



# the acorn

**Acorn celebrates community generosity, with more than \$1.75M contributed this year by Acorn donors and supporters!**

## Acorn's financial self-sufficiency means more money for local charities

We are immensely proud to announce that the Acorn Foundation has reached financial self-sufficiency in our FY2021 budget. This achievement - thanks to the generosity of people all across our region - means that money that was needed to fund Acorn expenses over the years can now help other local charities!

The foundation is fortunate that several donors have allocated a portion of the annual distributions from their fund to support Acorn's operating costs, which combined with the 1% fee taken

annually from its fund--now exceeding \$36M--will cover Acorn's expenses going forward. Reaching this goal means that the foundation will no longer require corporate, trust or direct donor gifts to help cover its operational costs, freeing that money up to assist other worthy organisations in the region.

Over the years, many local businesses and trusts supported Acorn's work, including BayTrust, Legacy Trust, Craigs Investment Partners, BNZ Partners, and Tabak Business Sales. In addition,

dozens of Acorn volunteers, donors and supporters have gifted money to help with administrative expenses since its founding.

On a national basis, The Tindall Foundation has provided more than \$1.3M in donations to charities in the Western and Eastern Bay of Plenty between 2003 and June 2020, including nearly \$150,000 in service fees for Acorn to act as its Local Donation Manager. Going forward, the Acorn Foundation will be able to pass through all TTF donations to the community, providing even more support to local charitable organisations.



Lesley Jensen and Lori Luke

Lesley Jensen, Acorn Foundation Chair, says, *"We can't thank our donors and sponsors enough for their belief in Acorn and their commitment to the success of our community foundation in the Western Bay of Plenty. We will forever appreciate their important support for our development."*

### VITAL UPDATES

## Living Without Violence

Tauranga Living Without Violence (TLWV) are specialist providers of services within the domestic violence arena, including services to victims, perpetrators, and children who experience domestic violence. Their vision is *"Safe homes, safe communities and for all people in Tauranga Moana to live free from all forms of violence, abuse and oppression."* The services offered include safety programmes, non-violence programmes, children's programmes, counselling and whanau support. All client engagement commences with a risk assessment, typically followed by safety planning and where necessary, advocacy and individual support sessions.

TLWV works collaboratively with many other local services, including Tauranga Women's Refuge, Shakti Ethnic Women's Refuge and Tautoko Mai Sexual Harm Support. The current team consists of 10 staff as well as 9 contractors, who facilitate programme delivery and provide childcare on-site, enabling parents to attend weekly programme sessions. The agency was deemed an essential service by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), for the purpose of COVID-19 response. Although they had only recently completed an IT upgrade, they were lacking in webcams and speakers for each computer, to allow staff to work remotely. A grant was received from the COVID-19



WBOP Recovery Fund (established by Acorn, TECT, BayTrust and Tauranga City Council), which assisted with the purchase of webcams and speakers, enabling remote service delivery.

Their team were aware of an escalation of violence amongst some existing clients during the period of lockdown. As a result, TLWV has established a position for a whānau worker, who commenced in this role on 3 August. This role will provide social work support to whanau affected by domestic violence, and support victims.

*Family Harm is a very significant problem in Tauranga Moana. The Vital Update® report just released shows that 4% of our population report being affected by family harm, with another 4% preferring not to say. Domestic violence (63%) remains the most common form, followed by child abuse (32%) sexual assault (26%) and intimate partner harm (23%). This could be reflective of up to 10,000 people across Tauranga City.*

A grant of \$8,000 was recently given to Tauranga Living Without Violence, from the Tauranga Help fund.

## Donors & Friends Event

The entire Acorn team was thrilled to come together with our donors, volunteers and recipients for morning tea at The Collective on 25 July. More than 120 interested and involved locals listened to talks from the following speakers:

- **Shard Loibl**, Solicitor, Housing Advocacy, Baywide Community Law
- **Julie Sach**, Societal Change and Quality Assurance Leader, Tautoko Mai Sexual Harm (formerly BOPSASS)
- **Ebony Kahukura**, 2019 recipient of the Eva Trowbridge Scholarship for adult learners at the University of Waikato, Tauranga
- **Margot McCool**, Donor and Community Engagement Manager, Acorn with a COVID-19 Rapid Response update
- **Chris Baskett** of Books a Plenty about Auē, the 2020 Jann Medlicott Acorn Prize for Fiction winning book
- **Michelle Elborn**, Chief Executive, and Brian Ireland, Education Manager, Bay Conservation Alliance

Thank you to our wonderful speakers and to all of our supporters who shared their time with us on a Saturday morning. It was so nice to see you all!



