



Wakatipu  
Community  
Foundation

**Greatest Needs Fund  
Donor Brief**

**November 9, 2020**

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# Greatest Needs Fund Donors Your Giving Impact Report

Thank you for making the Wakatipu a better place to be.

## Greatest Needs Fund Transactions

Wakatipu Community Foundation

For the period 1 January 2020 to 2 November 2020

### Funds Raised

Funds banked	\$1,021,839
Funds pledged or directly granted	\$60,000
<b>Total fund raised</b>	<b>\$1,081,839</b>

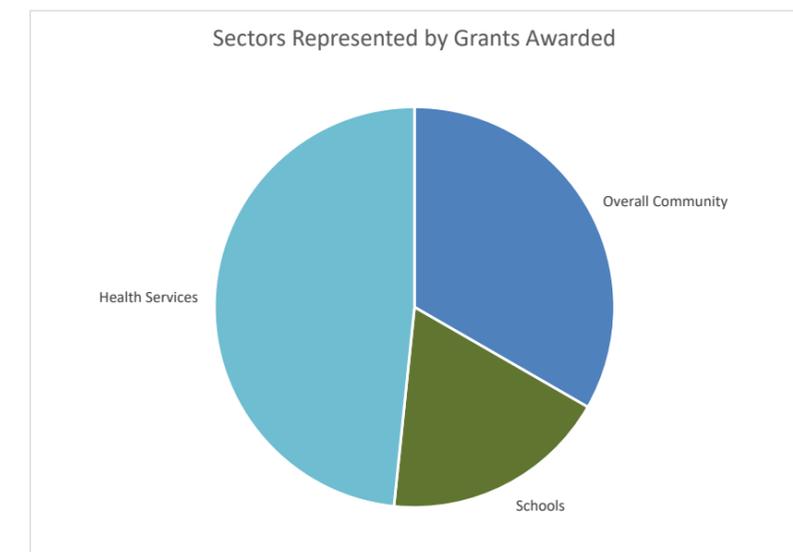
**Grant balances and donations expected in 2021** **\$80,112**

**Total Raised, Facilitated, or Pledged** **\$1,161,951**

### Grants Summary

Grants paid out to date	\$351,952
Pledged Grants	\$375,160
Grants in Application Process	\$85,250
<b>Total Grants Proposed to Date</b>	<b>\$812,362</b>

**Funds to be allocated** **\$269,477**



# **Greatest Needs Fund Updates and Reporting**



## Funding Greatest Needs

By Jenny McLeod

The deadly Covid-19 virus impacted communities throughout New Zealand but none so much as Queenstown which plummeted overnight from its pole position as the country's leading international tourism destination to a shattered resort.

What has been described by political leaders as a "bloodbath" for the Queenstown tourist industry quickly led to a "humanitarian crisis" with thousands of people, mostly migrants on work visas, losing jobs and flooding the Queenstown Lakes District Council's Emergency Operation Centre with calls of help for food, clothing and in some cases accommodation.

Amidst the pandemic emerged the Greatest Needs Fund, launched by well-known Queenstown charity fundraiser Kaye Parker, under the umbrella of the Wakatipu Community Foundation.

"A few days before the country went into lockdown in March, I decided we had to take action if we were going to look after the most vulnerable people in the community as well as addressing gaps in government assistance."

Kaye shouldered influential philanthropists and community leaders before a public appeal was launched with the fund closing at \$840,000 after just two months.

"The generosity of people has been absolutely humbling. We have had support from all over the country and overseas as from other charitable trusts and other Trusts such as founding donor the Hugo Charitable Trust and E P Wilding Estate who have weighed in behind us." Foundation have who weighed in behind us."

Early grants were made to front line agencies including the Salvation Army, Happiness House, Baskets of Blessing, KiwiHarvest, Volunteering Central, Central Lakes Family Services, a newly created Mental Health Fund and a special GP Fund.

Funding was also provided to the Kia Kaha Queenstown Lakes Hub which established a "pop up" in the resort for Wakatipu residents, in particular migrants, providing advice on immigration, repatriation, employment, finance and welfare.



"We will continue to make grants through the community recovery phase, as and where the money is most needed," says Kaye. "There is still so much angst out there and while other Emergency Operations Centres across the country are moving into a transitional phase, we are in no position to do that in Queenstown. The agencies and their personnel at the coalface are exhausted and we hope that our funding will go some way to alleviating the dire situation so many of our people find themselves in."

Queenstown Lakes Mayor Jim Boulton has praised the overwhelming community response to the Greatest Needs Fund.

