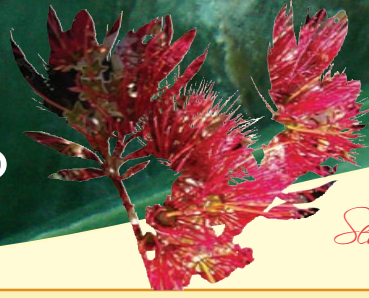




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Welcome

Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to the final issue of *Puawai* for 2009. In this issue you will find information about Trust Waikato's new approach to multi-year donations, our closing dates for 2010 funding applications, our new trustees and news about community groups and projects we support.

You may recall that Trust Waikato's investments were affected by the global financial crisis last year. Because of the fall in value of the Trust fund, the Trust decided late last year to set 3 years of reduced donation budgets for 2009-2011 while we rebuilt the capital. The Trust aims to grow the capital each year so that the fund is worth just as much for future generations as it is for us today. The good news is that investment returns have improved significantly this year and the value of the fund has increased. The fund still has a way to go, but the positive returns so far this year have certainly helped.



*Bev Gatenby
Chief Executive*

Trust Waikato has developed a new policy toward multi-year donations. We've always done a few of these for key projects, but we've also been aware for some time that many community groups would like more certainty about their funding. Having at least some committed funding for more than just a year should mean groups can plan for the longer term and can focus on their work, while spending less time on applying for funding.

Next year groups whose work fits closely with Trust Waikato donation priorities, who have a sound track record with Trust Waikato, and who have audited financial statements with no major qualifications, will be able to apply for a 2 or 3 year donation commitment. Groups wanting to apply for a multi-year donation will need to complete an additional one-page multi-year application along with the usual donation application. Have a look at our new multi-year donation policy on page 2. Feel free to talk to one of our Donation Advisors if you want to know more about how this will work.

From all of us at Trust Waikato, our congratulations on your service to the community through 2009, and our best wishes for 2010. We look forward to talking with you in the New Year.

Warmest greetings for the festive and holiday season.
Mā te atua tatou katoa e manaaki.

Bev Gatenby
Chief Executive

The Festive Season....

The Trust Waikato offices and Trust House will close at 12 noon on Thursday 24 December 2009 and will re-open on Tuesday 5 January 2010. Staff and trustees look forward to supporting community groups in the new year and expect another busy year ahead in 2010.



Applying for Donations

Your organisation can choose when it best suits you to apply for funding.

2010 Closing Dates

Round 1

Apply by 19 February 2010
for a donation in early May 2010

Round 2

Apply by 11 June 2010
for a donation in early September 2010

Round 3

Apply by 17 September 2010
for a donation in early December 2010

Note: Trust Waikato can usually fund only one approved donation per group during a calendar year.

Multi-year Donations Policy

In 2010 Trust Waikato will also offer community groups the ability to apply for a multi-year donation (see the policy below). Your group will have to fit several criteria to apply for a 2 or 3 year funding commitment.

Trust Waikato's Multi-year Donations Policy is outlined below for community groups to consider. Application forms will include a new multi-year application insert for 2010. Groups that fit the criteria and who wish to apply should complete the multi-year application insert and also the main application form.

1. *The Trust will consider applications for multi-year donation commitments for 2 or 3 years, where*
 - a. *the purpose of the organisation and its work is closely aligned with the donation priorities of the Trust;*
 - b. **and** *a multi-year donation will assist the organisation better achieve its mission, provide ongoing quality services, strengthen its planning or build its capacity;*
 - c. **and** *the organisation has a track record with the Trust of at least 3 consecutive years of donations and appropriate accountability reporting;*
 - d. **and** *the organisation has audited annual financial statements with no significant qualifications.*
2. *Multi-year donations will be "approved in principle" subject to the following:*
 - a. *an appropriate accountability report and audited financial statements being received by the date specified in the letter informing the organisation of the multi-year donation commitment. (This date will normally be the closing date of the same application round as the round in which the original application was made.)*
 - b. *and there being no material changes to the organisation's work or financial position.*
3. *Normally multi-year donation commitments will be for the same donation amount each year.*
4. *Organisations receiving a multi-year donation commitment may also apply for a donation towards major capital works or a significant new service over the same time.*
5. *In making multi-year donations the Trust is mindful of the need to balance commitments to multi-year donations and annual donations.*

Our Priorities

Trust Waikato has identified particular needs within our region which we are keen to fund. These are:

- Supporting families and young people
- Supporting Iwi and Māori communities
- Preserving cultural identity
- Strengthening communities
- Promoting organisational effectiveness

The Trust is currently focussing especially on children and families and communities affected by the recession.

For more information about these priorities go to www.trustwaikato.co.nz, and click menu item 'What We Fund', or contact our office on freephone 0800 436 628 for information to be sent to you.



