

OUR MISSION

We want to empower stronger communities through impactful giving, driven by our donor-led approach. Our commitment is to nurture a culture of generosity, ensuring a thriving Taranaki and lasting benefits for generations to come.

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From the Chair

October 2025

Kia ora koutou,

It is my pleasure to present the 2025 Taranaki Foundation Trustees Annual Report, highlighting our activities, achievements, and impact over the past year.

This year has seen significant growth, exciting new opportunities and the strong backing of our donors and supporters who believe in the potential of our region and in the importance of community-driven impact.

As of June 30, 2025, our endowment funds have grown to \$12.08 million, up from \$6.37 million in 2024, thanks to new donor funds, bequests and trust transfers. Additionally, \$18.5 million has been promised in Wills through legacy gifts, an increase from \$12 million in 2024. This growth allows us to make a greater difference, providing more funding support to the dedicated organisations that strengthen the fabric of our community.

We're proud to have surpassed a total of \$1.4 million in grants, since our inception to support grassroots local organisations in our community, with our Annual Impact Report sharing some of our latest giving stories.

We first shared the dream for Destination Kāwaroa with you all at our donor event in August 2021. Through the power of community partnerships, generosity and the contributions of diverse talents across the region, Destination Kāwaroa Stage One was opened on December 18 2024 with both final Stages Two and Three opening on 15 August 2025 at our special 'Big Day of Play' event. A moment for all donors and supporters of this project to pause, reflect and celebrate. We all made it happen!

Reflecting on 2025, it's inspiring to see the momentum building across the Foundation. My heartfelt thanks go to our community, donors, funders, supporters, Board and Committee members, and staff. The growth we've achieved since our founding in 2015 and launch in 2016 is a testament to the groundwork we've laid together, strengthening our ability to fulfil our objective of a prosperous Taranaki for all.

Strategy

Our vision of a prosperous Taranaki for all drives our 2022–2026 Strategic Plan and annual workplans with a focus on four strategic pillars:

1. Endowments | The place to give to the Taranaki Community.
2. Projects and Corporates | Creating intergenerational community assets.
3. Operational Support/Engagement | Building a sustainable, long-term Community Foundation.
4. Grants & Distributions | Meeting the needs of our community and donors.



Donors & Gifting

Donors are the heart of Taranaki Foundation, and in 2025, we were honoured to welcome several new endowment, pass-through and project funds, including the Dot & Bill Spence Fund, George Mason Charitable Trust Endowment, Taranaki Golf Fund, Destination Kāwaroa Legacy Fund, Maree & Brent Schumacher Fund, South Taranaki Community Projects Fund, The Shepherd Barrack Fund, Asthma Society Taranaki Fund, The Coastal Care Fund, The Richard Tait Scholarship Fund, Flora Coburn Fund, The YMCA Rough Sleeping Shelter – Te Whare o Tapatahi Fund, TOPEC Legacy Fund, TOPEC Lodge Build Project Fund, Rural Medical Immersion Programme (HMIP) Fund, Ngāmotu Marae Project Fund and Rural Support Trust Leaders Event Fund and other Anonymous Donor Funds.

We are honoured to manage 56 Endowment Funds as at 30 June 2025 with an accumulated value of \$12.08M. The total number of Funds including bequests, pass-through and project funds sits at 114. This belief, trust and support from our donors fuels our mission to nurture a culture of giving and sharing in Taranaki, ensuring a prosperous and vibrant region for all, for generations to come.

Through our donors' generosity, we supported a wide range of grassroots charities and community organisations this year. In the year ended 30 June 2025, community charitable causes received \$348,946 in grants across all core funding streams, including our annual funding round, pass-through giving and scholarships. As the Foundation grows with more donor funds, so does our ability to make more grants into our community.

Projects

Destination Kāwaroa | Since early 2021, the Taranaki Foundation has been dedicated to this exciting community project which has been a true testament to community collaboration and partnership. An idea inspired and dreamt by Bryce Barnett, the Taranaki Foundation has led the project alongside mana whenua of Ngāmotu, Ngāti Te Whiti, the New Plymouth District Council and NP Partners. We are proud to have delivered all stages of this project which have now been successfully opened as planned and within budget. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project - without the breadth of supporters and donors Destination Kāwaroa would have remained a dream.

