

# the acorn



**Acorn celebrates a new milestone, distributing over \$1M to our community for the first time!**

## We can't thank you enough

As Acorn reaches several substantial milestones, it is important to acknowledge all of those individuals, businesses and foundations whose invaluable support along the way has helped us reach this point. First of all, the fund has now reached \$30M—less than 18 months after passing the \$20M mark in March 2018. And most importantly, this rapidly growing fund relates to more money doing tremendous good in our community. On behalf of our donors, we've just distributed over \$1.15M to 157 organisations and scholarship or award programmes.

The community foundation concept was brand new in New Zealand in 2003, and those early trustees, committee members, funders, staff and generous locals who set up endowment funds took a tremendous leap of faith in Acorn. We owe each and every one of you an enormous thank you; now that we have distributed nearly \$6.5M cumulatively to the WBOP and other areas that are important to our donors, it is easy to see just how important your contributions to our development over the years have been!

## A warm welcome to Male Survivors Bay of Plenty

**Vital Signs Category:**  
**Health & Wellness / Safety**

There is a new service available for men in the Bay of Plenty. Based at 1063 Cameron Road, Tauranga, Male Survivors Bay of Plenty (MS BOP) has been established, with the first Board meeting taking place in mid-July and a blessing and doors opening in early August.

MS BOP was developed after a similar Trust

in the Waikato fielded numerous requests to support men in the Bay of Plenty. MS BOP provides free one-on-one and group support for males who have been victims of sexual abuse. It is a registered Charitable Trust, survivor driven, and is managed by Mr Russell Hayter, a local resident.

It is now well recognised that 1 in 6 males under the age of 16 will be sexually abused, and the impact of this abuse

on our communities and whanau is devastating. It is an appalling statistic and, in the past, there has been little support specifically for males.

MS BOP will now be able to start providing some of that support, working alongside other community agencies. As the Trust develops, it is envisaged that the service will grow to incorporate some of the many other issues our boys and men



face daily, such as physical, mental, emotional and domestic abuse. MS Waikato currently receives close to three new referrals per day and, as Tauranga is New Zealand's fastest growing city, the same numbers are envisaged here.

**VITAL UPDATES**

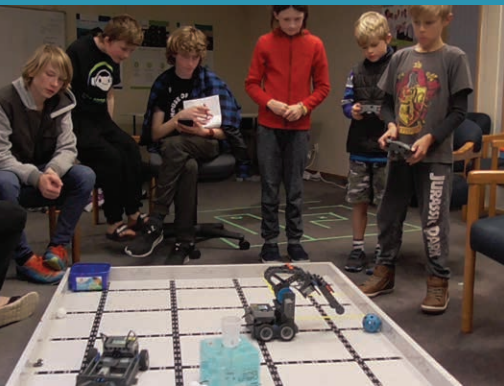
## House of Science

**Vital Signs Category:**  
**Supporting Young Adults**

House of Science Tauranga is a community-led provider of innovative educational services in the Western Bay of Plenty. Its focus is to encourage children and youth, regardless of socio-economic level or culture, to become more confident and lifelong learners.

House of Science Tauranga has 63 science kits, with each kit containing 5-6 science experiments with full instructions for teachers, and handouts for the children. Primary school teachers often have little to no training around delivering science in their classes. The kits give them all the information they need to confidently deliver a science lesson.

Approximately 2000 children in the Western Bay of Plenty will use the kits



each week. When the kits return to the House of Science Tauranga they need to be cleaned, sorted and restocked, ready to go out to schools again on Monday.

It has many volunteers and staff from Avalon Lives of Value|Nga Oranga Mauri. Some have worked alongside House of Science Tauranga since its inception in 2013.

House of Science has recently moved to new premises at 671 Cameron Road.

**VITAL UPDATES**

## Dress for Success BOP

**Vital Signs Category:**  
**Building Stronger Communities**

Dress for Success Bay of Plenty has served over 1,500 clients since opening in Rotorua in early 2012. The Tauranga branch has served 85 clients since opening in 2017.

