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Mount Wellington  
Charitable Trust

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second edition

**The Mount Wellington Licensing Trust returns more than a million dollars a year to community groups and individuals through its charitable arms.**

The main asset of the Trust is the Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre. Every time you stay there, hold a conference or wedding there, you are part of "Giving is Good".

It's been a busy year for the Charitable Trust with Giving is Good donations made to a wide range of community organisations.

In this second Giving is Good book you'll read about donations that have helped:

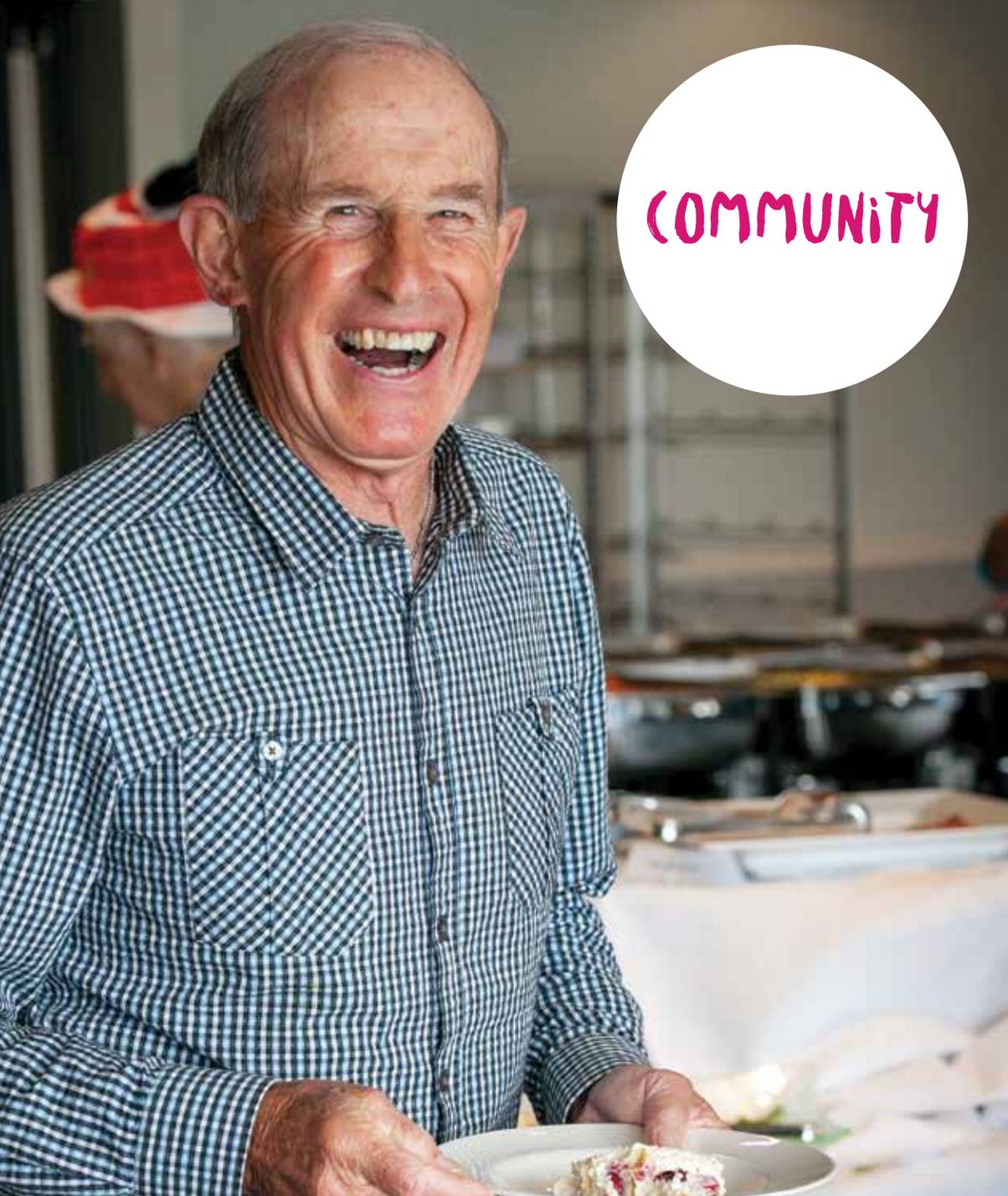
- local students pursue tertiary studies
- build a new pontoon on the Tamaki River
- support the building of a bariatric ambulance for St John
- provide Christmas lunch for senior citizens
- build a smarter messaging system for Panama Road School
- fund equipment for the Middlemore Foundation.

**Join us as we continue the good work of the Mt Wellington Charitable Trust in making a difference in our community.**

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COMMUNITY



CARING

## CARE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PATIENTS

### St John's Ambulance

**St John is a not-for-profit organisation and at its core provides ambulance services around New Zealand.**

The organization relies on donations to fund its activities and the Mt Wellington Charitable Trust has been a generous supporter of St John in recent years.

The most recent Giving is Good donation from the trust is for the building of a bariatric ambulance.

The bariatric ambulance is designed and equipped to transport severely obese patients, meeting the needs of vulnerable people who need transport to a hospital or other health care facilities. In some cases, an obese individual may

be too large to ride in standard size ambulances.