"People have recognised the extent of suffering in our community and through their efforts agencies and charities who are working on the front line in Queenstown can do so much more. These are unprecedented times and devastating hardship stories have emerged. It is a frightening time for so many in our community and the generosity of those supporting the fund has been outstanding."



## Wakatipu Greatest Needs Fund July 20 update

Dear Donors

Thank you all again for your very generous donations to the Wakatipu Greatest Needs Fund. The amount raised stands at \$886,396 which is absolutely fantastic.

The following grants have now been made:

- KiwiHarvest
- Happiness House
- Volunteering Central
- Baskets of Blessing
- Salvation Army
- Central Lakes Family Services
- Mental Health Fund in the Wakatipu
- Launch of GP Fund
- Support for the Kiha Kaha Queenstown Lakes Hub
- Student Hardship grant for all Wakatipu primary schools and our high school

Since my last update we have moved to Level 1 and it's good to see our cafés and restaurants and many tourism-related activities being supported by locals and Kiwis from other parts of the country are visiting to enjoy our beautiful region.

However, the very real situation facing Queenstown remains the plight of our many migrants who are out of work and have no means to get home to their country – the dire situation is escalating rapidly.

Many Emergency Operation Centres across the country are beginning to move into a transitional phase. Our Wakatipu frontline charities, who have formed the Household Goods and Services Group, have made it clear that we are in no place to make such a move. The group has stated that no single agency is set up to handle the level of demand for basic welfare support and the deepening signs of despair. Over 200 registrants continue to use the Civil Defence welfare system each day – over 7,000 individuals in total have now used the system.

Due to international border closures, of the 3499 migrants on Essential Skills Visas who resided in the Queenstown Lakes District before lockdown, only a net 71 people have moved away. And many of those are in desperate need of help.

There is real fatigue amongst our magnificent frontline workers who now must balance business as usual alongside the continued heightened demand for basic welfare needs.

"We are exhausted, having worked nearly 24/7 for 12 weeks. The people we are assisting are now also exhausted, afraid and losing hope. They need to be given the means to support themselves so they're less dependent on our services." Heather Clay Central Lakes Family Services

"We are bracing for further waves of redundancies and hardship as more businesses have to let migrant staff go due to immigration policy. While we are happy when Kiwis get jobs, we feel there has not been adequate provision made for migrants who, in many cases, are not able to return to their country of origin. Many are effectively stranded here, with no place to go." Robyn Francis Happiness House

Just this week, the Government has announced that the Department of Internal Affairs has appointed Red Cross as the leader of the Covid-19 welfare recovery phase for Queenstown. Meetings with all frontline charities and agencies including ourselves have been held. There will be some expected issues whilst our migrants must now fill out new Red Cross/DIA welfare registration forms which are not so user-friendly as the ones produced by QLDC's Emergency Operations Centre team.

A big shout out to the Emergency Operations Centre team comprising frontline charities and QLDC staff. Having had much to do with this large group, I've been so impressed by everybody pulling together, working tirelessly through lockdown and after and there being so little double up – the communication and camaraderie amongst them together with their care for our most vulnerable and affected by Covid-19 has been truly magnificent.

The Red Cross has advised us that they have a 3 month contract until the end of September which leads us to suppose that they may stop food cards around the same time that the Employment subsidy is due to end and many migrant working visas that were extended until the end of September will expire.

The Greatest Needs Fund Team has been busy:

1. After delays due to moving from Level 3 to Level 2, then Level 2 to Level 1 which involved major reconfiguration for all GP practices each time, the Greatest Needs Mental Health Fund is being accessed and put to great use. Despite broad brush comments by newspapers, the Wakatipu has experienced 60% more mental health incidences, including drug and alcohol presentations.
2. The Greatest needs GP Fund launched two weeks ago. It is a combination of private GP visits for WINZ clients and a clinic at Queenstown Medical Centre Isle Street for welfare registered migrants. Our frontline agencies can't emphasise enough the need for mental health and GP support. Health is currently the Government's biggest gap in funding.
3. We helped with setup costs for the Kia Kaha Queenstown Lakes Hub. At last Immigration New Zealand has a physical presence in Queenstown and we hope that this becomes a permanent office:
  - o More than 800 people have been through the Hub since it opened on 4 June, participating in general sessions, dedicated employer workshops and tenancy advice workshops.
  - o Of the 800 who have visited the Queenstown Hub, nearly 650 are migrants, with a further 50 migrants participating in dedicated sessions in Wanaka and Glenorchy

- o The livestream/pre-recorded sessions have received over 5300 views to date.