## Wills Month 2020



September is a terrific time to consider whether you want to join your friends and neighbours in providing a contribution to the WBOP that lasts forever. The Acorn Foundation is a fantastic vehicle for making your donations go further to charitable causes that are close to your heart.

During Wills Month, the local solicitors listed will make a simple change to an existing Will to include a gift to Acorn at no charge. Any other Will changes will be charged at your solicitor's normal rate.

List of participating firms:

- Abernethy Broatch Law
- Anderson Law Office
- Beach Law Papamoa
- Burley Attwood Law
- Butler Gray Law Office
- Cooney Lees Morgan
- Fenton McFadden
- Harris Tate
- Holland Beckett Law
- JK Hamilton
- Kaimai Law Bethlehem
- Keam Standen
- MacKenzie Elvin
- Rejthar Stuart Law
- Sharp Tudhope Lawyers

Leaving a gift in your Will through Acorn will help your giving make a bigger impact!

## WBOP Rapid Response Fund

### PHASE 1: RAPID RESPONSE

In April 2020, following the rapid closure of our borders, funders in the Western Bay of Plenty came together to establish a Rapid Response Fund to support those community groups who were experiencing increased demand and/or funding shortfall as a result of COVID-19. It was an insight into just how quickly disaster and/or relief funds can be implemented! The funders (TECT, BayTrust, Acorn Foundation and Tauranga City Council) collectively pooled funds totalling \$600,000 to create the WBOP Rapid Response Fund. Groups who were providing essential services as defined by the government were invited to make the first applications to the Fund, and the turnaround from application received, to money in the bank was less than five days. 34 groups were supported with \$232,000 in funding during this Rapid Response phase.

### PHASE TWO: RECOVERY PHASE

In late June, this Fund transitioned into phase two of funding support, with an aim to help key Western Bay of Plenty community groups survive the medium-term impact of the pandemic, enabling the longer-term rebuild of the community sector. The fund, which was valued at \$777,000 at inception, will ensure the continuity of support services people rely on in our region. Examples of organisations the fund is supporting include groups providing



immediate or essential services such as food banks, refuges, and emergency housing, as well as organisations that work to prevent an escalated need for emergency support such as budgeting, alcohol and drug services, family violence prevention, and housing advocacy. Those organisations responding to economic and social issues will also be supported, including community-led engagement programmes, inclusive opportunities, cultural opportunities, and youth engagement programmes. Tauranga City Council Mayor Tenby Powell says many community groups in the region have faced an increased demand for services, an inability to fundraise, and the need to adapt service delivery to operate safely. "All of these impacts have forced community groups to think outside the box. We are seeing incredible examples of collaboration, adaptation of service, and innovative approaches to address the challenges arising from Covid-19. But these come at a cost and we are keen to help our community providers deliver great outcomes by providing joint financial assistance with other local funders. That support will lead to our region coming out stronger on the other side of this crisis." A three-phase approach for the fund is planned by the funders with the third phase to support the longer-term resilience and reinvention of the sector.

## Vital Update Research Released

Acorn continues to work closely with other local funding agencies to ensure that our funds collectively make the greatest difference in areas of high need. We have recently completed an extensive piece of research with over 5,200 respondents, together with Tauranga City Council, TECT and BayTrust, called Vital Update. This research will help us all to plan for a better future for the residents in the Tauranga region.

Here are a few of the most important findings:

- The climate and our beautiful surroundings are the main reasons why people love to live here.
- The single most important priority for improvement is less traffic congestion and better roading infrastructure.
- Roughly 3% of our population is experiencing some level of homelessness – representing around 4,000 people who do not have secure, safe housing.
- 20% of people have no savings at all, while 44% of households in Tauranga have savings that will only last for up to one month. Savings statistics are even worse for Maori and those with disabilities.
- 96% of residents have access to the internet, and 93% have access to a computer.
- Despite this high level of digital connectivity, 20% of 16–24 year-olds feel alone "most or all of the time."
- 21% of the Pacifica community are likely to have experienced family harm, compared with up to 8% for the overall population.

- People with disabilities are dramatically over-represented in negative statistics, such as feeling alone most or all of the time (44% v. 11% for overall population); suffering family harm (10% v. 4%); having no savings (43% v. 20%); and young people aged 16-24 with disabilities are more likely to take drugs (13% v. 8%).



