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Hawke's Bay Foundation Helping Grow Museum Acquisitions

Welcome

This year at Hawke's Bay Foundation, we are having a bit of a tidy-up. A 'get our house in order' year. Reason being that the last few years of Covid and cyclones have meant we are often working on the fly. With a much more steady start to 2024 we have been working hard on our policies and procedures, and revisiting our supplier contracts.

Much of our policy decision making is performed by our volunteer committees, and volunteer trustees. Our suppliers often provide their services at cost. I am always aware that people are helping us out of the goodness of their heart, and it is humbling to see the hours our supporters are prepared to put in, to ensure our Foundation runs smoothly.

Our trustees and committee members are experts in their fields, and it is wonderful to see how they match their knowledge to our work. A great example of this is Nigel Dawes, member of our Finance, Risk and Audit Committee who recently used his mathematics background to help reorganise our financial reporting. His comment: 'It's lovely to be able to do something concrete for the Foundation.'

We are grateful to all our volunteers, and to all of our supporters who volunteer elsewhere. We couldn't do it without you.

Amy Bowkett, Executive Officer

A portion of the acquisitions fund behind Hawke's Bay's beloved MTG Museum collection is being handed over for safe keeping to Hawke's Bay Foundation.

Established to support the development of the collections held at MTG Hawke's Bay, a portion of the donor driven MTG Foundation fund has been transferred to the region's Community Foundation to seed a new long-term management plan.

As the guardians of the new fund, Hawke's Bay Foundation Executive Officer Amy Bowkett invites local residents to make further donations to help grow, preserve and protect the region's precious taonga.

"The MTG collection is not only hugely significant for the region, its historical importance makes it a national treasure. As stewards of this growing fund, we encourage anyone with a passion for protecting Hawke's Bay's rich history, to donate to the MTG Fund.

"The generosity of the MTG founding patrons and other benefactors has already enabled the collection to grow, so it is with immense gratitude that we are entrusted with the management of a portion of these funds."

By supporting the MTG Fund, individual donors, families, businesses and other organisations can continue to tell the Hawke's Bay story - with taonga and treasures from past, present and future that reflect our region.

Founding patrons of the MTG Fund, Murray and Sue McNae feel fulfilled knowing they are helping preserve the history and taonga of Hawke's Bay for future generations.

"As we both feel it is important to support the arts, we happily came on board as patrons back in 2014 when MTG was rebuilt, and the Foundation was fundraising to purchase new pieces for the collection. Over the years we have really enjoyed this local involvement with the arts and being part of the effort to keep the Hawke's Bay collection growing and evolving for the future."

MTG houses one of New Zealand's finest regional museum collections and the MTG Foundation is an avenue for gifts, donations and bequests intended to develop the collection for the benefit of the people of Hawke's Bay.

Chair of the MTG Foundation, Jeanette Kelly is comforted to know that the fund's growth will be safeguarded well into the future.

"Working with Hawke's Bay Foundation gives us complete confidence that their community focus and stringent financial management will protect and grow the fund to generate a reliable revenue stream for many years to come."

Photo top left: MTG Foundation Chair, Jeanette Kelly and Hawke's Bay Foundation Executive Officer, Amy Bowkett look through 'Circle Shelf', a work by Katy Wallace currently on display at MTG Hawke's Bay.

HBF Welcomes New Chair

Hawke's Bay Foundation is delighted to welcome Trustee, Kevin Callinicos to the role of Chair. As the Foundation's legal advisor, Kevin joined as a trustee in 2019, and being Napier born and raised has always held a strong and loyal connection to the region. With deep family roots to Hawke's Bay, it seemed a natural progression for Kevin to move home following a working OE with a large law firm in Dublin where he met his Irish wife Claire. Four children later, Claire and Kevin are busy and well respected community advocates, with Claire established as a much-loved midwife and Kevin as a senior partner at Willis Legal in Napier. Actively involved in supporting the Hawke's Bay community, Kevin chairs two of Napier Boys' High School charitable trusts and sits on a third. He was the inaugural chair of Napier Inner City Marketing and has been the Honorary Solicitor for the Napier Sailing Club for many years.

Since joining Hawke's Bay Foundation, Kevin has seen its endowment fund grow from \$3M to now well over \$10M. With that, comes a great sense of responsibility and excitement.