Dress for Success is a transformational "wraparound" service, with three key programmes offered to its clients. The first is the Career Centre programme, aimed at providing a resume, job searching support, and interview assistance. The second is the Dressing/Suiting programme where clients are given interview training, appropriate clothing to wear, and mentoring, giving them much needed confidence and self-esteem to enable them to be at their best in an interview. This programme also offers the client a second set of clothing once gainfully employed. Finally, a range of training programmes are offered to assist clients in gaining new skills, improving resilience,

and changing behaviours to increase their employability, confidence and skills.

Dress for Success is much more than simply an outfit for work. Its purpose is to offer long-lasting solutions that enable its clients to break the cycle of poverty. It is part of a global movement for change. Each client is provided with professional attire and accessories to secure employment and furnish them with confidence and skills to carry them forward in work and life, enabling them to reach financial independence.


Since its inception, Dress for Success has created a number of programmes to help longer term unemployed clients find employment. 42% of these clients have now found employment, and Dress for Success continues to further develop this programme alongside other organisations.



## A big thank you to TECT beneficiaries!


In July, Acorn received a \$15,000 payment from TECT beneficiaries who chose to donate their recent rebates during the July Special Distribution to the Acorn Foundation's Vital Impact Fund. Donors included many local individuals and several businesses who opted to support the community through Acorn. The Vital Impact Fund made distributions in August to Tauranga Community Housing Trust -

providing transitional housing services to people with serious housing needs, and Good Neighbour Trust - collecting and redistributing food to over 55 community groups each week, undertaking neighbourhood projects, and starting community gardens. Both of these organisations are making a major difference in areas of great need – housing and food security.



September is Wills Month!

See the back page for details on how you can add a gift to Acorn in your Will for free during the month of September.



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# Scholarships and awards

## Outward Bound’s Tangaroa Watch



We had a fun time at The Kollektive recently, celebrating the 14 Year 12 students who were granted scholarships to the Outward Bound Tangaroa Watch programme in 2019.

Recipients of the scholarship included: PJ Reihana, Torin Bryant, Thomas Bolus, Conor Reynolds, Kyara Evans, Sophia Spurr, Daemin Warrilow Cameron, Daniel Morgan, Amelie Clements, Scarlett Clarke, Flynn Samuel, Gabrielle Topp, Lydia Angus, and Paige Cox.

Over 21 days, the students challenged their beliefs and themselves through a variety of activities held in the Outward Bound school and its surrounds in Queen Charlotte Sound.

Thanks so much to our committed Acorn donors and other local supporters who fund these scholarships which provide such a life-changing physical, mental and emotional experience to local students each year!

## Dale Carnegie Youth Programme winners



On Thursday 4 July, 22 local students received their graduation certificates for completing the 2019 Acorn Foundation Dale Carnegie Youth Programme. Acorn’s generous local donors, Mary McGowan and her late husband Roy, have been funding these scholarships since 2010, with more than 230 Year 13 students benefitting from this three-day course.

22 students received scholarships for the programme this year from 11 Western Bay of Plenty schools. The course teaches the

Dale Carnegie five drivers of success: building greater self-confidence, strengthening people skills, enhancing communication skills, developing leadership skills, and reducing stress and worry. Acorn is proud to partner with Dale Carnegie BOP Waikato and Priority One’s InStep programme to offer this youth-focused course which provides techniques for improving both self-confidence and communication that are useful throughout life.

*“This program has given me the confidence and the skills to go out into new areas and immerse myself. I know how to hold a conversation, come across friendly, talk and listen with interest and withhold from arguments. These all give me confidence to step outside my comfort zone.”*

Dale Carnegie course attendee 2019

## Page Acorn Engineering Scholarships



On 7 May, at a function held at Robert Page Engineering and attended by over 45 friends, family, and industry associates, the eight winners of the 2019 Page Acorn Engineering Scholarship were awarded certificates to celebrate their success. The winners (shown in the photo above in no particular order) were:

- Benjamin Coombe: Robert Page Engineering;
- Manaea Haenga-Anderson, Rawinia Luka and Liam Wayne: Page Macrae Engineering;
- Justice Harrison: Spida Machinery;
- Todd Hemingway and Aaron Iggulden: Contract Mechanical Services; and
- Brett Merrie: Boshier Engineering.