There is a huge amount of fascinating data in the full report, and this work also includes 12 suburb snapshots. In addition, more detailed reports are available for some key groups whose voices are often not heard or represented well in research, including:

- Youth
- Maori
- Ageing population
- Disabled people (including carers)
- Ethnic communities and newcomers to the city
- People experiencing homelessness

The full report can be read at [www.acornfoundation.org.nz/resources/vital-update-tauranga](http://www.acornfoundation.org.nz/resources/vital-update-tauranga).

## Scholarships and Awards

### Winner of the 2020 Jann Medlicott Acorn Prize for Fiction announced!

To accommodate restrictions in place at the time due to lockdown, the 2020 Ockham New Zealand Book Awards took place via a virtual ceremony in May livestreamed on YouTube.



Becky Manawatu

The winner of the \$55,000 Jann Medlicott Acorn Prize for Fiction was first-time author Becky Manawatu from Westport named for her novel, *Auē*.

*"The best book of 2019 – and it really is immense, a deep and powerful work, maybe even the most successfully achieved portrayal of underclass New Zealand life since Once Were Warriors."*

Steve Braunias, Newsroom

### 23 local Dale Carnegie Scholarship Winners Celebrated

A total of 23 local students received their graduation certificates for completing the 2020 Acorn Foundation Dale Carnegie Youth Programme, at a celebratory event held in July. The total number of WBOP Year 13 students who have received this award has now reached 250 – an incredible gift from Acorn's local donor, Mary McGowan and her late husband Roy.

Acorn has long partnered with the team at Dale Carnegie BOP Waikato and the managers of Priority One's InStep programme to run this youth-focused course. The programme 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.

### Congratulations to the following scholarship winners:

- ACG Tauranga: Ashvir Kahlon, Subina Siwakoti
- Aquinas College: Molly Curragh, Luke Tucker
- Bethlehem College: Josiah Grimmer, Bianca Anderson



- Katikati College: Caitlin Thorburn, Jared Snowball-Boyes
- Mt Maunganui College: Charlotte Drabble, Taika Davis
- Otumoetai College: Isaac Smith, Anya Hawkins
- Papamoa College: Emily Williamson, Medea Jones
- Tauranga Boys' College: Ethan Lawn, Kane Taikato, Lucas Macmillan
- Tauranga Girls' College: Tania Simpson, Vanessa Williams
- Te Puke High School: Ella Carruthers, Joshua Kirkland
- Te Wharekura O Mauao: Te Rina Faulkner, Awheto Rameka

*"Just wanted to say how much I appreciate being a participant on the Dale Carnegie course this week. It was such a beneficial and worthwhile couple of days and I feel like I have come away with so many new skills that I am excited to use in the future. It was so nice meeting lots of new people from different schools, who I will definitely keep in touch with. I 100% recommend the course!!!!"*  
Dale Carnegie 2020 Scholarship Winner,  
Molly Curragh

## Upcoming Functions & Events

### ACORN DONOR TREE PLANTING & RECEPTION

Cambridge Park and Decor  
Gardenworld Cafe  
Thursday 10 September  
10:00am - 12:00pm

