

Annual Report 2020



*a year
of giving*

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Chairperson's and General Manager's Report

This year, 2020 was exceptionally difficult year for everyone, due to COVID-19, including Northland Community Foundation (NCF); staff had children home from school, the delivery of the new COVID-19 Fund to manage, and the loss of income for our operations to consider. However, on the plus side we were already remotely setup, so we didn't need to consider how to establish working from home offices. We had also just established our new database management system, Salesforce, which enabled us to manage donations and grants online more effectively. We worked in partnership (via Zoom, phone and emails) with the Northland DHB, Ministry of Social Development and Northland Civil Defence to deliver out the COVID-19 Emergency and Recovery Funds.

The grants were delivered out to community organisations throughout Tai Tokerau that were responding to the emergency lockdowns and supporting our most vulnerable communities. A patient support fund was also established and grants were delivered out to patients that were in hospital that were struggling financially or emotionally, were older than 50 years, lived rurally, and already had co-morbid health conditions. Thanks for the creation of this fund, must go out to our generous donors which included; a major anonymous donor, Foundation North, the Tindall Foundation and many others.

NCF's invested and managed funds increased during 2020 to \$2 million, and we have had our largest annual distribution of grants and donations to the community since inception. Considering the difficult financial year for the economy Craigs Investment Partners (Craigs) portfolio still returned a positive year at 5.86% (before fees and taxes).

In total NCF now has 23 managed funds and 24 promised funds established. Northlanders continued to show their support by donating to NCF during 2020. Donations varied from small to large, one-off to ongoing, all providing support for our community forever!

The Northland Sport Fund continues to grow through donations, with the Okau Swim Club Funds being transferred and the Learn2Swim Endowment Fund established under the Northland Sport Fund.

An annual highlight for NCF are the distributions of the Northland Grassroots Fund. In 2020 NCF gave \$88,540 to 11 charitable organisations. This was mainly due to the Tindall Foundation regional funding, but also due to some generous Northland donors. A total of 40 applications were received in 2020 requesting a total of \$451,500. Some of the organisations supported included: Bream Bay Community Support Trust, Road Safety Education Ltd, Rainbow Youth Inc, Whangarei Budgeting Service and Toi Ngāpuhi.

We now have \$2 million invested and under management, \$18.4 million promised gifts through wills, 1.3 full-time employees, and have gifted back to the community \$4.7 million since its establishment in 2008!

Operational support – we have reduced our operational budget significantly for 2021 due to cuts in grants and income, therefore we would appreciate any support you, your business or organisation can offer whether it is donating through Friends of the Foundation or our Future 50, providing discounted services, volunteering, or a grant. We continue to find ways to streamline our services and look forward to implementing Xero next year. We really appreciate all of your support and it all goes towards the development and creation of a sustainable Foundation for Northland.

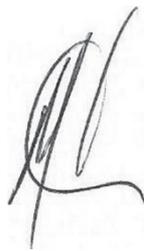
Community Foundations only charge 1% on our invested funds each year to support our operating costs.

When NCF reaches \$20 million invested funds it can become self-sufficient, with 1% going towards our operations annually. NCF have been lucky to have the support of Northland DHB, Tindall Foundation, Oxford Sports Trust, Foundation North, Four Winds Foundation, Craigs Investment Partners, Toyota Northland, Pub Charities, Russell Turner Chartered Accountants, Law North Lawyers, WRMK Lawyers, Wills Westenra, Henderson Reeves, Community Foundations NZ and Future 50 Supporters supporting our operations. Without these supporters NCF would not be able to operate for Tai Tokerau.

We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our Trustees who volunteer many hours to support the development of NCF. Our success as a Foundation would also not occur without our wonderful donors who have helped establish the special interest funds and donated to our Northland Funds. The Foundation continues to strive for \$20 million in managed funds and \$50 million bequeathed funds for the Northland community!

General Manager and Chairperson

Greta Buchanan and Richard Ayton



Treasurer's and Finance and Distribution Manager's Report

Donations and Distributions

In the year ending September 2020 we created seven new funds - Hughes Trust Fund, Education fund, Women's fund, COVID-19 Northland fund; Friends of NCF fund (Plus About Time fund and Health Fund PLUS which were missing from previous reports)

We also supported 32 community groups (up from 23 last year): 10 of these are existing fund holders, 11 were supported through the Northland Grassroots Fund, 6 received grants through the COVID-19 NGO fund, and 5 received Craigs Northland Community Fund pass-through grants.

\$221,000 was collected in donations and grants on behalf of Northland DHB, with \$35,409 distributed as grants and for asset purchases. This compares to an income of \$166,534 last financial year.

\$27,666 was withdrawn from the endowment funds to be distributed, with \$18,478 delivered to the fund holders and \$9,187 held to be distributed as grants over the coming year. This compares to the year ending September 2019, when \$15,750 was withdrawn from the portfolio to be distributed - with \$9,751 delivered to the fund holders and \$5,998 held to be distributed as grants over the coming year.