Each of these scholarship winners will receive funding to assist with their studies and equipment for the next three years, courtesy of the Bob & Pat Page Fund.

# Community Group Funds

37 WBOP organisations now hold Community Group Funds with Acorn. These Community Group Funds provide an easy and effective way for members of the community to support their favourite organisation by helping them to build their funds, either by one-off donations, regular payments, or leaving a gift in their Will. Upon reaching the \$50,000 threshold, the interest from the fund is paid out annually to the organisation,

becoming a vital source of guaranteed income. All donations matter, large or small and, if made while a donor is living, are eligible for a 33.3% tax credit.

To view, or to donate to any of these community groups, visit our website at [www.acornfoundation.org.nz/ways-to-give/donate/donate-now](http://www.acornfoundation.org.nz/ways-to-give/donate/donate-now), or phone us to find out more.

# Acorn Foundation Oak Grove Ceremony

On a beautiful Autumn day in late May, we held this year’s remembrance tree planting to honour recently deceased Acorn donors at the Acorn Foundation Oak Grove in Cambridge Park. The Acorn team were joined by close

family and friends of these donors who each planted an Oak tree in memory of their loved one. A brief history of each donor and a blessing were shared before trees were planted. This is an incredibly special day, and Acorn is

## Tauranga Performing Arts



In mid-July, Angus Simmons was awarded the \$1,500 first prize in the singing category at the Tauranga Performing Arts Competition. It was not the first time Angus has won the Acorn Foundation Chris Tustain Prize – he also won in 2018 and, with him to celebrate his win was his wife Anna, who has also been awarded this prize on two previous occasions.

It’s a wonderful achievement for this newly married couple, who plan to move to Berlin later this year to further their music careers. Celebrating Angus’ win was Acorn donor Chris Tustain, whose generosity allows for this generous prize to be awarded each year.

## Acorn Foundation Walters Family Travel Award



We had a great time presenting the Acorn Foundation Walters Family Travel Award with Kevin and Jean Walters to Akira McTavish-Huriwai, Hannah Rose, and Paris Allum recently.

Akira received \$1,000 towards her costs of attending the 2020 United Nations Global Development tour to New York, London, Rome, Venice, Berlin and Paris as part of a 20-person NZ delegation learning about sustainable development, diplomacy and international relations.

Hannah and Paris received \$500 each – they are part of a Tauranga Girls’ College group travelling to Borneo for 3 weeks in December, which encompasses a jungle and mountain trek, a community project, and local travel and cultural experiences.

# 2019 Acorn Foundation Fiction Prize

Dame Fiona Kidman was announced as the winner of the 2019 Acorn Foundation Fiction Prize at the Ockham New Zealand Book Awards for her novel *This Mortal Boy*, at the Auckland Writers Festival marquee event held in the Aotea Centre on Tuesday 14 May. Her novel was described by the judges as "moving, memorable, authentic and urgently relevant to our times." The Acorn Foundation Fiction Prize was worth \$53,000 this year and is generously donated by a wonderful anonymous Acorn

Foundation donor. In a letter received following the awards, Dame Fiona notes “It is wonderful to have the acknowledgement of my peers, but equally the financial reward is very generous and a sum that will make a difference...I have been writing for a long time and, though I have had prizes and accolades which I cherish, the long-term life of a New Zealand writer is almost invariably constrained by financial necessity.”