### DISTRIBUTIONS MORNING TEA:

Katikati Community Centre  
Monday 21 September  
10:00am - 11:30am

### DISTRIBUTIONS MORNING TEA:

Te Puke Citizens Club  
Tuesday 22 September  
10:00am - 11:30am

### PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR BREAKFAST

Findex, Level 4, 35 Grey St  
Tuesday 13 October  
7:30am - 9:00am

### ACORN AGM & DISTRIBUTIONS EVENING

The Collective  
Monday 16 November  
6:00pm - 7:30pm

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

# Celebrating generosity with over \$1.75M in contributions to our region.



CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS TOTAL		\$1,443,863.17
Acorn Foundation Admin	Anon, K&I Holdaway, K. Pensabene, R. Thornley	\$76,549.18
Age Concern NZ	D&S Campbell	\$3,812.78
Age Concern Tauranga	Althorp Village, C. Toop, A. Thorburn	\$10,000.00
Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre (ARRC)	J. Abbot	\$1,089.40
Anxiety New Zealand Trust	J. Chappell-Mathias, R. Preston-Thomas	\$4,000.00
Arthritis NZ for support in Tauranga	B. Shaw	\$12,819.79
Asthma & Respiratory Mgmt Society	A. Coad	\$1,020.03
Awhina House	Craigs Christmas Giving, J. Chappell-Mathias, Honeybadgers Giving Circle, N. Campbell, The Tindall Foundation	\$13,100.00
Bay Conservation Alliance	J. Abbot, E. Olsen, J. Friis	\$15,636.26
Bay of Plenty Classic Aircraft Trust	Community Group Fund	\$2,714.24
Bay of Plenty Sailing Academy Trust	Community Group Fund	\$5,796.35
BaySwim	Anon	\$5,000.00
Baywide Community Law	M. Sutherland, D. Thompson & C. Beard	\$10,000.00
Bethlehem Baptist Church - A Place of Hope	Anon	\$2,572.02
Big Buddy Mentoring Trust	F. McGrogan, A. Simpson	\$8,000.00
Blind and Low Vision Tauranga	J&P Laing, J&M O'Reilly, P. Roadley, R&E Shepherd	\$19,583.02
Blue Light Ventures	Anon, First XI Giving Circle, Honeybadgers Giving Circle, G&S Laing, The Tindall Foundation	\$9,342.00
BOP Therapy Foundation	J. Chappell-Mathias	\$7,000.00
BOP Youth Development Trust	Cooney Lees Morgan, Haine Family, Tauranga Police CIB	\$10,000.00
Brain Injured Children Trust	A. Crane, J&P Laing	\$3,085.00
Brave Hearts NZ	J. Chappell-Mathias	\$5,000.00
Camp Quality	Emergency Services Club	\$10,586.33
Cancer Society Tga	M&C George, P&E Kershaw	\$8,261.04
CanTeen	Emergency Services Club, R&M McGowan	\$4,488.24
CCS Disability Action Tga	M&L Bellerby, A. Coad, R&E Shepherd	\$8,936.44
Christians Against Poverty	Anon	\$2,572.00
Citizens Advice Bureau Tauranga	M. Sutherland	\$4,000.00
Citizens Advice Bureau Whakatane	The Tindall Foundation	\$9,500.00
COLAB - Te Puke	J. Chappell-Mathias, B. Sutherland	\$5,000.00
Complex Chronic Illness Support Tauranga	Anon, Community Group Fund	\$4,645.66
COVID-19 Rapid Response & Recovery Fund	B. Sutherland, The Tindall Foundation 25th Birthday, C. Toop, Walters Family and assorted generous local contributors	\$83,577.74
Creative BOP	Community Group Fund	\$2,077.93
Detour Theatre	J. Chappell-Mathias	\$3,000.00
Diabetes Tauranga	Community Group Fund	\$10,403.11