"I am acutely aware of the groundwork and vision of the previous trustees and donors and the opportunity the Foundation presents for Hawke's Bay, not just for now but for generations and generations to come.

"I have a very personal connection to Hawke's Bay. It's my past, my present,

my future; but most importantly it's the people; my family. When clients tell me they want to leave some money to a charity – but are not sure which, I ask one simple question: are you connected to Hawke's Bay?"

Kevin's connection to his 'beloved' community runs deep, first promoting Hawke's Bay Foundation through his law firm presentations, feeling it presented a real opportunity for Hawke's Bay with its region-wide focus and long-term focus.

"These aspects really appealed to me. Years ago I was asked to give a speech at a function put on by the Foundation. I spoke about my links to Hawke's Bay and what the region meant to me. In writing that speech, I realised how deeply I am attached to the region, how much it means to me and how the Foundation was a means to give back. When I was asked to join as a trustee, I readily accepted."

With 2023 marred by Cyclone Gabrielle, Kevin remains hopeful this year will return to 'business as usual'.

"Launching last year's Cyclone Relief Fund was an immense task, but so rewarding. I am still in awe at how the community came together, and how much people did for each other during this incredibly traumatic event.

"This year, hopefully, we will return to our core business of growing the fund



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(for future generations) and distributing to 'on the ground' charities doing the mahi. I am amazed at how many selfless, far sighted donors (in both monetary terms and in terms of volunteering their time and skills) are in our community, with a real desire to see Hawke's Bay thrive as a community.

"I look forward to serving as Chair. Am I excited? Yes, I am excited – how could you not be!"

'Live Here Give Here' Hooks Family Dairy

Farming Business into Giving Back

Giving back to support local causes through their Community Foundation has been the cream on the top for an enterprising Central Hawke's Bay dairy farming family.

A named family fund and now a tertiary scholarship through Hawke's Bay Foundation is helping BEL Group founder Andrea Barry and her family to achieve their charitable giving goals, without the set-up and administrative costs of managing it themselves.

Hawke's Bay Foundation's perpetuity based giving model and tagline 'Live Here Give Here' really appealed to community-minded Andrea, when setting the fund up several years ago.

"I have been involved in causes in the past that turned out to not be as they seemed, with the money going nowhere close to where it is needed. I still wanted myself and my family to become more philanthropic to genuine causes and once I heard about the great work of Hawke's Bay Foundation and saw their slogan "Live Here, Give Here" I was hooked."

Through annual capital donations of \$50 thousand per year, the Barry Family Fund has now grown to well over \$350 thousand. Unlike other charitable giving, their original gift is protected, with only



Andrea Barry (left) with BEL Group's inaugural study grant winner, Von Mendoza.

the income earned used to support the causes they love.

Andrea enjoys the ability of being able to tag her giving to her local and much loved Central Hawke's Bay.

"Our fund gives 25 percent to Sherwood School as that is the school my three children attended. It is a small country school with all the normal country school challenges but has a big heart and a strong community vibe, so it feels like I'm not just supporting the school but actually the whole community."

As a progressive dairy farming business that has expanded in scale over thirty years, BEL Group now encompasses:

eight dairy farms, five dairy support blocks, nine thousand cows and supports seventy staff and their families.

For founder Andrea Barry, the backbone of business is about investing in people and place.

"People, agriculture and community are all really important values for myself, my family and BEL Group. Our goal for our latest study grant is to assist anyone with a familial association with BEL Group who resides in CHB and has an interest in studying (preferably agriculture). Having Hawke's Bay Foundation assist with setting up and co-ordinating this has been of great benefit to us."

Hawke's Bay Foundation's Newest Corporate Sponsor Set in Concrete

Setting solid foundations that last is a daily operation in more ways than one for Hawke's Bay Foundation and its newest corporate sponsor.

Laying concrete is a specialty that Mike Teddy and his team at MPT Concrete take very seriously, and he agrees the synergy partnering with Hawke's Bay Foundation is nicely symbolic.

"Like anything you build, if you want it to last and sustain all elements, it's all in the preparation. Whether we're talking concrete foundations or Community Foundations building vital regional endowment funds, the structure and integrity are the same. Aligning with Hawke's Bay Foundation, who are as passionate about investing in our region as I am, feels like a natural fit."



