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Waipuna's Head Baker, William Ashford, sharing skills with local Work Inspiration students.

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third edition

Introduction

Helping local organisations and people achieve their goals.

The Mount Wellington Licensing Trust returns more than \$1.5 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 another busy year for the Charitable Trust with grants made to a wide range of community organisations.

In this third edition of the Giving is Good book you'll read about donations that have put life-saving AEDs into schools and clubs, helped local students pursue their dreams, the upgrading of the walkway to the pontoon on the Tamaki River, fund community facilities at the Mt Wellington Tennis club, assist a chorus group of over 70's and much more.

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SAFER MARINA ENVIRONMENT

Panmure Yachting & Boating

The old steel ramp that provides access to the boats moored at the Panmure Yacht & Boating marina, is well known to those who've made the walk down the gangway. It's old, narrow and tricky to navigate, particularly when there are multiple luggage trolleys on the ramp at the same time.

Removing a 30-year old steel ramp and replacing it with a new aluminium ramp is a big job and requires expert design and installation. Panmure Yacht & Boating called in the experts in the form of Bellingham Marine. Melbourne-based Bellingham Marine is considered a global leader in marina design. Recently they were hired by Auckland Transport to design and fabricate a new floating ferry landing platform at Half Moon Bay.

Spokesman John Bennett says, "The new ramp provides a safer environment for those accessing boats and is welcomed by members."

The Mt Wellington Charitable Trust continues to recognize the importance of the facilities that provide access to the magnificent Tamaki River: last year it gave a grant that helped with the construction of a new pontoon for the Auckland Rowing Club.

SAFETY

Photo not actual ramp as still under construction



FAMILY

LIFE SAVING DEFIBRILLATORS

Schools, sports clubs and community groups around Mt Wellington and Panmure are now safer places, thanks to the donation of 15 defibrillators (AEDs), by the Mt Wellington Charitable Trust.

Donated by the Trust and supplied by St John, the AEDs make a live-saving difference for someone in cardiac arrest – when the heart stops beating. AEDs shock the heart back into rhythm and are essential in the “chain of survival” for

somebody suffering cardiac arrest.

Mt Wellington Charitable Trust Chairperson Jean Dolheguy says, “Our core purpose is to help make our community a better place by giving back wherever we can.”

A big part of that is supporting people’s health and wellbeing, and working together with St John, we’re delighted to ensure more AEDs are now available in our local area.

One AED recipient is the Auckland Society of Model Engineers (ASME), which runs miniature train rides at Peterson Reserve, next to the Panmure Basin, on Sundays. ASME Vice President Greville Wills says it is reassuring to have an AED on-site.

The Mt Wellington Charitable Trust donated \$45,000 for the defibrillators that will be rolled out to schools and clubs in the local area.



COMMUNITY

St John staff demonstrating how to use an AED

SUPPORTING A BOLD NEW DIRECTION

Mt Wellington Tennis Club



CHAMPIONS

Three years ago the Mt Wellington Tennis Club was in bad shape. Membership had dropped to around 70 people and it was losing its purpose in the community. Enter Neville Pegg, who embarked on an ambitious strategy to get the best out of the facility.

Neville had experienced a similar situation in the UK and he knew that for the club to have a positive future they would need to create a multi-purpose facility that would engage members of the local community.

Neville says the Mt Wellington Charitable Trust was a big believer in the strategy and gave generously for its development. The latest donation of more than \$33,000 helped with lighting & resurfacing of the courts and windbreaks.

The club was renamed Riverside Sports to better reflect a facility that allowed for multiple uses by a wide range of local organisations.

Now local schools use the all-weather surface for football practice, hockey practice and participation in the fast growing sport of "Pop Tennis."

Neville says one of the most satisfying elements of the renewal strategy is that they have more than 300 disabled kids using the facility on a regular basis.

You can find out more about Riverside Sports at www.riverside.co.nz

THE OVER 70'S CHORUS UNPLUGGED

YOUNG AT HEART CHORUS

Music is an international language. It's omnipresent in our lives; it touches us, brings joy, inspires, and punctuates milestones in our lives.

Young at Heart is a chorus of singers made up of over 70's but there's a twist. They don't sing the classics from the good old days; their song sheets are contemporary, positively modern with music from Imagine Dragons, Harry Styles and Split Enz.