Empowerment NZ	Craigs Christmas Giving, C&P Peat, The Tindall Foundation	\$17,038.00
Envirohub	J. Friis	\$5,000.00
Families Achieving Balance	Anon	\$5,000.00
Family Link	E. Trowbridge	\$5,000.00
Far East Broadcasting Co. Trust	R&H Schleinkofer	\$1,058.01
Fred Hollows Foundation of NZ	A. Thorburn	\$3,378.90
Garden to Table Tauranga	Noonan Family	\$1,000.00
Get Smart Tauranga	Anon, J. Chappell-Mathias	\$7,000.00
Good Neighbour	ASB Tauranga, Craigs Christmas Giving, T&M Duncan, The Tindall Foundation	\$18,820.00
Grief Support Services	Acorn Vital Impact Fund, J. Chappell-Mathias, First XI Giving Circle	\$10,000.00
Growing Through Grief - Te Puke	B. Sutherland, C. Toop	\$4,000.00
Habitat for Humanity Central Region	J. Chappell-Mathias	\$5,000.00
Homes of Hope	J. Chappell-Mathias, N. Campbell	\$2,200.00
House of Science Tauranga	Anon	\$4,000.00
Inspiring Stories	The Tindall Foundation	\$10,000.00
Kai Aroha	First XI Giving Circle	\$2,000.00
Katch Katikati	C. Toop	\$4,000.00
Katikati Community Centre	A. Simpson, The Tindall Foundation	\$10,000.00
Katikati Innovative Horticulture Trust	A. Owen	\$30,000.00
Katikati Primary School	P. Goodyear	\$8,576.21
Kawerau & Districts Ageing in Place	The Tindall Foundation	\$8,000.00
Kawerau Assembly of God Foodbank	The Tindall Foundation 25th Birthday	\$3,500.00
Kawerau Blue Light Ventures	The Tindall Foundation	\$8,000.00
KidsCan Charitable Trust	Acorn Vital Impact Fund, N. Campbell, Craigs Christmas Giving	\$9,200.00
Kidz Need Dadz	Haine Family, A. Simpson	\$7,000.00
Life Education Trust	A. Simpson	\$3,000.00
Live For More	Haine Family	\$10,000.00
Living Without Violence	Tauranga Help	\$8,000.00
Marine Reach NZ	R&H Schleinkofer	\$1,058.01
Merivale Community Centre	Sally's Angels Giving Circle, A. Simpson, The Tindall Foundation	\$11,000.00
Mockingbird	L&K Christie, R&M McGowan	\$10,000.00
Motor Neurone Disease NZ	Community Group Fund	\$6,862.15
Mt Maunganui Lifeguard Service	Community Group Fund, T&M Duncan, P. Roadley, A. Simpson	\$6,881.40
Neurological Foundation of NZ	M&C George, A. Thorburn	\$4,301.73
NumberWorks'nWords	J. Chappell-Mathias, M. Sutherland	\$2,000.00
NZ Council of Victim Support	A. Simpson	\$5,000.00
NZ Heart Foundation Tauranga	P&E Kershaw, R&E Shepherd	\$14,162.80
NZ Society of Genealogists	H. McLean	\$6,295.18
Omanu Surf Lifesaving Club	K. Pensabene	\$43,601.97
One Love Charity	C. Toop	\$1,500.00
Open Home Foundation	Anon, J. Chappell-Mathias, The Tindall Foundation	\$7,000.00
Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust	J. Abbot, M&L Bellerby, Community Group Fund, C. Tustain	\$5,733.23
Otorohanga District & Community Trust	Anon	\$10,918.28
Pacific Leprosy Foundation	J&M O'Reilly	\$2,217.24
Papamoa Family Services	B. Sutherland, M. Sutherland	\$10,000.00
Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club	D&L Caird	\$3,000.00
Papamoa Toy Library	J. Chappell-Mathias	\$1,000.00
Parent to Parent Coastal BOP	E. Brown, J&P Laing, J. Round	\$6,085.00

