



Nikau
FOUNDATION

**Creating a thriving
Wairarapa.**

Our mission is to build healthy, thriving and resilient communities across Te Upoko-o-te-Ika-a-Māui the Greater Wellington region

Together, we are building reliable long-term funding streams to support our communities forever.

Inspired by the work of a worldwide network of community foundations, Nikau Foundation was established in 1991 – the first of its kind in Aotearoa New Zealand. This network of community foundations now comprises 17 foundations throughout the country, each working to make a positive and lasting impact within their respective regions. Nikau is now the guardian of almost \$32 million, which has been invested to support our communities across the Greater Wellington region forever.

As the Wellington region's community foundation, we are committed to creating transformational change for our communities, ensuring everyone has the tools and resources they need to flourish. We have strong connections to our community and are in tune with their needs, working to ensure local generosity goes to local causes. Our aim is to give every Wellingtonian the opportunity to effect positive change on their doorstep.

Making a difference on our doorstep

Since moving to the Wairarapa more than 15 years ago, I have been impressed by the incredible sense of community that exists here. Individuals and organisations regularly demonstrate a willingness to lend a hand or offer support when the need arises. Wairarapa is such a diverse community; from the incredibly important rural sector to the urban areas with all communities needing different kinds of support.

Through our connection and knowledge of the community, I'm so delighted that Nikau plays a role in supporting our region in such meaningful, practical and relevant ways. In 2022, we gave out over \$100,000 to local Wairarapa organisations, while this year, we have given out over \$70,000 to date.

With your support, we can continue to deliver this transformational impact to our communities through gifts, large and small, and by building the Nikau Wairarapa Fund.

If you share our vision to build healthy, thriving and resilient communities then we would truly value your support.

Ngā mihi nui

John Gilberthorpe
Chair, Nikau Wairarapa



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How to give

There is no 'one size fits all' when it comes to giving through Nikau Foundation. While some choose to establish an individual fund based on their interests, others choose to give as a family, create a fund as an organisation or leave a gift in their will. However you wish to give, we're here to help you make your vision for a thriving Wairarapa region come alive.



Set up a fund

By creating an endowment fund, Nikau Foundation allows you to effect positive change for the people, places and causes you love, forever.



Futureproof your impact

Many organisations choose to set up a fund as an effective way to achieve their growth goals, better serve their communities and extend their impact far beyond the here and now.



Leave a bequest

Leaving a gift in your will is a wonderful way to extend your giving and continue to give back to your community far into the future.



Transfer a trust

Nikau Foundation will take care of everything; from compliance and reporting to grantmaking while honouring your Trust's vision.



Support us

By supporting Nikau Foundation's operating expenses, you are helping us to continue to deliver positive change to our communities.

“SMOGA is working with Nikau Foundation to ensure long-term support for our students. The Fund will make sure that St. Matthew's students have opportunities to grow, upskill and continue to pursue their education in the spirit of our motto, Ad Aspera Per Astra – ‘to the stars through endeavour’.

Amanda McLeod
St Matthew's Old Girls' Association

Making your giving go further

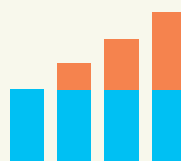
Nikau understands that healthy, happy, thriving communities require long-term, sustainable support and resources. That's why we invest and grow the gifts we receive, however big or small, to create positive change for our region today, tomorrow and long into the future.

Gifts



Gifts are provided by generous individuals, families and organisations.

Investment



Gifts are responsibly and ethically invested and grown to maximise ongoing impact.

Grants



A portion of our investments is given out in grants to organisations doing good mahi throughout our region every year.



A Fund for a flourishing Wairarapa.

Established in 2015, the Nikau Wairarapa Fund is dedicated to effect transformational change for Wairarapa communities long-term. Through generous contributions from locals, the Fund has grown, giving out its first grant in 2022 to Yellow Brick Road; an organisation helping locals to navigate the challenges that come with supporting a family member experiencing mental health challenges.

The Fund supports the community in many ways, with a focus on mental health, youth development, social enterprise and fostering community connection.

To find out more or to donate to the Nikau Wairarapa Fund, please visit www.nikaufoundation.nz/wairarapa.