Welcome Aboard

In October this year the Minister of Finance, Hon Bill English, appointed two new trustees to the Trust Waikato board. We welcome John Gillespie and Pamela Roa to Trust Waikato and we look forward to their ongoing involvement with the Trust.

John Gillespie

John, a chartered accountant, lives in Matamata where he is a Director of his accountancy practice. John has had a longstanding involvement in sports administration, ranging from grass roots participation through to recent directorships on Waikato professional sports franchises. Local Matamata schools have also benefited from John's appointment as both member and chairperson of school boards.



John Gillespie

Pamela Roa

An experienced company director with a proven record in developing successful businesses, Pam also has involvement across a range of arts, sports and community groups. Pam has qualifications in chemistry, dairy science, technology and company direction. Pam has served on a range of community groups including the Waikato Rivertones, Hamilton Community Arts Council, Hamilton's Creative Communities, Waikato Chamber of Commerce and Pukehina Surf Rescue.

In welcoming our two new trustees, we have farewelled long-standing trustees Michael Law and Tureiti Moxon, who have been passionate supporters of the community and voluntary sector.



Pamela Roa

Looking for space to hold your community group meetings?

Trust Waikato understands it's difficult for not-for-profit community groups to find suitable rooms to hold their meetings. We offer the Trust House board room (seating up to 20) and two small meeting rooms (each seating 8-10) to community groups to use.

The use of these rooms is free of charge for not-for-profit groups. We've included photos of the inside of the rooms to show you what the rooms offer. Groups that have used them have been delighted with the facilities. So if your meetings are held during working hours, do contact us to enquire about making a booking.

To enquire please contact our Office Manager, Michele Paul, via email: mpaul@trustwaikato.co.nz or phone 07 838 2660 or freephone 0800 436 628.



Postage Paid

A friendly reminder.... make sure you attach the correct amount of postage to your application envelopes.

Each donation round we are faced with numerous envelopes that are delayed by New Zealand Post because they do not have enough postage attached. Don't let your application be late because of a lack of postage. A4 envelopes cost at least \$1.50 to send while bigger sizes cost at least \$2. If you're unsure, ask at your local postshop.



Netball Fans

The 2009 season proved to be a challenging year for the Trust Waikato Netball team. Through Trust Waikato's sponsorship Netball Waikato is supported to grow and achieve future success.

"We work to ensure our player's passion for netball is nurtured in the smaller centres in the greater Waikato region" says Delwyn McCarroll, Netball Waikato's Region Manager. "Netball Waikato is in a development and rebuilding phase with some young, promising and talented players coming through the grades. We really appreciate the support from Trust Waikato, value our relationship and look forward to a long and successful future" adds Delwyn.

Trust Waikato has been the proud sponsor of the region's supreme netball team for the past nine years. The sponsorship illustrates the Trust's support for the participation of women in sport. "It's not always easy for female sports teams to attract sponsorship dollars," says Chief Executive Bev Gatenby. "The Trust Waikato team is full of highly skilled players and gives young netballers something to aspire to."

And judging by the figures, there's plenty of talent waiting to rise to the challenge. Netball in our region is extremely popular with over 15,000 players and umpires registered along with 1,150 coaches; some of the highest rates in New Zealand.



*The Trust Waikato Netball Team prepares to take to the court.
Photo courtesy of Netball Waikato*

New Home for Whitianga Community Services Trust

The Whitianga Community Services Trust is entering a whole new phase in its 27 year history, a phase that will see it settled into a new purpose built home. aims to inform, support and strengthen the community ensuring their services meet the needs of those they serve. In 2008, a staggering 37,185 people made use of their services and facilities.

The busy community epicentre provides easy access to a myriad of services ranging from after-school programmes to counselling, a book exchange and budgeting advice. They also offer space for staff from government departments to run clinics in Whitianga, saving community members the cost of travel and time.

For many years the Trust has operated from rented premises at various locations within the central township of Whitianga. They currently lease the rooms at the old hospital on Buffalo Beach road. In 2007, the Trust began planning for a more permanent base on a piece of land made available by the Thames Coromandel District Council.

Stage one is now complete with the relocation of two buildings. Stage two is under way and will include a structural link between the buildings along with a wide verandah and decks to link all parts of the complex together.

Trust Waikato knows how vital The Whitianga Community Services Trust is to their wider community. We have donated \$116,000 toward the new facility.



Architect visual of the new Whitianga Community Services Centre facility

Need more information? We are happy to help.

- Give one of our friendly staff a call on freephone 0800 436 628 or 07 838 2660
- Visit our website: www.trustwaikato.co.nz
- Request a Trust Waikato information booklet from: twinfo@trustwaikato.co.nz



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