Parenting Place	J. Chappell-Mathias	\$5,000.00
Phillips Search & Rescue Trust	Anon, Craigs Fundraising, K&R Hunt, A. Neilson, P&D van Loghem	\$12,984.24
Pukehina Surf Rescue	Anon, L. Wootton	\$4,000.00
Red Cross WBOP	J&M O'Reilly	\$2,217.24
REKA Trust	The Tindall Foundation	\$2,000.00
Rescue, Revive, Rehome	Cooney Lees Morgan	\$519.05
Rhema Media NZ	R&H Schleinkofer	\$1,058.01
Riding for the Disabled Hamilton	M. Sutherland	\$4,577.41
Rotary Foundation	A. Owen	\$2,144.88
Royal Forest & Bird Tauranga	P. Roadley	\$1,955.72
Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust	J. Chappell-Mathias, R&M McGowan	\$10,000.00
Salvation Army Tauranga	D&L Caird, J. Chappell-Mathias, J&P Laing, R&H Schleinkofer, E. Trowbridge	\$44,620.20
Salvation Army Whakatane	The Tindall Foundation 25th Birthday	\$5,000.00
Save The Children NZ	D&L Caird	\$3,497.37
Shakti Ethnic Women's Support Group	J. Chappell-Mathias, Tauranga Help	\$7,000.00
Socialink	J. Chappell-Mathias	\$10,000.00
SPCA Hamilton	Anon	\$10,918.28
SPCA Tauranga	D&R Godfrey, P&E Kershaw	\$10,263.31
Special Olympics Tauranga	Cooney Lees Morgan	\$519.05
SPELD NZ Inc	M&T Mills Family	\$6,145.00
St Columba Presbyterian Church	R&E Shepherd	\$6,824.59
St Enoch's Presbyterian Church	Goodwill Trust	\$5,626.03
St John - Katikati	J. Friis	\$7,623.42
St John - Mt Maunganui	J&M O'Reilly	\$2,217.24
St John - Otorohanga	Anon	\$10,918.28
St John - Tauranga	M&L Bellerby, M&C George, K&R Hunt, R&M McGowan, R&E Shepherd	\$11,805.46
St John - Te Puke	Anon	\$12,655.42
St Peters House	Acorn Vital Impact Fund, J. Chappell-Mathias, Craigs Christmas Giving, B. Holm, G&S Horsley, C. Toop, P&D van Loghem	\$14,000.00
Starjam	E. Brown	\$3,000.00
Sustainability Options	Acorn Vital Impact Fund, N&M Bicknell, J. Chappell-Mathias, E. Trowbridge	\$7,000.00
Tauranga Art Gallery	C. Jarman	\$1,199.29
Tauranga BOP Hearing Association	J. Sutherland	\$5,479.28
Tauranga Budget Advisory Services	R. Preston-Thomas, M. Sutherland	\$10,000.00
Tauranga Christian Community Trust	J. Chappell-Mathias	\$7,000.00
Tauranga Community Foodbank Trust	J. Chappell-Mathias, A. Coad, M. McCracken, Sally's Angels Giving Circle	\$12,000.00
Tauranga Community Housing Trust	M. Sutherland, The Tindall Foundation	\$10,000.00
Tauranga Moana Nightshelter Trust	N. Campbell, J. Chappell-Mathias, L&K Christie, Craigs Christmas Giving, The Tindall Foundation	\$13,100.00
Tauranga Parents Centre	J. Chappell-Mathias	\$2,000.00
Tauranga Riding for the Disabled	Cooney Lees Morgan, E. Macrae	\$2,981.83
Tauranga Volunteer Coastguard	Community Group Fund	\$7,385.60
Tauranga Women's Refuge	J. Chappell-Mathias, Community Group Fund, N. Campbell, Tauranga Police CIB, The Tindall Foundation	\$12,345.03
Tauranga Youth Development Team	C. Toop	\$2,000.00
Te Aranui Youth Trust	B&J Currie, Haine Family	\$9,078.49
Te Puke Toy Library	Anon	\$983.01
Te Puke Volunteer Fire Brigade	Anon	\$4,218.47
The Boys' Brigade	B&J Currie, M&T Mills Family, NumberWorks'nWords	\$8,973.76
The Clothing Project	The Tindall Foundation	\$5,000.00
The Parkinsonism Society Tauranga	J&G Clarke, J. Friis	\$8,931.68
Therapy Dogs NZ	B. Burns & A. Johnston	\$8,361.68
Tipu Skills for Life	Anon, M&T Mills Family, NumberWorks'nWords	\$7,903.97
Under the Stars	Cooney Lees Morgan	\$519.05
Variety - the Children's Charity	J. Chappell-Mathias	\$2,000.00
Waihi Beach Community Centre - A Friend's Place	The Tindall Foundation	\$5,000.00
Waipuna Hospice	M&L Bellerby, D&L Caird, L&K Christie, J&G Clarke, K&R Hunt, J&P Laing, G&C Olsen, K. Pensabene, J. Round, R&E Shepherd, P&D van Loghem	\$104,511.53
WBOP Neighbourhood Support	J. Chappell-Mathias, R. Preston-Thomas	\$4,000.00
Whakaatu Whanaunga Trust	The Tindall Foundation 25th Birthday	\$4,000.00
WWF NZ	A. Thorburn	\$3,378.90
YMCA Tauranga	Community Group Fund	\$2,334.10
Youth Development Trust WBOP (Graeme Dingle)	D&S Campbell, Honeybadgers Giving Circle, M&T Mills Family, M&G Read-Smith, P&K Tinho	\$21,919.66
Youth Encounter Ministries Trust	Anon, D&M Bassett, D&L Caird, J. Chappell-Mathias, A. Simpson, J. Tingey	\$7,500.00
Youth Search & Rescue Tauranga	C. Toop, L. Wootton	\$7,000.00
Zipper Club Tauranga	Community Group Fund	\$2,609.83
Christmas support for charities outside WBOP / EBOP	Craigs Christmas Giving	\$124,000.00
Fundraising for helicopters outside WBOP / EBOP	Craigs fundraising	\$6,007.74
Funds to be allocated	J. Chappell-Mathias, Craigs Workplace Giving, KPMG Workplace Giving, Sally's Angels Giving Circle, B. Sutherland	\$32,493.40

