



*Oketopa
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PĀNUI – NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Grant applications Close:
30th October 2023
22nd January 2024

Hui dates for Trustees:
13th November 2023
12th February 2024

CURRENT TRUSTEES:

Kim Ingham - Chairperson
Bob Strawbridge - Treasurer
Barbara Jones - Secretary
Andrea Pye - Trustee and Media Executive
Arnold van Straalen - Trustee
Bronwyn Tubman - Trustee
Daniel Ormsby - Trustee
Deb Wilshier - Trustee

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:

Hello!

We have had another busy year at the Ōtorohanga Charitable Trust, and I am very pleased to advise we approved 28 diverse grants, totalling \$133K in the 2023 financial year.

The ŌCT is also very fortunate to be the recipient through an anonymous benefactor, of a yearly donation through the Bay of Plenty based, Acorn Trust, and this year we welcomed the donation of \$22,042.00. Overall, the equity of the Trust has increased to \$3,568,768.

Thank you so much to our applicants who have given their time to their respective not for profit groups and organisations. Thank you also to our wonderful supporters of the Trust, our ŌTO100 members, our Annual and Corporate members, our Life Members and our Honorary Members. We are so pleased to get feedback from so many of you. I would like to sincerely thank the Directors of Ōtorohanga Medical, and Practice Manager Michelle McKenzie for their care of our wonderful asset, and their care in providing General Practice services to the Ōtorohanga Community.

Our thanks to Grant & Kirsten Matthews, owners of Paper Plus, and John Oliver, for their wonderful initiative with the reprint of John's book, 'There's only one way to go in your 80's. The reprint was completely sold out, and the final signed copy sold at auction for \$255.00. The reprint costs were met by John and through the sales of the books at Ōtorohanga Paper Plus, the Trust was donated \$1500.00 in addition to the auction money.

My huge thanks to all our Trustees and our Secretary Barb Jones, who have all committed to another year donating time to this entity. We are incredibly fortunate to have the professional skills of Bob Strawbridge available to our Trust, and also special thanks to Andrea Pye who keeps the Trust's social media updated and interesting for everyone in the community to enjoy.

We believe the Trust is achieving our goals, and prudently managing our finances. We therefore wish to act on a suggestion at our recent AGM by a member.

We invite you to consider leaving the Trust a bequest in your will, or, making a donation to the Trust now – a 'Gift with the Living Hand', so that we may grow our ability to help our community that has been so good to so many of us even more. We have several ideas around the possible structure of this and ask you to email us at info@otoct.org.nz to arrange a time to meet and chat.

Thank you so much for your interest and support.

Regards, Kim Ingham
Chairperson Ōtorohanga Charitable Trust



Kawhia Volunteer Fire Brigade is a body of 20 members providing a fire and emergency response to a geographical first response area of some 600 square kilometers of rugged rural terrain. Callouts can be as far afield from Kawhia as Ruapuke, 45 kms, and Taharoa, 60 kms, and both in excess of an hours drive; it is therefore essential that we have reliable vehicles in order to provide an effective response. Over and above our own first response area, we can be called upon to support our neighbouring brigades in, for example, Raglan, Pirongia, Te Awamutu and Ōtorohanga. The brigade operates three vehicles; the fire appliance itself (FENZ funded), and two utes (self-funded). These utes transport essential lifesaving, firefighting and emergency equipment and personnel to incidents. One of the utes being over seven years old and having clocked nearly 120,000 kilometers, was showing the strains of being an emergency response vehicle. The brigade therefore needed to seek funding to purchase a new ute that would enable the brigade, that is passionate about caring for our community, a reliable means of transportation for personnel and equipment to emergency incidents, and provide an efficient and effective response wherever and whenever we are needed. It was most heartening that when community funding organisations, including the Ōtorohanga Charitable Trust, were approached they could not have been more supportive of and generous to our requests for funds, for which the Kawhia Volunteer Fire Brigade are truly grateful. As volunteers we freely give our time and energy to whomever, whenever and wherever it is needed, so to have our call for help answered it felt like recognition for what we do in the community.

