable. Sustainable Whanganui Trust, which oversees the scheme, has identified Transport as a major component of a Transition Town initiative underway. Transition Towns are bringing people together out of a desire to explore how we - and our communities - can respond to the twin challenges of Climate Change and Peak Oil.

Green Bikes has also run cycle training workshops, having gained funding from the Walking & Cycling Microfund, and intend to offer more of this in future. Green Bikes helped run BikeWise in March 2009, which involved a 'Go by Bike Day' featuring free breakfasts and the 'Mayoral Challenge' bike ride.



## Trustee Attendance

In line with exemplary practice trustees have determined that in the best interests of accountability and transparency the statistics for meeting attendance and fees paid should be disclosed. Fees paid are determined by Government.

There is also a Register of Involvements kept which records any conflicts of interests or involvements (conflicts of duty) that may affect decision making. This register is available for public inspection at the Foundation office.

| Trustee                            | Possible meetings | Meetings attended | Special meetings | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Richard Thompson (Chair)           | 11                | 11                | 12               | 11800          |
| Prue Anderson (Deputy Chair)       | 11                | 10                | 8                | 6696           |
| Graham Adams (appointed June 2008) | 9                 | 9                 | 2                | 3258           |
| Bob Dempsey                        | 11                | 10                | 3                | 3875           |
| Pam Erni                           | 11                | 10                | 4                | 4049           |
| Jim Farley                         | 11                | 11                | 3                | 4225           |
| Sally Sisson                       | 11                | 9                 | 6                | 4450           |
| Cherryl Smith                      | 11                | 8                 | 1                | 3175           |
| Nancy Tuaine                       | 11                | 8                 | 3                | 4000           |
| Di Valentine (retired May 2008)    | 2                 | 2                 |                  | 617            |
| Graham Wood                        | 11                | 9                 | 9                | 6242           |
| <b>Total</b>                       |                   |                   |                  | <b>52387</b>   |

## South Taranaki District Museum

When the trustees of the South Taranaki District Museum in Patea embarked on raising funds for a major upgrade of their building, they went first to the "usual" institutional funders. When the Whanganui Community Foundation found out that there had been no contributions from local people and organisations, they challenged the Trust to go out to its community and seek support. In return, the Foundation would match every dollar raised from community sources up to a maximum of \$50,000. After an initial reaction of dismay, the Museum trustees rose to the challenge and raised the targeted funds within the community. Having the secured funds matched dollar for dollar spurred the trustees on and was a great incentive for some donors.

There have been a number of other spin offs. Vector not only gave a donation but also made a number of their staff available to help package and move the collection in preparation for building work. A number of people have donated artifacts to the collection. The relationship between the community and museum has been strengthened and the Trust has learned the value of building this relationship. It is now in the process of forming a "Friends of the Museum" group.

The outcome will be a brand new, architecturally-designed building that reflects iwi values and traditions and is constructed to museum-specific standards. It demonstrates how small towns and rural communities support their regional heritage and cultures with pride and a huge amount of work. The project is an amazing success story that the people of Patea and the wider area of South Taranaki can be very proud of.



# Trustees Report '09

On behalf of the Trustees, I am pleased to present the annual report for the year ended 31 March 2009.

## Donations

Donations approved during the year totalled \$1.08 million, a shade under the budget. It is pleasing to receive plenty of well researched applications with clear expected community outcomes and we thank those applicants.

## Policy

The year has seen trustees again grapple with policy and strategy. There has been a thorough review of the Foundation's strategic direction which has resulted in a continuation of the direction.

## Professional Development

Our programme of capacity building for community organisations continues with a number of topical seminars and workshops held during the year. These are well received and contribute to the effectiveness of community organisations.

## Financial

The Foundation had a deficit of \$7.1million this year following major declines in financial markets. Trustees are aware that investment returns will fluctuate and in good years the surplus is added to reserves so that in years of poor returns, grants to the community will be consistent, and the value of the foundation's capital base will be maintained.