# Functions & events

Local Community Celebration <b>Katikati</b> Morning Tea	Monday 16 September, 10am Katikati Community Centre <i>Highlighting the 2019 distributions, with presentations from local recipient organisations</i>
Local Community Celebration <b>Te Puke</b> Morning Tea	Thursday 19 September, 10am St John Te Puke <i>Highlighting the 2019 distributions, with presentations from local recipient organisations</i>
Local Community Celebration <b>Tauranga</b> Morning Tea	Monday 30 September, 10am St John Tauranga <i>Highlighting the 2019 distributions, with presentations from local recipient organisations</i>
Acorn Foundation Open AGM	Monday 18 November, 6:30pm The Kollektive, 143 Seventeenth Avenue, Tauranga

For further information or to RSVP for any of these events, please email: [jo@acornfoundation.org.nz](mailto:jo@acornfoundation.org.nz) or phone (07) 579 9839



Allen Smith.  
A big thank you goes to Tauranga City Council, Arbor Care and Tauranga Tree Company for your continued support and help on the day.

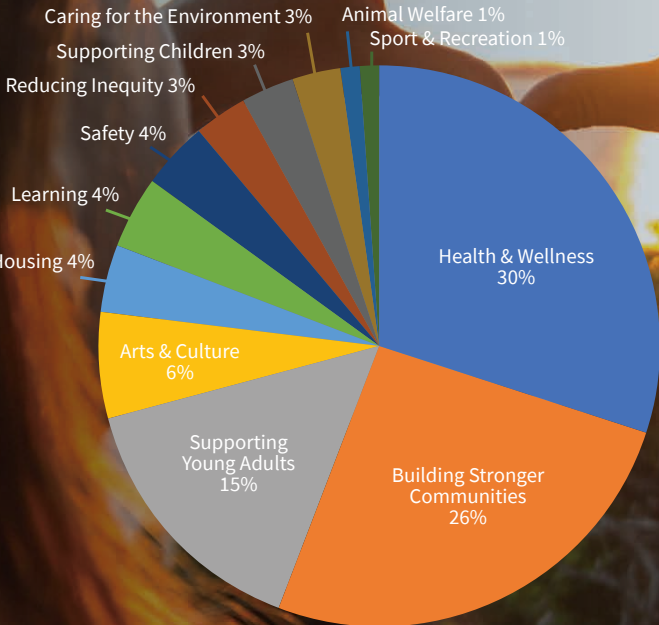


ACORN FOUNDATION 2019 DISTRIBUTIONS

ACORN TAGGED DISTRIBUTIONS		
GRANTS	DONOR	TOTAL
Acorn Foundation Admin	K&I Holdaway, K Pensabene, R Thornley, Anon	\$49,169
Amnesty International NZ	G&M Ware	\$2,563
Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre	J Abbot	\$142
Arthritis NZ for support in Tauranga	B Shaw	\$12,035
Asthma & Respiratory Management Society	A Coad	\$913
Bay Conservation Alliance	J Abbot, J Friis, E Olsen	\$8,956
Bay of Plenty Classic Aircraft Trust	Endowment fund	\$2,448
Bay of Plenty Sailing Academy Trust	Endowment fund	\$5,442
Blind Foundation Tauranga	J&P Laing, J&M O'Reilly, P Roadley, R&E Shepherd	\$18,385
Camp Quality	Emergency Services Club	\$9,939
Cancer Society Tauranga	M&C George, P&E Kershaw	\$7,549
CanTeen	Emergency Services Club, R&M McGowan	\$3,775
CCS Disability Action Tauranga	M&L Bellerby, A Coad, R&E Shepherd	\$8,339
Complex Chronic Illness Support Tauranga	Endowment fund	\$2,280
Creative BOP Arts & Culture	Endowment fund	\$712
Diabetes Tauranga	Endowment fund	\$9,767
Far East Broadcasting Company	R&H Schleinkofer	\$695
Fred Hollows Foundation of NZ	A Thorburn	\$1,840
Growing Through Grief	First XI Giving Circle	\$2,500
Heart Kids BOP	Cooney Lees Morgan	\$446
Kaimai Presbytery of Presbyterian Church	A Owen	\$1,451
Katikati Primary School	P Goodyear	\$4,957
Kidz Need Dadz	S Ewart, Haine Family	\$5,773
Life A Plenty	Sally's Angels Giving Circle	\$5,000
