



In This Issue

Annual Public Meeting

Early Childhood Funding

Trust Waikato House

Volunteering Awareness

Donation Stories



The Link House Team.
See more on page 4.

This newsletter is printed on 100% recycled paper using vegetable inks.

Welcome

Nau Mai Haere Mai

Warm winter greetings from the Trustees and staff of Trust Waikato.

It's certainly been a challenging six months since our last Puawai. You will be aware that the Trust has been affected by the severe downturn in financial markets over the last year. We've tried to communicate openly and widely as we continue to balance the needs of current communities faced with an economic recession, with the Trust's obligation to protect the fund for future generations. The needs of Waikato communities are at the heart of all our decision making as we seek to offer support now, and maintain the long-term value of the capital we are entrusted with.

So how do we balance both functions of the Trust? To meet the current financial challenges we've set three years of reduced budgets and reduced our own operating costs. We've also said clearly that we wish to support those groups that provide for children and families, especially those in communities with greater needs.

We've noticed a wide range of responses from community groups to the current recession and to the Trust's position. Many are noticing increased demand for their services, while others are noticing a decreased demand as members of communities focus on other priorities in their lives.

Some community groups are re-focusing their services; some are looking at new collaboration and resource-sharing. Some have written to us saying they can manage without a Trust

Waikato donation this year. Others are telling us that this year is more important than ever.

We value greatly what we hear from community groups at this time. Trustees and staff do their best to understand what is happening in the many diverse communities around our region and to steer an appropriate path in relation to the resources available to communities from government and other parts of the philanthropic sector.

Throughout the year, Trustees and staff meet with communities at Trust Waikato 'Catch Ups'. We've recently visited Taumarunui and Coromandel and heard about issues related to lack of transport, lack of key services, rural isolation and community groups both thriving and struggling. This time spent within communities is invaluable and enhances our decision making. We continue to be impressed by the capacity of people to gather together and make a difference in things that matter most to them.

This year, our Annual Public Meeting is in Huntly on July 20th at the Civic Centre, 5:15pm-7:00pm. Come and hear more detailed news about the Trust and tell us about what you see in the communities around you.

Kind regards
Bev Gatenby
Chief Executive



Volunteering with a Cause
Teenagers participating in Bandana Day at Westfield Chartwell last year.
Read more on page 3.

Annual Public Meeting

Join us for our 2008/2009 APM in Huntly.

Our APM provides an opportunity for Trustees and staff to talk about the year that has been, present the financial statements, bring to life some of the Trust's activities, and hear from people about the communities we serve.

As stewards of the Trust Waikato community fund, we want to ensure that our communities are well informed. So come along and be our guests. Enjoy light refreshments and be entertained by groups that have received Trust Waikato funding.

You're invited

Date: 20th July, Monday
Time: 5:15pm – 7:00pm
Venue: Civic Centre,
148 Main Street, Huntly.

Refreshments served.

Early Childhood Funding

Trust Waikato recently approved new guidelines for assessing donation applications from the early childhood education (ECE) sector. We want to ensure that donations to ECE's reach the groups with the most significant needs and are aligned with the Trust's priorities overall.

You can view the Trust's priorities and download a full copy of the ECE funding guidelines on our website www.trustwaikato.co.nz



Donation Round 3

The Trust's final donation round for the year closes on **September 18th**. Trustees and staff will continue to make decisions and prioritise projects based on the Trust's key funding areas, especially the following:

- Supporting families and young people
- Preserving cultural identity
- Supporting Iwi and Maori communities

The Trust will also support projects and work which strengthen communities and build organisational effectiveness.

It's a good idea to have a look at our website for more detailed descriptions of our funding priorities and a copy of our Donation Policy www.trustwaikato.co.nz

Our Donation Advisors are happy to discuss your donation application with you. Give Sandra or Rongo a call on 0800 436 628.