Having said that, the current conditions in financial markets are unprecedented and trustees have considered carefully how to balance the needs of current and future generations. Although we will

continue grant making there will be a reduced amount available for donations until markets have recovered and reserves are once more at appropriate levels.

## Trustees and Governance

Trustees have performed their duties with a mix of compassion, thoughtfulness, social analysis, responsibility and commitment. Our business is not simple and the judgements required are informed by the contributions from each trustee. They are a great team to work with.

## Staff

We are grateful to Judith and Jane who have performed their duties in a dedicated and professional manner.

## Future

The Foundation remains committed to improving the quality of life and social well being in our communities. It is

a privilege and responsibility we take very seriously. The Foundation welcomes feedback and suggestions that will help us to do our work even more effectively.

## Richard Thompson Chairman



### Whanganui Community Foundation Inc.

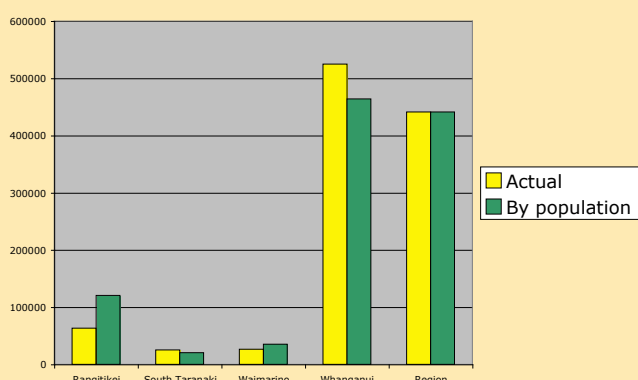
#### Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2009

|   | 2009    | 2008    |   | 2009    | 2008    |
|---|---------|---------|---|---------|---------|
|   | 000s    | 000s    |   | 000s    | 000s    |
| <b>Our financial performance was</b>                              |         |         | <b>Our Financial Position is</b>                    |         |         |
| <b>During the year we received income from</b>                    |         |         | <b>We began the year with</b>                       |         |         |
| Income from Investments   | (5803)  | (1557)  | An opening capital base of                          | 34,672  | 37,737  |
| Rent  | 30      | 24      | And added transfers to reserves                     | (7,144) | (3,065) |
| Other Income  | 4       | 6       | And finished with a capital base of                 | 27,499  | 34,672  |
|   | (5,769) | (1527)  |   |         |         |
| <b>We used this income for:</b>                                   |         |         | <b>This amount is represented by:</b>               |         |         |
| Administration  | 269     | 250     | Fixed Assets  | 584     | 618     |
| Investment management fees  | 35      | 63      | Fixed interest investments                          | 11,110  | 10,987  |
| Donations and Community Support                                   | 1,071   | 1225    | State Street Global Assets (international equities) | 16245   | 23015   |
|   |         | 1538    | Bank and Sundry                                     | 232     | 880     |
| Leaving a balance to be added to (deducted from) the capital base | (7,144) | (3,065) |   |         |         |
|   |         |         | <b>Less owing to others:</b>                        |         |         |
|   |         |         | Special Purpose Funds                               | 92      | 92      |
|   |         |         | Donations not uplifted                              | 559     | 698     |
|   |         |         | Accounts Payable                                    | 21      | 38      |
|   |         |         | <b>We ended the year with capital of</b>            |         |         |
|   |         |         |   |         | 34672   |

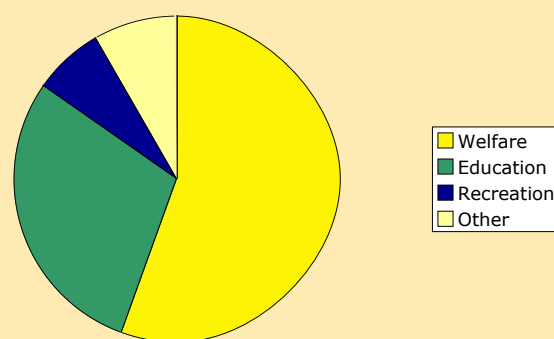
A full set of financial statements is available from the Chief Executive, PO Box 365, Whanganui, or by phoning 06 3488300