Nga mihi nui, Kawhia Volunteer Fire Brigade

KIOKIO SCHOOL:

Another amazing outcome for our young achievers in our community.

On behalf of the Kio Kio School, sports camp team, thanks for helping get our children to Sports camp for the 3rd time, they have definitely come away with positive outcomes.

The children had an amazing time. They won three events, cage soccer, boys indoor soccer and scramball, we also came second in six of the events.



A massive shout out and thumbs up to JOHN OLIVER and Paper Plus Otorohanga. The Trustees would like to thank both John Oliver and Paper Plus Ōtorohanga for kindly donating all proceeds from John's book sales, to enable us to further support our community.

In the last three financial years to date we the Ōtorohanga Charitable Trust have distributed \$350K+ into our community.



COMING TOGETHER:

The Ōtorohanga Charitable Trust, alongside the Ōtorohanga District Council and the Department of Internal Affairs, recently held a Funding Expo at Ōtorohanga College. Funders from Te Kuiti, Ōtorohanga and Hamilton were present to talk in person with grant applicants,

We had 50 attendees register their projects and about 60 potential grant applicants came through the doors. A lot of these were brand new to the funding world and were specifically there to learn about 'where to start and how to do it' which proves to us the need for further upskilling for peoples long term empowerment.

Both funders and attendees were looked after with delicious catering from the Ōtorohanga College Hospitality students, and College Hostel Students also helped with manākitanga for the visitors to the College. At this FREE to the public event.

Our local policeman drew the winner of the cash prize and we are pleased to announce that the Friends of Beattie Home, via Jenny Hughes, will be receiving \$1000 towards a new lifting hoist for residents!

Thank you to Ōtorohanga College for their support and thank you to all who came along to participate. We wish you all the very best for your projects and ventures.



AROHEA SCHOOL:

New sports uniforms for the children at Arohena school. We would like to say a very special thank you for supporting our grant application and our small rural school so we could purchase these. Our students love the new uniforms and can't wait to wear them at our upcoming cross country.




OFC would like to thank Otorohanga charitable Trust, The Lions Club and our sponsors KiwiTown Electrical, ECOLight and MK electrical (Wellington) for making our recent floodlight upgrade possible.

The upgrade means we now have a safe training environment during those cold winter nights, and will also allow an 8pm game during summer soccer. Without companies and trusts such as these small clubs like ours wouldn't exist, we simply can't thank them all enough for the support and would really appreciate our club members and supporters showing them some love.

Our mission is to invest wisely and grant effectively for our community. "Doing the most good for the most people."

Our vision for Ōtorohanga District communities are connected, inclusive, vibrant and resilient. Together, we are paddling our District's waka.



To the Otorohanga Charitable Trust

THANK YOU

Some ways the Chromebooks benefit us:

- It's nice to have Chromebooks that aren't slow and take forever to login in
- We don't have to borrow Chromebooks from other classes anymore
- We don't have to rush through our other work to go on our online learning programmes as we know there is a device for each kid
- We don't have to share the Chromebooks with other kids in our class

Thank you for the money to buy our chromebooks from Mangawhio (Kōrakonui School)



On behalf of Jaz and the Maniapoto U10's rugby league team I would like to thank you for your support towards our Whakatāne tournament. Your contribution played a massive part in giving our young tamariki an opportunity to represent their iwi in a national rugby league tournament. This year was the biggest NZ māori rugby league tamariki tournament they have held with 96 teams competing and over 1500 players. All our boys looked amazing in their new Maniapoto gear over the weekend thanks to you and our local businesses here in Ōtorohanga. Our team played 6 games over the 2 days and even in the pouring rain they were giving it their all, we are so proud of them and their efforts. There weren't any official scores taken in this tournament but on our account they won 4 games, drew 1 game and lost 1 game. This was an amazing result as many of our team hadn't played rugby league before. Our team also got to play 3 games in a pre-season tournament in Tokoroa and played games in Te Awamutu and Ngāruawāhia which was great prep for the tournament in Whakatāne. Jaz is already planning ahead for next year, he would love to get a Tigers rugby league team sorted for the kids next season and also take the boys away to the same tournament next year. Once again, thank you so much for your support, we really appreciate your help.