Marine Reach NZ	R&H Schleinkofer	\$695
Mockingbird	L&K Christie, First XI Giving Circle	\$7,305
Motor Neurone Disease NZ	Endowment fund, Anon	\$8,519
Mt Maunganui Lifeguard Service	P Roadley	\$1,836
Mt Maunganui Playcentre	Cooney Lees Morgan	\$446
Neurological Foundation of NZ	M&C George, A Thorburn	\$2,500
NZ Heart Foundation Tauranga	P&E Kershaw, R&E Shepherd	\$13,296
NZ Society of Genealogists	H McLean	\$2,183
Omanu Surf Lifesaving Club	K Pensabene	\$22,247
Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust	J Abbot, M&L Bellerby, Endowment fund	\$3,362
Otorohanga District & Community Charitable Trust	Anon	\$9,605
Pacific Leprosy Foundation	J&M O'Reilly	\$2,082
Philips Search & Rescue Trust	K&R Hunt, A Neilson, P&D van Loghem, Anon	\$9,505
Red Cross WBOP	J&M O'Reilly	\$2,082
Rhema Media NZ	R&H Schleinkofer	\$695
Riding for the Disabled Hamilton	Mary Sutherland	\$4,225
Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society	P Roadley	\$1,836
Salvation Army Tauranga	D&L Caird, J Chappell-Mathias, J&P Laing, R&H Schleinkofer, E Trowbridge	\$41,593
Save The Children NZ	D&L Caird	\$3,283
Shakti Ethnic Women's Support	D&S Campbell	\$4,519
SPCA Hamilton	Anon	\$9,605
SPCA Tauranga	P&E Kershaw	\$6,889
Special Olympics Tauranga	Cooney Lees Morgan	\$446
St Columba Presbyterian Church	R&E Shepherd	\$6,407
St John - Katikati	J Friis	\$7,157
St John - Mt Maunganui	J&M O'Reilly	\$2,082
St John - Otorohanga	Anon	\$9,605
St John - Tauranga	M&L Bellerby, M&C George, K&R Hunt, R&M McGowan, R&E Shepherd	\$10,432
St John - Te Puke	Anon	\$11,870
Supergrans	First XI Giving Circle	\$1,000
Tauranga Art Gallery	C Jarman	\$1,111
Tauranga Moana Nightshelter Trust	L&K Christie	\$3,805
Tauranga Riding for the Disabled	Cooney Lees Morgan, E Macrae	\$2,758
Tauranga Volunteer Coastguard	Endowment fund	\$6,681
Te Puke Volunteer Fire Brigade	Anon	\$3,957
The Parkinsonism Society Tauranga	J&G Clarke, J Friis	\$8,157
Therapy Dogs NZ	B Burns & A Johnston	\$4,822
Waipuna Hospice	M&L Bellerby, D&L Caird, L&K Christie, K&R Hunt, J&P Laing, G&C Olsen, K Pensabene, J Round, R&E Shepherd, P&D van Loghem	\$77,252
WWF NZ	A Thorburn	\$1,840
YMCA	Endowment fund	\$2,190
Youth Art Workshops	Cooney Lees Morgan	\$446
Youth Development Trust WBOP	D&S Campbell, M&G Read-Smith, P&K Tinholt	\$8,606
Youth Search & Rescue	Honeybadgers Giving Circle	\$2,400
Zipper Club Tauranga	Endowment fund	\$2,434

GRAND TOTAL OF ACORN TAGGED DISTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR \$498,838