Young at Heart travels the country entertaining community groups and their performances are hugely popular. Sheila Summers is event manager but her duties don't stop there. She says, "It keeps my brain alive. Some people say old people should do crosswords but we do modern music."

Despite having a key sponsor, additional fund raising is required for the Choir's operation and

that's where the Mount Wellington Charitable trust stepped in by providing the Cole Theatre at Waipuna Hotel free of charge with an invitation for the group to return in the future.

One thing is for sure, Sheila is adamant Young at Heart will be touring a lot longer and we wouldn't bet against that.

MUSIC



DEVELOPING DIGITALLY SAVVY
LEARNING IN SCHOOLS

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks is a Google initiative to advance digital learning in schools.

They claim there is more than 20 million users everyday of the school week across the globe.

The Mt Wellington Charitable Trust immediately saw the benefits of Chromebooks and donated almost \$20,000 to help Sylvia Park School in to the Chromebooks programme.

Google's idea with Chromebooks is to deliver productivity gains for both students and teachers.

Chromebooks houses all the apps in the cloud and along with partner organisations that provide hardware, Google is enabling a new generation of digitally savvy learning.

Sylvia Park School Principal, Barbara Ala'alatoa, is a convert. She says, "Our students are very appreciative of their Chromebooks and this is evident in the

care they take of their Chromebooks every single day." The benefits are so wide-ranging. Having access means the ability to learn in real time and not wait for someone else to furnish them with answers.

"Teachers are able to be so much more fluid and adaptive with their teaching approach now that we have the level of access available to our students. Planning and organisation has become a much more exciting task." According to Barbara.

LEARNING



SCHOLARSHIPS

HELPING TERTIARY STUDENTS PURSUE THEIR DREAMS

STUDIES

Each year the Mt Wellington Charitable Trust enthusiastically gives to local secondary schools to help selected students pursue their dreams. This year \$25,000 was provided in the form of scholarships.

Edgewater College careers advisor, Sharon Blasé says, "the Mt Wellington Trust scholarships give our students an opportunity to achieve and experience their absolute personal best in reaching their dreams and goals."

She says the academic scholarship is of tremendous help in their first year of tertiary study.

Nick Coughlan, Principal of One Tree Hill College, sees the money from the trust helping "more promising young leaders being developed and supported in our community."

Otago College's Principal, Neil Watson, says, "the Scholarship delivers important peace of mind around financial constraints." He says "our students have been able to settle into their tertiary studies without the worry of loans, or extra financial pressure on their family."

Spirit of Adventure voyages are offered at Year 12, giving the students a challenge to test themselves in a totally new environment, while Outward Bound is seen as an experience of a lifetime. "The students come back with so much more self-knowledge and assurance. We are so grateful."

Tamaki College Deputy Principal, Kathryn Moore, says Tamaki College is proud of its association with the Mt Wellington Charitable Trust, who over many years have provided opportunities for students to pursue academic studies or undertake the adventure of a lifetime.

A LOOK BACK

A new feature in this edition of our Giving Is Good book is a look at the life of a past recipient of a Mt Wellington Charitable Trust grant.

Ten years ago Kate Lawrence received a Trust grant to attend Outward Bound. Outward Bound is the premier provider of experience-based outdoor leadership programs for youth and adults.

Ten years on Kate is a paediatric intensive care nurse at Starship Hospital. She's also qualified on the Life Flight Programme and travels all around the country picking up kids who need specialised care.

Kate says that during course time they ran and swam, in freezing waters, every morning. That was followed with a full day of activities, including sailing, abseiling, tramping kayaking and community service.

She says, "Setting goals to achieve these things and working in a team are skills that have translated into all parts of my life and I think

it's just as relevant today as they were then."

Kate has been in her job for over 5 years and says, "Everyday I continue learning and getting challenged. PICU (Paediatric Intensive Care Unit) is the only intensive care for children in New Zealand so we get to see a lot of different illnesses and injuries.

We also offer a retrieval service that means we pick up children from around New Zealand, who need the specialised care of Starship Hospital."

Kate says, "This is something that I have recently started doing. It requires planning and preparation; it requires long hours in an unfamiliar situation and a lot of teamwork. These things are all skills that I learnt and practiced when on my Outward Bound course."

"I would absolutely recommend Outward Bound to anybody thinking about giving it a go and I sincerely thank the Mount Wellington Charitable trust for affording me this life changing experience."





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