## Where it all went

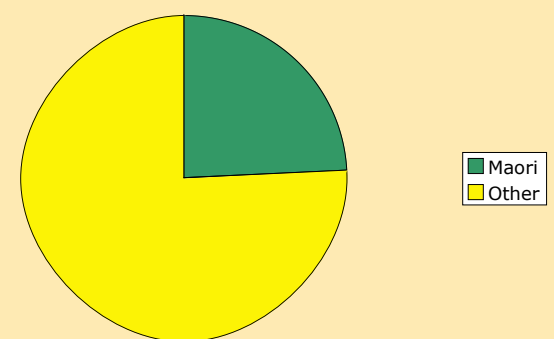
Donations by Area



Donations by Category



Donations by Ethnicity





# Donations

Approved for the year ended 31 March 2009



|  |        |                                   |  |                |                                   |
|--|--------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age Concern                              | 10000  | Administration & Service Delivery | Red Cross                              | 2850           | Training course                   |
| Alzheimers                               | 10000  | Administration & Service Delivery | Regional Orchestra Foundation          | 750            | Event support                     |
| Arthritis                                | 3000   | Administration & Service Delivery | Restorative Justice                    | 1000           | Event support                     |
| Autism NZ                                | 2500   | Administration & Service Delivery | Riding for the Disabled                | 650            | Horse care                        |
| Barnados                                 | 4500   | Administration & Service Delivery | River City Canoe Club                  | 2000           | Equipment                         |
| Birthright                               | 5000   | Administration & Service Delivery | River City Garden Awards               | 500            | Event support                     |
| Blind and Partially Blind Support Group  | 5000   | Craft activities                  | RNZ Federation of the Blind            | 2000           | Talking books                     |
| Cardiac Support                          | 500    | Administration & Service Delivery | Schola Sacra                           | 1000           | Event support                     |
| Career Expo                              | 1500   | Event support                     | SF                                     | 7000           | Administration & Service Delivery |
| Castlecliff Pony Club                    | 500    | Pasture care                      | SKIP                                   | 3000           | Event support                     |
| Central Tree Crops                       | 4200   | Give away of tomato plants        | Social Initiatives in Schools          | 267500         | School programmes and projects    |
| Child Protection Service                 | 9000   | Training course                   | Sports Foundation                      | 40000          | Capacity Building                 |
| Christ Church Community Centre Trust     | 500    | Holiday programme                 | Sustainable Whanganui                  | 20000          | Green Bikes                       |
| Coastguard                               | 10000  | Infra Red Camera                  | Taihape Older and Bolder               | 5000           | Administration & Service Delivery |
| Community Education Service              | 2850   | Set up new premises               | Taihape Playcentre                     | 900            | Equipment                         |
| Community House                          | 15000  | Com.Chat & Administration         | Taihape Youth Centre                   | 7000           | Administration & Service Delivery |
| Community Sector Forum                   | 5000   | Networking & Information          | TASCI                                  | 500            | Event support                     |
| Cooks Gardens                            | 5000   | Event support                     | Taumarunui Warm Homes Air Quality Ctte | 15000          | Energy project                    |
| Counselling and Education Centre Marton  | 7000   | Administration & Service Delivery | Te Ora Hou                             | 9000           | Administration & Service Delivery |
| Ethnic Council                           | 2800   | Community Event                   | Te Puna Matauranga                     | 2800           | Publication of Research           |
| Family Support Services                  | 270000 | Administration & Service Delivery | The Hearing Assn                       | 4000           | Regional Services                 |
| Fostercare Assn                          | 1300   | Capacity Building                 | Wanganui CAB                           | 5000           | Administration & Service Delivery |
| Friends of the Opera House               | 2000   | Event support                     | Wanganui Glass Group                   | 3000           | Event support                     |
| HIPPY                                    | 20000  | Administration & Service Delivery | Wanganui Literary Festival             | 1500           | Event support                     |
| Hospice                                  | 10000  | Administration & Service Delivery | Wanganui Motorcycle                    | 20000          | Event support                     |
| Huntington's Disease Assn                | 500    | Capacity Building                 | Wanganui MS                            | 5500           | Administration & Service Delivery |
| Hurleyville Hall                         | 7000   | Repairs                           | Wanganui Restorative Justice           | 5000           | Administration & Service Delivery |