Useful Websites

www.thebigidea.co.nz - The Big Idea – Te Aria Nui is the online home of New Zealand's creative community. The site offers job listings, industry information, news, tools, profiles, forums and market places.

www.peopletimes.org.nz – A free website designed for not-for-profit groups. Groups receive a free home page with their own URL within the main People Times website.

www.donatenz.com – A web-based service that links up donors and community groups. Donatenz allows individuals, organizations or companies to donate goods, time and discounts for not-for-profits.



Rooms for community Use

Is your not-for-profit community group looking for space to hold meetings? Then we may be able to assist. Trust House has a board room (seating up to 20) and two small meeting rooms (each seating 8-10) for community groups to use free of charge. There is also plenty of parking. As long as your meetings are held during normal working hours, we'd be happy for you to enquire about a booking.

Please contact our Office Manager Michele Paul via email mpaul@trustwaikato.co.nz or phone 07 838 2660 or 0800 436 628.



Trust House, 2 London Street, Hamilton.

Volunteer Awareness Week

14-20 June

Hundreds of people throughout the Waikato give freely of their time and talents simply because they believe in enriching communities. Volunteering Awareness Week provides us with an opportunity to acknowledge and thank this unique workforce.

As part of the Awareness Week, Volunteering Waikato hosts the Volunteer Excellence Awards, the aim of which is to highlight the volunteer effort that goes in to helping not-for-profit groups achieve their potential.

This year, Volunteering Waikato will also launch their new online volunteer website. This will enable community groups to upload volunteer vacancies on to the Volunteering Waikato website so that potential volunteers throughout the Waikato can apply online.

Trust Waikato knows the value of volunteers within organisations. We see the hours of volunteer time that people commit and the difference they make. One of the main ways the Trust continues to support volunteering is through donations to small groups whose work is primarily undertaken by volunteers.

Volunteering in the Waikato is strong and we wish to add our shouts of praise to those who give so generously to their communities.

To find out more about Volunteering Waikato's website, visit www.volunteeringwaikato.org.nz



Donations

Link House Challenge

The staff at Link House in Hamilton never imagined that shovelling sheep manure would become part of their job! However the need to raise funds for the organisation spurred staff on and produced some interesting spinoffs.

Link House provides accessible services and resources to over 350 single parent families each year. "Every cent we earn goes into providing free or low cost services," says Manager Paula Clements. "We were looking for a fundraising idea and decided to take up the challenge of bagging and selling manure from a local shearing shed for garden fertiliser."

The fundraiser attracted lots of interest from the local community and in an unusual way, created a team building exercise for the whole organisation. "We're going to perfect our shovelling skills again later in the year," says Paula. So if your garden is in need of magic manure, place your order with the Link House team on 07 839 1051.



*The Link House Team.
Photo courtesy of Hamilton Press.*

Trust Waikato has been a loyal supporter of the services Link House offer single parent families. They provide ready access to a social worker, counselling, home visiting, legal advice, and budgeting and life skill courses. In the February donation round, the Trust contributed \$40,000 toward their operating expenses.

South Waikato Sports and Events Centre

Communities in the South Waikato will soon have access to a modern, multi-functional sports and events facility in the heart of Tokoroa. The development has been initiated by the South Waikato Sports and Leisure Board in partnership with the South Waikato District Council, who have consulted widely with local community and gathered huge support for the Centre.

Sports and Leisure Board Chair, Bruce Nairn believes the new Centre will be a significant asset to the people of South Waikato. "We have a situation currently where many sports and community groups are struggling to find venues. Some local clubs, for instance, use as many as three different venues each week. Our vision is to create a hub for sports, the community and events."



Artists impression of the new Center.

The new facility will boast a two court stadium with a spectator gallery, a separate floor sports area, and a town hall complete with indoor and outdoor stages. Conference rooms and catering facilities along with plenty of storage space will complete the multi-purpose nature of the new facility.

The South Waikato Sports and Leisure Board expect to begin building the Sports and Events Centre before the end of 2010. Look out for developments next time you drive through Tokoroa - you won't miss this modern multi-use complex from State Highway One!

Trust Waikato committed \$250,000 toward the development of the South Waikato Sports and Events Centre in their February donation round, because of the huge number of local people who will use the Centre for a wide range of activities.

Need more information? We are happy to help.

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