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS TOTAL		\$314,612.19
Amnesty International NZ	G&M Ware	\$4,279.59
Bob & Joy Owens Scholarships	Owens Charitable Trust	\$105,000.00
BOP Medical Students Scholarship	BOP Clinical School Charitable Trust	\$4,500.00
Creative BOP Scholarship	J. Medlicott	\$2,000.00
Dale Carnegie Youth Programme Scholarships	R&M McGowan	\$22,000.00
NZ Book Awards Trust	J. Medlicott	\$57,031.34
Otumoetai College Tertiary Scholarship	R&A Scoular	\$10,500.00
Outward Bound Scholarships	B. Granger, Haine Family, J&P Laing, G&C Olsen, T. Wadsworth	\$29,912.42
Page/Acorn Engineering Scholarships	B&P Page	\$58,881.99
Sport BOP Scholarship	C. Tustain	\$2,000.00
Tauranga Boys' College Tertiary Scholarship	Cashmore Family	\$10,000.00
Tauranga Performing Arts Competitions	C. Tustain	\$1,506.85
Waikato University Adult Learner Scholarships	Anon, E. Trowbridge	\$6,000.00
Waikato University Scholarship	B. Pieszkyk	\$1,000.00

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY THIS YEAR \$1,758,475.36**

Our donors have supported **157 organisations and award programmes** in the past year.

**DONORS WE REMEMBER**

**Carol Frances Bithell (1950 - 2019)**



Carol was born in Thames and grew up in Ngatea. Carol never married but lived with her dear friend Peg for a number of years until Peg's death in 2016.

Carol was extremely social and had many friends. She was a hard worker who worked as a shuttle driver until she became ill. She loved cycle touring and travelled extensively throughout her life, and in recent years she had travelled to Turkey, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, America and the Galapagos Islands.

Carol always discussed leaving a financial legacy to charity and found she could do so in perpetuity through the Acorn Foundation.

**The Carol Bithell Fund will provide support to a variety of organisations, including SPCA Tauranga, Philips Search and Rescue Trust, Mount Maunganui Lifeguard Service, Papamoa Surf Lifesaving, Cancer Society Tauranga, Starship Hospital, and Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Incorporated.**

**Sam (1938 - 2019) and Nulma (1933 - 2014) Turner**



In 1946, siblings Sam and Nulma Turner moved as young children with their parents from the West Coast to Mount Maunganui. Nulma became a very competent legal assistant where she worked for John F Trapski at the Mount. Sam was an accountant and worked for accounting firm Garligier, Waterhouse and Simmonds. He later moved to accountants Eagles, Sherman & Lloyd and also worked for the Tauranga Borough Council from 1956-68.

Sam and Nulma both loved to travel and have been as far as Antarctica. They were also very keen gardeners.

**20% of the Sam and Nulma Turner Fund provides for the Starship Foundation, with 80% unrestricted.**

**Malcolm (1933-2015) and Joan (1934 - 2019) Jackson**



Both Malcolm and Joan Jackson came from farming families and continued on this tradition of owning farms in Gisborne, Otamauri, Wellsford and Kaiwaka before moving north to set up an Avocado and Tamarillo Orchard in Whangarei. Malcolm and Joan had four children. Both Malcolm and Joan were very much involved in their local communities. Joan became a qualified Pony Club Instructor and a very competitive golfer, and Malcolm was a member of Rotary in Wellsford and was President of the Waiwhere Sports Committee, as well as being a very keen fisherman.

Sadly, Malcolm suffered a stroke at the age of 60 which created a lifestyle change, and Malcolm and Joan subsequently moved to Omokoroa in Tauranga.

**Malcolm and Joan's funds have contributed to the Acorn Vital Impact Fund.**

**Norman (1920 - 2019) & Molly (1924 - 2014) Bicknell**



They met in Wellington in their early twenties (Norman was from Khandallah and Molly was from Glasgow, Scotland). They fell in love and were married for 58 years.

Soon after they moved to Tauranga, they bought their first home in Greerton, followed by their forever home in Otumoetai. Having no children, Molly worked as a clerk for the Power Board and received a silver platter commemorating 25 years' service. Norman worked for the BOP Yorkshire General Insurance Co and later General Accident Insurance. Norman was an active member of Masonic Lodge and, after retiring, he was treasurer at the CT Club. Norman and Molly were both keen gardeners and loved the city of Tauranga.