MPT Concrete's Mike Teddy and HBF Executive Officer, Amy Bowkett

MPT Concrete Services has been operating in Hawke's Bay for over eighteen years. With longevity, comes growing recognition and Mike Teddy is proud to support his community in any way he can.

"By giving to Hawke's Bay Foundation we know that the investment is protected for future generations along with helping community groups, sharing the earnings derived from that investment. It's a smart model."

Hawke's Bay Foundation Executive Officer and fellow Puketapu local, Amy

Bowkett is thankful for 'good sorts' like Mike.

"Having local businesses like Mike's support our administrative costs is absolutely vital to any Community Foundation. We are a small and dedicated team who work extremely hard to deliver funding to our local charities on a very small operating budget. Without this donation from MPT Concrete we would be less able to work to grow our total endowment fund.

"During the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle, Mike and the team worked

incredibly hard to help locals recover from the devastation. It's not surprising Mike's generosity was recognised with a Civic award by Napier City Council."

Awards aside, Mike Teddy is a humble 'Kiwi bloke' doing his bit to help others in need. Over the past twelve months MPT Concrete have proudly donated or sponsored more than \$15,000 to support: local charities, schools, sports teams and individuals. As Mike affirms, that's what being proudly parochial means.

To learn more about Hawke's Bay Foundation and the work they do, head to: www.hawkesbayfoundation.org.nz



Rachel
McIlwaine

Welcome Rachel McIlwaine - Administration

Born and raised in the Hawke's Bay, Rachel has a deep connection to the area and the local community. In her early 20's, Rachel and her husband Jimmy were based in Melbourne for a number of years before returning to the Bay. Three children later, they have not looked back.

Although Rachel started her career in corporate roles, it wasn't until she worked for Plunket that she found her love for the Not-for-Profit sector. She is passionate about seeing tangible outcomes for our local whānau.

Rachel has directly seen the impact of Hawke's Bay Foundation's funding across a range of NFP organisations so when a role came up, she jumped at the opportunity to support their work.

Want to know more? Keep up-to-date with the latest news and information from the Hawke's Bay Foundation at: www.hawkesbayfoundation.org.nz

Scholars – Where Are They Now?

Hawke's Bay Foundation offers four annual scholarships: The Colin and Diana Crombie Scholarship, France Scholarship, Barry/BEL Group and Alison Bevin Scholarships. All with different criteria to support different areas of the community. If you are interested in setting up a scholarship with Hawke's Bay Foundation, please give us a call on (06) 870 4648

Georgia Denton (2018 Scholar)

What are you doing now, since winning the Crombie Scholarship?

I studied a Bachelor of Environmental Management Majoring in Water Management at Lincoln University. Upon completing my studies, I began my working career with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council as a resource consent planner. I have now since finished working at HBRC and have moved to Perth to pursue a career in the mines as an environmental advisor.

How beneficial was the scholarship to your studies and achieving your tertiary goals?

The scholarship was incredibly beneficial to my studies and helped me achieve my tertiary goals as it supported me financially to get through.

What would you say to encourage current students to apply for this particular scholarship?

I would highly recommend this scholarship to any students who meet the criteria to apply. The thing I liked about this scholarship in particular was that they contacted me for end of semester check ups which was a good way to reflect and show my progress. It was a nice way to keep in touch.



Jacob Driver (2020 Scholar)

What are you doing now, since winning the Crombie Scholarship?

In 2023 I concluded my studies at the University of Otago and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree double majoring in Sport and Exercise Science and Psychology. Since graduating I have been lucky enough to secure a job as 'Play Advocate' at the Central Hawke's Bay District Council and return home. My role as Play Advocate is to promote, advocate and create opportunities for play to occur and minimise the challenges that exist within the Central Hawke's Bay community.

How beneficial was the scholarship to your studies and achieving your tertiary goals?

The Crombie Scholarship was immensely beneficial in allowing me to pursue my dreams of going to university. While I had saved some money over the years, this scholarship was an amazing top up at the start of each year which set me up super well financially.

What would you say to encourage current students to apply for this particular scholarship?

The Crombie Scholarship is an incredible award that made my university endeavours so much easier.



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