\$185,907 was also delivered through pass-through funds, including \$27,000 to community groups through the COVID-19 fund, \$88,540 through the Northland Grassroots fund, and \$5000 through a donation from Craigs Investment Partners through the Northland Community Fund.

Systems

The Salesforce database has now been up and running for a full year and is showing its value in terms of ease of management of grant applications, the creation and maintenance of mailing lists for newsletters, etc, and capturing donor information and communication with donors. There is still some work to do to improve the automation of the system and lots more we can get out of it such as reports and task management. We have some support hours from Gravity Lab that are already paid for and can be used for some of these improvements. At the end of the 2020-21 financial year, we plan to move our accounts from MYOB to Xero, in line with a change Russell Turner Chartered Accountants have recently made. This will allow us (in the long term) to link our accounts to Salesforce and gives us the opportunity to improve our annual financial statements so that they show a better picture of how we are performing as a foundation. There will be some work required to make the transition, but it will be made much easier now that we have Jancke Watt, our Accounts Administration Assistant, on board.

Operations Manager and Treasurer's Report

Sophie Lane and Gavin Buckingham.

Sophie Lane *Gavin Buckingham*



How far we've come



\$20,479

distributed from
endowment funds
in the past year



\$249,791

received from
generous donors
in the past year



\$184,267

granted from *pass-through*
funds in the past year



grants made to
local community groups
in the past year

46

grants made to *individuals*
in the past year



\$1,955,000

in *23 endowment funds*
held in perpetuity



grants made to *health projects*
in the past year



\$18,415,000

in *committed bequests*
(promised funds)

24

committed bequests
to new and
existing funds



Northland Grassroots Fund Report

Image (from left to right): Season Mary Downs, Nicola Hartwell, Rosemary Archibald, Debbie Evans, Sophie Lane and Terri Donaldson.

The Northland Grassroots Grants Panel responsibility and aim is two fold, to support our local community to apply for funding as appropriate, and to oversee the submission, assessment and allocation of funding applications. The Northland Community Foundation Grants Panel acts on behalf of the Tindall Foundation as a Funding Manager where applications can be submitted by members of the public within the criteria set by the Tindall Foundation. As a Tindall Foundation Funding Manager, we receive the sum of approximately \$90,000 per year for allocation to charities, including a 10% contribution to Northland Community Foundation for allocation expenses.

The Grants Panel members include: Debbie Evans (Chair and CEO of Kaipara Community Health Trust), Nicola Hartwell (NCF Trustee representative), Rosemary Archibald (Donor to the Far North Betterment Fund), Terri Donaldson (Chairperson of the Maungaturoto Residents Association Committee), Katherine Clarke (Associate of Centre for Social Impact), and Season Mary Downs (Director of Tūkāu Law).

Debbie Evans, Chairperson for the Northland Grassroots Fund, appreciates the ongoing support of the Tindall Foundation:

"We gratefully receive funds from the Tindall Foundation which we locally combine with donations received to create the Northland Grassroots Fund, managed by the Northland Community Foundation. The Tindall Foundation set us very clear guidelines of how their funds can be distributed."

"It's a challenging role for our committee of six volunteers who come together annually from across Tai Tokerau to consider applications. Last year we received 40 applications from Northland charities totalling \$451,510. Though due diligence and robust discussion by the committee and staff is how we managed to allocate the \$88,540 funds available. As volunteers this process is very rewarding, to be in a position to assist organisations who are making such a difference for our rural communities."

Recipients of the Northland Grassroots Fund work in the Northland community: helping Families/Whānau by supporting the wellbeing of tamariki/children through their early years, rangatahi/young people, and/or whānau/families.

2020 Grassroots Fund recipients:

Organisation	Awarded Amount (\$NZD)
Rainbow Youth Incorporated	10,000
The Whangaroa Kiwi Can Charitable Trust	5,000
New Zealand Foundation of Victim Support Groups Incorporated - Northland	3,000
Road Safety Education Limited	11,087
Toi Ngāpuhi	8,500
Foster Hope Charitable Trust - Northland	2,000
The Early Years HUB	8,000
Hippy Charitable Trust	8,000
Whangarei Budgeting Service	10,000
Te Whai Community Trust Mangawhai	8,000
Bream Bay Community Support Trust	14,953
Total allocated amount	88,540



Taiohi Taiohā Wānanga Series

Article by Gail Richards from Toi Ngāpuhi

Toi Ngāpuhi was delighted to receive \$8,500 from the Grassroots Fund towards their Taiohi Taiohā wānanga toi series. These Māori arts wānanga are for youth aged 16-24 to enable them to be immersed in a series of workshops led by some leading Ngāpuhi creative practitioners from across Te Tai Tokerau. They will be based at marae from the Hokianga through to Whangārei.