ACORN UNTAGGED DISTRIBUTIONS		
Adventure Specialties Trust	Bob Sutherland	\$3,000
Age Concern Tauranga	C Toop	\$5,000
Amped4 Life	J Chappell-Mathias, G&S Laing	\$1,000
Aquinas College Rowing team	D&R Godfrey	\$2,500
Baywide Community Law	The Tindall Foundation, Anon	\$10,000
Beachaven Community Centre	Bob Sutherland	\$10,000
Bellyful	Mary Sutherland	\$2,000
Bethlehem Baptist Church	J Chappell-Mathias, Anon	\$5,000
Bluelight NZ	Haine Family, G&S Laing, R&M McGowan	\$10,798
BOP Therapy Foundation	J Chappell-Mathias	\$7,000
BOP Youth Development Trust	A Simpson, Tauranga Police CIB	\$5,000
BOPSASS	J Chappell-Mathias, R Preston-Thomas, Tauranga Help	\$30,000
Brain Injured Children Trust	J&P Laing, J Round	\$7,420
Brave Hearts NZ	J Chappell-Mathias, Anon	\$4,894
Brookfield Primary School Grief Support	J Chappell-Mathias	\$3,485
Catholic Family Support Services	Bob Sutherland	\$1,000
Christians Against Poverty	J Chappell-Mathias, Mary Sutherland, Anon	\$4,000
Citizens Advice Bureau Tauranga	Mary Sutherland	\$1,000
Cool Bananas	J Chappell-Mathias	\$2,000
Detour Theatre	A Simpson	\$2,000
Dress For Success	J Chappell-Mathias, Joan Sutherland	\$5,000
EERST	J Friis	\$1,000
Empowerment NZ	P&C Peat, C Toop, The Tindall Foundation	\$10,000
Envirohub BOP	J Friis	\$8,500
Families Achieving Balance	J Chappell-Mathias	\$3,000
Get Smart Tauranga	J Chappell-Mathias	\$5,000
Good Neighbour Trust	Acorn Vital Impact Fund, A Thorburn, C Toop	\$8,000
Grief Support Services Tauranga	J Chappell-Mathias	\$3,500



Growing Through Grief Te Puke	Bob Sutherland	\$1,000
He Kaupapa Kotahitanga Trust	The Tindall Foundation, Anon	\$10,000
Homes of Hope	J Chappell-Mathias	\$2,000
House of Science	J Chappell-Mathias, Anon	\$3,000
Huria Trust	The Tindall Foundation	\$3,000
Katch Katikati	L Wootton	\$2,000
Katikati Community Centre	T&M Duncan, A Simpson	\$10,000
Katikati Innovative Horticulture Trust	C Toop	\$3,000
Kauri Centre	Bob Sutherland	\$4,000
Kawerau & Districts Ageing in Place	The Tindall Foundation	\$10,000
Kawerau Bluelight Ventures	The Tindall Foundation	\$10,000
KidsCan	A Simpson	\$2,000
Kidz Need Dadz	The Tindall Foundation	\$3,066
Life Education Trust WBOP	C Toop	\$2,000
Live For More	Haine Family	\$10,000
Male Support Services BOP	J Chappell-Mathias, A Simpson, Bob Sutherland	\$10,000
Merivale Community Centre	J Chappell-Mathias, The Tindall Foundation	\$10,000
Number Works 'n Words	J Chappell-Mathias	\$2,000
NZ Council of Victim Support	A Coad, Mary Sutherland	\$5,000
Otumoetai Toy Library	J Chappell-Mathias	\$1,000
Papamoa Family Services	D&L Caird, C Toop	\$10,000
Parent to Parent Coastal BOP	J Chappell-Mathias	\$2,000
Pukehina Surf Lifeguard Rescue	Bob Sutherland	\$2,000
Rainbow Youth BOP	J Chappell-Mathias	\$2,000
Recreate NZ	E Brown	\$3,422
Royal NZ Plunket	J Chappell-Mathias, L Wootton, The Tindall Foundation	\$10,000
SocialLink	J Chappell-Mathias, Bob Sutherland	\$10,000
SPELD	R&M McGowan	\$5,160
St Peters House	F McGrogan, Mary Sutherland	\$10,000
Supergrans	The Tindall Foundation	\$2,500
Sustainability Options	A Simpson, Mary Sutherland	\$5,000
Tauranga BOP Hearing Association	Joan Sutherland	\$1,500
Tauranga Budget Advisory Services	A Simpson, The Tindall Foundation	\$4,982
Tauranga Christian Community Trust	J Chappell-Mathias	\$2,500
Tauranga Community Foodbank	J Chappell-Mathias, C Toop	\$10,000
Tauranga Community Housing Trust	Acorn Vital Impact Fund, J&G Clarke, E Trowbridge	\$10,000
Tauranga Moana Nightshelter Trust	J Chappell-Mathias	\$6,195
Tauranga Parents Centre	A Simpson	\$2,000
Te Aranui Youth Trust	A Simpson, Tauranga Police CIB	\$5,000
Te Puke Toy Library	Bob Sutherland	\$1,000
The Boys Brigade	Bob Sutherland, Mary Sutherland	\$3,000
The Clothing Project	The Tindall Foundation	\$5,000
The Open Home Foundation	J Chappell-Mathias	\$3,000
The Parenting Place	Mary Sutherland, P&D van Loghem, L Wootton	\$3,732
Tipu Skills For Life	B&J Currie, Haine Family	\$10,000
Volunteering BOP	Mary Sutherland	\$2,000
Waihi Beach Community Centre/A Friend's Place	A Simpson	\$2,000
Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services	C Toop	\$2,000
Welcome Bay Community Centre	A Simpson, Bob Sutherland	\$10,000
Whakaatu Whanaunga Trust	The Tindall Foundation	\$7,200
Whanau Awhina Women's Refuge	The Tindall Foundation	\$5,000
YMCA Tauranga	Mary Sutherland	\$3,000
Youth Development Trust WBOP	C Toop	\$2,893
Youth Encounter Ministries	Bob Sutherland, J Tingey	\$5,000