Hāwera Medical Student Accommodation | Launched in October 2024, and featuring on Seven Sharp, this project supports Hāwera Hospital hosting three fifth-year medical students annually for the Rural Medical Immersion Programme (RMIP). Led by the Taranaki Foundation with core funding from Toi Foundation, the initiative aims to strengthen rural healthcare and encourage medical professionals to stay in the region. The project has been heavily supported by the local South Taranaki community with the house furnished from local donations and contributions.

TOPEC Lodge Build | TOPEC has provided 35+ years of outdoor education, empowering children, youth, and adults. The current facilities are at capacity; a new lodge is needed to meet growing demand and enhance learning opportunities. Taranaki Foundation has partnered with NP Partners and NPDC who are supporting TOPEC to develop a new community lodge. The Foundation role is to actively support the fundraising efforts to make the Lodge Build Project a success.

Financial Support

We would like to acknowledge our major funding Partners NPDC & NP Partners, whose ongoing support has enabled us to grow our resource capability and continue to deliver on our vision for Taranaki for the benefit of all.

We also want to express our appreciation to our dedicated team of supporters who generously provide their time, expertise, and financial support to help us achieve our mission. We extend a warm welcome to these new operational supporters who joined during this year and specifically support the foundations operations and management team activity – Strategic Wealth, Port Taranaki, Phil & Robyn Hinton, Marilyn Davies, Bryce & Delwyn Barnett, Central Business Innovation Ltd, Josh & Alex Hickford, Stars Travel New Plymouth & Schurr Ireland. We are proud to have such strong support, with a significant support team backing the Foundation. Our full list of supporters can be found [here](#).



Investments

Taranaki Foundation has consistently delivered strong investment returns year-on-year. In the 2024/25 year, we achieved a total return of 8.92% on our \$12.08m funds under management. This has allowed us to continue our annual funding round distributions, strong pass through giving and scholarship grants for the last financial year.

We're pleased to welcome Strategic Wealth Management to our group of fund managers, joining Craigs Investment Partners, Forsyth Barr, Jarden and Midlands. This expansion, along with our updated Statement of Investment Principles and Objectives (SIPO) reinforce our commitment to a diversified, resilient portfolio with a willingness to work with all fund managers where values and goals are aligned.

Governance & Management

I'd like to acknowledge our trustees and committee members both past and present, who generously donate their time and skills to provide quality governance and strategic direction for the Foundation. The role of trustee can be both challenging and time consuming, but I hope, like me, they find the role to be rewarding as it offers a unique opportunity to make a meaningful difference in our community that will be felt long after our tenures.

In 2025, we introduced an ambassador programme. We welcomed: Selwyn Metcalfe, Mark Bowden and our Patron, Ken Horner as our inaugural ambassadors. Thank you to Selwyn who served on the Board as a trustee and now moves into an ambassador role, continuing his good work in the community.

Across our Sub-Committees we also welcomed and farewelled members as detailed below:

Investment Committee: We farewelled Bryce Barnett who stepped down. Internal Controls & Risk Committee: Welcomed new Chair Floyd Wicksteed and new member – Helen Dymond while farewelling long serving member Vicki Haylock. Distribution Committee: New members – Jacq Dwyer, Callum Williamson, Jane James and Angela Kerehoma with Marilyn Davies stepping down.

We also appreciate the team at Tandem Group Chartered Accountants for their ongoing generosity, professionalism and expertise. Taranaki Foundation is a proud member of Community Foundations Aotearoa New Zealand, a network of 18 Community Foundations across the country, all working to make a lasting difference in our local communities.

As we grow both in both donor funds and operational support, so does the resource potential capability of our management team. We proudly welcomed two new part-time team members to the management team during 2025 - Emma Smaller – Executive & Team Operations and Suki Bishop – Grants Coordinator. Having this broader range of skills is already proving invaluable in supporting our community, donors, and the organisations we work with.

Looking Ahead

With our 10-Year anniversary on the horizon, we reflect on the decade past, our joint achievements and also look ahead to the next 10-years. Our focus remains on growing our endowment fund to enable increased grant-making and long-term community impact. With our expanding team of donors and supporters, anything is possible.

As we plan, I'm excited about what we can continue to accomplish together. It's an honour to support Taranaki in a way that will continue creating positive change for generations to come. Thank you for joining us on this inspiring journey, where the work we do today, will bear fruit for those that are here tomorrow.

Hei konā mai



Phil Hinton

Chair | Taranaki Foundation