The selected Taiohi are those who show talent, passion and creative potential in a broad range of arts including visual arts, performing arts and the creative digital arts and they will be expected to have the knowledge and/or desire to learn more about their whakapapa and te reo. These wānanga will be held over a five-month period and will be intensive. They are going to be led by an exciting and experienced group of Ngāpuhi creatives who

between them have significant exhibition history and a huge array of skills in various artforms including sculpting, weaving, curating, painting, carving, jewellery making and composing. Tutors for the first wānanga include Alex Nathan, Charles Royal, Makareta Jahnke, Ngariki Ngatae, Kawiti Waetford, Horomona Horo, Nikau Hindin and Noa Campbell. Leading the wananga are Bethany Matai Edmunds and Dorothy Waetford, themselves award-winning and experienced exhibiting artists. The Grassroots Fund will help enable these youth to realise their potential and develop work that is exhibition and/ or performance ready. It will help give them the time and space to create their art and to be mentored by this exceptional group of artists. The Grassroots Fund will also help fulfil the brief of Toi Ngāpuhi which was established in 2019 as an advocacy and support agency working across Te Tai tokerau to inspire excellence in Ngāpuhi cultural and creative expression. Toi Ngāpuhi has a 25-year arts and cultural strategy,

Piki Tū Rangitia, with the aim of:

- revitalising cultural identity,
- protecting Ngāpuhi culture,
- improving hapu well-being and cultural esteem through cultural expression,
- establishing benchmarks of cultural integrity and authenticity, and
- fostering talent and opportunity.

These aims link closely to what will be achieved through the Taiohi Taiohā programme. Dorothy Waetford who is also on the Toi Ngāpuhi Board, is delighted that this programme is up and running and has been supported through The Grassroots Fund. She is celebrating the opportunity to roll her sleeves up and directly explore the future of Toi Ngāpuhi. The chance to 'pass it on' immensely excites and inspires Dorothy.





Health Fund PLUS Report

Northland District Health Board (Northland DHB) and the Northland Community Foundation have an established joint Health Fund PLUS Committee comprising membership from both organisations that oversee the funds within the Northland DHB charitable account. The Northland DHB charitable account contains funds that have been donated to Northland DHB services and are allocated to various units and wards, as well as a miscellaneous fund to hold donations that are not specific to an area.

The Health Fund PLUS Committee has a new Chair, Pip Zammit, Director of Allied Health Science and Technology for the Northland DHB. Other Committee members include: Liz Inch, Marketing and Communications Manager, Andrew Mardon, Business Manager, Greta Buchanan, Northland Community Foundation General Manager, and Sophie Lane, Northland Community Foundation Operations Manager. The Health Fund PLUS Committee determine the priority projects for funding, the annual fundraising campaigns to be undertaken, and how the annual earnings from the Committee will be distributed.

\$221,000 was collected in donations and grants on behalf of Northland DHB, with \$35,409.47 distributed as grants and for asset purchases. This compares to an income of \$166,534 last financial year, with \$115,872.33 distributed as grants and for asset purchases. Northland DHB total bank reserves were \$523,401, the CHART Fund \$21,509 and the Contact Energy Fund \$9,361. The Health Fund PLUS Committee and Northland Community Foundation staff continue to work on the development of the Health Fund PLUS internal and external resources.

Contact Energy Renal Fund continues to support Northland dialysis patients by funding applications of up to \$500 towards items that would improve their quality of life on home dialysis. The Countdown Kids Hospital Appeal for 2019 last donation was received and is being delivered out to the Child Health Team projects for the Northland District Health Board Child Health Services. The Child Health Advancement Research Trust (CHART) Endowment Fund presentation was held in November with presentations from staff and the annual fund distribution was allocated for development of the Child Health Team Sensory Library. The COVID-19 Patient Support Fund and Staff Fund were also established in 2020. Nearly all the patient support funds have been allocated, and staff need to decide on fund allocation. A Northland regional fundraising appeal is currently being planned for the Child Health Ward Refurbishment.

The Northland Diabetes Youth Camp was also funded by Health Fund PLUS again this year, supporting 16 youth, between the ages of 7 and 13 years to attend the Camp in Taurikura.



COVID-19 Patient Support Fund

Dean Reihana is 71 years old and lives alone in a council's pensioner unit in Kawakawa. He has been on dialysis treatment for five years now. He is one of the patients who was granted financial assistance from the COVID-19 Patient Support Fund. Dean goes for dialysis treatment every other day at the hospital from 6:30am to 12:30pm. "After lying down flat for five and a half hours, I often get very dizzy and need a rest when I get home. It takes a while for the blood to get back into the system. The aches and pains really go through one's body and mind," Dean says. He is "very happy and grateful" for the assistance he received for the power bill payment from the Patient Support Fund. "It is a big help to me!" he says. "The concrete building that my one-bedroom unit is in is very cold and I need heating to keep the unit warm." To save on heating hot water, Dean has to turn off the heating unit every other day. He would go without hot water sometimes because he is worried about the power bill. Hence, he is exceptionally grateful that his power bills are taken care of this winter. The COVID-19 Patient Support Fund was set up in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides \$500 grants towards patients of Northland District Health Board (NDHB) Hospitals who require financial assistance due to the pandemic.

Priority is given to patients who are 55 years plus, living in rural or isolated areas, in a difficult financial situation, and managing a long-term or acute condition(s). About \$9,800 has been granted to patients of NDHB through the COVID-19 Patient Support Fund so far.