GRAND TOTAL OF ACORN UNTAGGED DISTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR \$433,246

ACORN SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS		
NZ Book Awards Trust	Anon	\$55,555
BOP Clinical School	BOP Medical Students Scholarship	\$4,500
Creative BOP	J Medlicott	\$2,000
Dale Carnegie	R&M McGowan	\$22,000
Engineering	B&P Page	\$54,000
Otumoetai College	R&A Scoular	\$10,500
Outward Bound	B Granger, Haine Family, J&P Laing, G&C Olsen, T Wadsworth, Anon	\$30,877
Sport BOP	C Tustain	\$2,589
Tauranga Boys College	Cashmore Family	\$10,000
Waikato Uni - Adult	E Trowbridge	\$3,000
Tauranga Girls College Int'l Travel	Walters Family	\$2,000
Tauranga Performing Arts Competitions	C Tustain	\$1,500

GRAND TOTAL OF ACORN SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS THIS YEAR \$198,521

GRAND TOTAL OF ACORN DISTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR \$1,150,327

Acorn grants over \$1.15M to our community!





# It's Wills Month once again!

Local law firms in the Western Bay of Plenty have been supporting the Acorn Foundation Wills Month promotion for the past seven years. During the month of September, the local firms listed here will make a simple change to an existing Will to include a gift to Acorn at no charge. Of course, any additional Will changes are charged at your solicitor's normal rate. Thanks to our partner firms, creating a lasting contribution to your community through the Acorn Foundation is even easier during Wills Month!

## List of participating firms:

Beach Law Papamoa	JK Hamilton
Burley Attwood Law	Kaimai Law - Bethlehem
Butler Gray Law	Kaimai Law - Katikati
Cooney Lees Morgan	Keam Standen
Fenton McFadden	Mackenzie Elvin
Fitzgerald Law	Sharp Tudhope
Harris Tate	Toner Law
Holland Beckett Law	

## DONORS WE REMEMBER

### Gary Ware 1938 – 2018



Gary was apprenticed to his father as a pharmacist straight from school and went on to set up his own business as Brookfield Pharmacy when the shopping centre opened in 1966.

Gary had a quick wit and mind and was extremely generous with his time and considerable skills. Over his lifetime he was involved in many volunteer roles across a range of different organisations that reflected his passion for the community and the environment.

Gary and his wife Marlene have been patrons of the Tauranga Arts Festival and Gary was one of the founders of Closing the Gap, an organisation devoted to reducing inequality in society. He also filled a number of roles with Amnesty International at a regional and national level, and a national award has been named in his honour. Gary was also a long-standing member of the Royal Forest & Bird Society.