Molly passed away in 2014 at the age of 90 and Norman passed away in 2019 at the age of 99. **Their fund will support one full scholarship to Outward Bound with the balance remaining unrestricted.**



**Trust Resettlements**

Many people might not realise that over the past decade the Law Commission has led a review of trust law in order to modernise the law and make it more accessible. This review ultimately resulted in the enactment of the Trusts Act 2019 (the Act), which takes effect on 31 January 2021. Overall, the Act increases the compliance requirements imposed on trustees, improves beneficiary rights to access information and increases the scope for beneficiary claims against trustees and professional advisors. Due to these upcoming changes, many people are re-evaluating the need to maintain family and community trusts, and transfers to Community Foundations like Acorn are occurring all over the country.

**Acorn Foundation partners with Owens Charitable Trust**

The Acorn Foundation is thrilled to partner with the Owens Charitable Trust to take over the important local programme that has provided tertiary scholarships in the region for over 25 years. Joy and Bob Owens founded the Owens Charitable Trust in 1990 and began delivering scholarships at Tauranga Boys' College and Tauranga Girls' College in 1993. Mount College, Otumoetai College, Te Puke High School, Bethlehem College and Aquinas College were all added by 2007, with the programme now delivering \$15,000 scholarships over three years to worthy students from each of the seven schools.

OCT Trustee Robin Owens says, "As Trustees, Mahe Drysdale, Bill Capamagian and I very much wanted to ensure that the Bob and Joy Owens Scholarships continued on into the future providing such wonderful support for young people in the community. By placing the administration of these scholarships into the professional hands of the Acorn Foundation, we are ensuring that the Scholarships will continue on exactly as they have always done for many years to come." The awards will now be known as the Bob & Joy Owens Scholarships and will continue to be awarded at each school's Year 13 end of year Prizegiving.



Bill Capamagian, Lori Luke and Robin Owens

**Goodwill Trust moves to Acorn**

Acorn has taken over the management of the assets of the Goodwill Shop Trust, which was originally established as an Op Shop by parishioners at St. Enoch's Church in 1975. The trustees have wound up the trust and directed that Acorn use its distributions to support organisations working in the areas of greatest need, with a preference for projects at St. Enoch's.

**Acorn welcomes its first ever Scholarship Committee**

We recently established a Scholarship Committee to assist us with the review and implementation of various scholarship applications throughout the year. This Committee was appointed by the Acorn Board and runs alongside the Acorn Distributions Committee with oversight from Committee Chair, Anthony Ririnui.

Welcome to our newest volunteers:

**Anne Pankhurst:** After a long career in hospitality, Anne currently organises events for the Tauranga Chamber of Commerce, including the Westpac Tauranga Business Awards. Anne has a strong interest in economic development for the region and is a member of SmartGrowth Strategic Partners, Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group and City Centre Action Group. Anne currently sits on several other boards, including Tarnished Frocks and Divas, and has volunteered extensively across the region.



**David Pearce:** David grew up in Masterton, studied at Massey University and lived in Wellington for twenty years before moving to Tauranga with his family in 2015. David has had a career in sport management and local and central government and is now the Community Manager for Western Bay of Plenty District Council. As a volunteer, David sits on the Boards of Tauranga Hockey Association and Swimming Bay of Plenty, is a judge for the annual Sport Bay of Plenty awards and is a lifeguard at Mount Maunganui Surf Lifeguard Service.



**Charlie Rahiri:** Charlie was born and bred in Tauranga Moana and was raised on the marae at Te Wairoa. He acknowledged this as his grounding in Te Ao Māori having been surrounded by Kaumatua from a very young age. Charlie has a professional background in health and



social services and government and has worked in Iwi, NGO's, DHB and Central Government and currently serves as a Senior Advisor for Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry of Māori Development.

**James Wilson:** James is passionate about creating opportunities for young and emerging artists and serves as Manager of Baycourt Community and Arts Centre in Tauranga. Originally from Maidenhead in South East England, James worked for a variety of arts venues in London, including the Lyric Hammersmith, Tate Modern, Tate Britain, and The Orange Tree Theatre. Arriving in Aotearoa in 2005, James worked as General Manager for Massive Theatre Company, prior to joining Q Theatre. James was Chief Executive for Q Theatre between 2012 and 2018 and co-chaired the executive board of the Performing Arts Network New Zealand (PANNZ) for four years.



**Acorn takes over Tauranga Girls' College Trust**

TGCT was originally started by a \$200,000 gift from Minola Grant and has received other donations over the years. The trustees have resettled the trust with \$200,000 to Acorn to provide annual scholarships and the balance for a one-time project at Tauranga Girls' College.