The bariatric ambulance provides a necessary solution to transport the person to a health care facility for medical treatment.

# KEEPING PARENTS INFORMED

## Panama Road School

**There's an age-old problem of getting notices home from school to parents.**

Often the notices find their way to the bottom of a student's school bag never to see the light of day again.

Panama Road School in Mt Wellington decided it was time to modernise the distribution of messages to parents of its pupils but they needed assistance. With the help of a Giving is Good donation from the Mt Wellington Charitable Trust, they built an electronic messaging noticeboard in the school grounds.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Parents are now up-to-date with the important messages and the school feels proud of its new message board.



**ASSISTANCE**



# PAVING THE WAY FOR FUTURE CHAMPIONS

## Nga Hau Maiangi Inc



# CHAMPIONS





**New Zealand has a proud history of performance on the world rowing stage and for all future world champions it starts on a pontoon about the time the sun starts to rise over a lake or a river.**

One of those pontoons is on the Tamaki River at Ian Shaw Park, Mt Wellington, home to the Auckland Rowing Club. Among others rowers from Epsom Girls Grammar, Sacred Heart College, Auckland Diocesan School for Girls and Kings College are frequent users of the pontoon.

Until recently rowing skiffs could only be loaded one at a time on the old concrete ramp that was slippery and dangerous.

With the assistance of the Mt Wellington Charitable Trust's Giving is Good donation the club has constructed a new pontoon that has the capacity for multiple crews to launch their boats at the same time without the risk of injury.

The donation also contributed to the construction of a much-anticipated building for Nga Hau Maiangi member clubs to house their waka and equipment and a communal space for meetings.

The Trust also donated money for the removal of old wooden moorings on the river making way for a 2,000 meter rowing course and keeping New Zealand on track to maintain its reputation as one of the best rowing nations in the world.



# SAVING KIDS THE PAIN

## The Middlemore Foundation

**The Middlemore Foundation is a voluntary organisation that was established to work in partnership with Counties Manukau Health to help provide the best healthcare for the people of its community.**

The Mt Wellington Charitable Trust is proud to help raise funds for the Foundation

with involvement in the annual business fun run.

The Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre sponsors the Waipuna Fun Run and Walk event (organised by the Highbrook Rotary Club) and donates the proceeds to organisations like the Middlemore Foundation.

Money from the fun run is being used to ensure an accuvein becomes part of the standard equipment in use on the medical floor

of Middlemore Hospital.

An accuvein shines a special beam that lights up the veins in a patient's arms, making it much easier to put in lines, injections and the like, first time every time. And that means fewer needle prods in the arms of the kids.

Staff at Kidz First report accuvein technology is making a real difference to the little ones, and they can't wait for the second one to arrive.





# SPRINGBOARDING OUR STUDENTS TO TERTIARY STUDIES

## Scholarships

**Every year the Mt Wellington Charitable Trust supports local area year 13 students with scholarships to pursue tertiary studies.**

Four scholarships were awarded to students, from three schools, intending to study in 2016.

The four students are Lata To'a from Tamaki College, MayLynn Uepa, Otahuhu College and

Nikhil Singh and Kane Follows both from One Tree Hill College. One Tree Hill College is a coeducational multicultural school with more than 30 nationalities represented among its pupils.

# STUDIES





## SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

## DELIGHT

**One of the delights of giving for the Mt Wellington Charitable Trust is the annual Christmas lunch for senior citizens.**

The 2015 Christmas lunch was the fourth time the Trust had shouted lunch to those senior

citizens aged over 65 years who live in the Panmure, Mt Wellington area.

Since its inception in 2012 the lunch has grown in popularity with 520 eager diners attending the luncheon at the acclaimed Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre in December 2015.

The lunch is a celebration of all that's good in the community and all reports suggest the senior citizens will be back for more treats at the 2016 Christmas lunch.

# WAIPUNA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE IN THE COMMUNITY

**Mount Wellington Trust General Manager David Comery has been awarded one of the most prestigious honours in hospitality and tourism.**

David, who works closely with the Trustees of the Giving is Good programme of donations to local community

organisations, is one of the inaugural recipients of the "Outstanding Contribution to the Hospitality and Tourism Community" awards. He said he accepted the award on behalf of all the staff at the Waipuna who give back generously to the community.

The award is made by the highly regarded AUT School of

Hospitality and Tourism and was presented to David at the school's annual awards gala.

David has a strong team of committed hospitality professionals working with him at the Waipuna. **Three of the executive team serve on advisory boards for various educational institutions in Auckland.**

The Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre works closely with local schools running work experience programmes. **Recently the Waipuna team hosted a 3-day "Work Inspiration" programme that totally immersed 16 school-age children in hospitality.**

The 3-day work experience was perhaps best summed up by one of the participants when she said, "I loved this Work Inspiration. It was an opportunity for me to learn how to be very confident and get along with people I've never met before."



**AWARD**



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comprehensive conference and  
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Primarily dedicated to staging conferences, meetings, exhibitions, product launches, seminars and special events.

The Waipuna is set among more than two and a half hectares of parkland overlooking a picturesque saltwater lagoon and is only 25 minutes from New Zealand's biggest international airport and Auckland city centre.

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