He was a pivotal member of the Tauranga College Old Pupils Society, as he and Marlene were both students at Tauranga College during the 12 years that it existed before splitting into Tauranga Boys' College and Tauranga Girls' College.

**Gary's fund will provide an annual legacy award at Amnesty International New Zealand.**

### Jack Abbot 1970 - 2018



Jack (Jacqueline) Abbot spent her early years in Whakatane before heading to the States for a year to work as a nanny. She moved to London, living there for 14 years and travelling extensively. In 2006 Jack returned to NZ and settled in Tauranga, working for Zespri as a Treasury Officer.

Jack always loved animals. While in London she "adopted" a baby elephant from the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust as a birthday present for her Dad. She continued to support the care and costs of this elephant until she passed.

In 2015 Jack was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer. She continued to live life to the full, taking a last trip overseas just two months before she passed — her trip of a lifetime with her best friend Tracey — back to Kenya where they visited the David Sheldrick Trust and completed a safari. Jack returned home on 12 May 2018 and passed away 7 June 2018, aged 48.

**Jack's fund supports Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust, ARRC Wildlife Trust and Bay Conservation Alliance.**

### Eleanor Olsen 1918 - 2013



Affectionately known as "Nan", Eleanor was born in Tauranga and raised by early pioneers in the Tauranga district, Ted and Agnes Standen, in the emerging farming community of Omanawa Falls.

As the fourth daughter in a family of six girls and one boy, her early years were dominated by the need to assist with the daily chores on the farm while her father,

Ted, supplemented the meagre income off the farm during the Depression years by working for the nearby Omanawa timber mill and helping to build the early Omanawa power station. A visit to town in those early years was an occasional treat with her mother; an all-day affair accomplished with a horse and gig.

Nan later became a nurse, first in Napier and then Tauranga, where she met her future husband Leo, invalided back home as a soldier during the war years.

Leo and Nan made Tauranga their home and would go on to have a daughter and four boys. She was well known for her volunteer work, especially for the Catholic community in Tauranga.

Nan's early farming experiences ingrained in her an abiding respect for our land and native bush. **It is therefore fitting that her fund supports the preservation of our natural environment in and around Tauranga. She would be very proud.**



### Farewell Glenn Keaney – Acorn Foundation Chair



The third Acorn Foundation Chairperson, Glenn Keaney, retires this year after eight years of diligent service to our community. When Glenn was appointed to the Board by the Waikato/Bay of Plenty branch of the New Zealand Law Society in 2011, the funds under management sat at \$5.7M, with \$229K distributed to the community. In addition to his Board role, he spent two years sitting on the Investment Advisory Committee.

By the time Glenn succeeded Sally Morrison as Chair in 2014, the funds under management had grown to

\$9.4M, with \$434K distributed to the community. In the following five years, the foundation has more than tripled in size—to over \$30M—while distributions to the community have topped \$1M for the first time.

### Farewell Jo Gravit – Acorn Foundation Distributions Committee Member



Jo has been a valuable member of the Distributions Committee for eight years and her insight and contribution is so greatly appreciated.

....and **Welcome** to two valuable new additions to the Acorn Foundation Distributions Committee:

### Pare Taikato

Parewhati (Pare), MP support for Tamati Coffey, is a recent addition to the Committee and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and insight into the Tangata Whenua and Mana Whenua landscape in the WBOP.



### Paul Whitaker

Paul has had a colourful and varied career, starting life as a teacher in the UK before moving into a variety of leadership roles both in the commercial and not-for-profit sectors. He specialised in change management and developing high performing teams. Paul has now lived in NZ for over 30 years.



*"I have been quietly reflecting today on being part of a Giving Circle . . . for four years. The monthly payments are absolutely painless (like any good habit) but the rewards are huge. Our strength as a group is that every year we can collectively make a meaningful donation to one, two or three inspirational charities, and we get to enjoy friendship and learning in the process."*

Wendy Barton, First XI Giving Circle



When you choose to leave a gift to the community through Acorn, you can nominate your preferred charities, or you can leave it up to our Distributions Committee to identify where the need is greatest.

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