| IHC                                      | 2500   | Advocacy kits                     | Wanganui Rowing                        | 5000           | Event support                     |
| Kakatahi School                          | 750    | Capacity Building                 | Wellington Gilber and Sullivan Soc.    | 1000           | Event support                     |
| Life to the Max                          | 27000  | Administration & Service Delivery | Whangaehu Turakina Playcentre          | 3000           | Playground                        |
| Living Without Violence                  | 55000  | Administration & Service Delivery | Whanganui Arts Marketing and Dev Trust | 2000           | Event support                     |
| Mainstreet                               | 1500   | Event support                     | Whanganui Disability Resources Centre  | 16000          | Administration & Service Delivery |
| Mainstreet                               | 5000   | Hanging Baskets                   | Whanganui Family Violence Network      | 500            | Administration & Service Delivery |
| Manutahi Cemetery Board                  | 1000   | Repairs                           | Whanganui Learning Centre              | 14000          | Administration & Service Delivery |
| Marton Amateur Swimming and Lifesaving   | 1500   | Equipment                         | Whanganui People's Centre              | 6000           | Administration & Service Delivery |
| Marton Country Music Festival            | 2000   | Event support                     | Women's Network                        | 5000           | Capacity Building                 |
| Marton Jaycees                           | 1500   | Event support                     | YMCA                                   | 20000          | Youth activities                  |
| Neighbourhood Support                    | 7000   | Administration & Service Delivery | Youth Services Trust                   | 20000          | Administration & Service Delivery |
| Nga Tai o te Awa                         | 2000   | Youth Project                     |  |                |                                   |
| NZFWO                                    | 7000   | Administration & Service Delivery |  |                |                                   |
| Ohakune Events Charitable Trust          | 2000   | Event support                     |  |                |                                   |
| Ozanam Villa                             | 3000   | Repairs                           |  |                |                                   |
| Parkinsonism                             | 7000   | Administration & Service Delivery |  |                |                                   |
| Patea Standby                            | 1000   | Travel for medical support        |  |                |                                   |
| Plunket                                  | 5500   | Administration & Service Delivery |  |                |                                   |
| Prison Fellowship                        | 2500   | Christmas presents for children   |  |                |                                   |
| Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation Society | 6000   | Administration & Service Delivery |  |                |                                   |
| Rapanui Brunswick Playcentre             | 500    | Equipment                         |  |                |                                   |
|  |        |                                   | <b>TOTAL</b>                           | <b>1080850</b> |                                   |

## Tindall Foundation Grants

|  |              |                            |
|--|--------------|----------------------------|
| Plunket                                  | 1500         | Support for mothers        |
| Christ Church Community Centre Trust     | 500          | Holiday programme          |
| Violence Intervention Network            | 500          | Administration             |
| Whanganui People's Centre                | 1000         | Administration             |
| Patea Standby                            | 1000         | Travel                     |
| Te Puna Matauranga                       | 2000         | Cultural Literacy Research |
| Oznam Villa                              | 2000         | Repairs                    |
| Special Olympics                         | 1000         | Activities                 |
| Women's Network                          | 2000         | Conference                 |
| Citiuzens Advice Bureau                  | 2000         | Administration             |
| Older and Bolder                         | 2000         | Activities                 |
| Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation Service | 1000         | Services                   |
| Birthright                               | 2000         | Services                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>18500</b> |                            |

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING

The Annual Statutory Meeting of the  
Whanganui Community Foundation  
Will be held on  
Monday 7th September 2009 at 11am  
At the Foundation Office, 7 Park Place, Wanganui

Members of the public are welcome to attend  
and are asked to RSVP for catering purposes