Our local Lions Club has been supporting the Hub with regular, much-appreciated free sausage sizzles.

4. We have made donations to all 8 Schools in the Wakatipu District, based on roll to help ensure those children and young people whose families are struggling are looked after. These grants have been very well received.

Since our last update, there is now an efficient Repatriation Group in place which involves the different embassies, MBIE, Jen Andrews on the ground in Queenstown and various migrant leaders in Queenstown. Any future country repatriation flights are notified straight away to enable the maximum number of migrants who wish to return home to take up the opportunity.

There have been six repatriation flights to India this month and one more next month. A Chilean flight left Auckland this Friday. All migrants who have lost their jobs have been encouraged from all fronts to register with their Embassy and a travel agent and most now understand the likely situation of staying in New Zealand going forward.

We expect both the mental health and GP medical funds will need an injection of funds over the coming months and I'm delighted to announce and gratefully acknowledge that Community Trust Southland has, subject to need, agreed to match our \$70,000 funding for the mental health fund. We also have new major donors who have asked that their very generous donations be split between these two funds.

There are other joint funding possibilities in the pipeline, and we are doing due diligence on several other likely grant recipients. However, our granting committee is also being deliberately prudent until, along with our frontline welfare group, the Government reveals its plan to manage the increasingly desperate migrant situation now that we are out of Covid-19 lockdown. The Civil Defence emergency funding for food cards has been extended but we don't know for how long.

Thank you again. The whole district seems to be aware of the Greatest Needs Fund now – and we are still attracting donations. Our hardworking, local frontline agencies are incredibly grateful to you all.

Warmest Kaye and the Granting Committee



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## Wakatipu Greatest Needs Fund Final formal update

Dear Donor

It is hard to believe that it is just over six months since we started the Greatest Needs Fund journey and beyond all expectations, **we have raised more than \$1 million.**

### A Huge Thank You

This amount could not have been achieved without such incredible support from you, our donors, and again we can't thank you enough for believing in the need to make a difference to so many Wakatipu families during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Special thanks to our founding donor the Hugo Charitable Trust, the EP Wilding Trust, which came on board the first week, the Central Lakes Trust, the Community Trust South and SkyCity Queenstown Community Trust, and the Callis Charitable Trust for their generous grants. Together we have all achieved so much.

Our mission was to help those most affected by Covid-19 and the most vulnerable, by providing frontline agencies with funding to help them carry out their mission.

### GRANTS MADE TO: (in alphabetical order)

- **Baby Boxes**, 26 boxes for migrant and beneficiary babies in the Wakatipu District
- **Baskets of Blessings**, Large equipment upgrades; 14,000 meals produced since April 1 2020
- **Central Lakes Family Services** – GP costs for those unable to afford visits
- **Citizens Advice Bureau** – extra admin costs incurred due to increased demand
- **Happiness House** – Firewood for heating for most vulnerable clients
- **Kiha Kaha Queenstown Lakes Hub** – Start up costs
- **Kiwi Harvest** – Extra costs for van to cover increased food pick-up
- **Plunket Wakatipu**, help keep services running - fundraising income badly hit
- **Presbyterian Church Pasta Café** – food, equipment hire, power
- **St John's Ambulance** – refurbish broken ambulance garage doors
- **Salvation Army** – funding for extra part-time social worker and additional wall dividers for formation of Food Bank and private client meeting spaces
- **Volunteering Central** – Increased admin costs for extra volunteers
- **Wakatipu High School and our 7 Wakatipu primary schools** - Hardship grants

The over-riding criteria has been to fund **the gaps in Government welfare assistance.** This led to the launch of a GP and Mental Health Fund providing free GP consultations, prescriptions and free counselling for those who don't qualify and can't afford the fees. This Fund is ongoing and the funding has been stretched significantly because we receive partial refunds for every eligible client from Red Cross on behalf

of the Department of Internal Affairs. We are grateful to Queenstown Medical Centre for its superb administration in handling the back end across the medical practices in the Wakatipu.

The Rotary Club of Queenstown and Rotary District 9980 agreed to fund a pilot mental health seminar for Brazilian migrants lead by a Portuguese speaking counsellor who has since followed up with zoom individual sessions. The feedback has been outstanding and it may be rolled out to other migrant communities in the future who don't speak English as a first language.

### Social Worker Appointed to Wakatipu Primary Schools

One of the GNF's most exciting initiatives has been the facilitation of funding for the appointment of a social worker who will support all seven primary schools across the district. This follows a request from school principals for mental health support for primary school children, many who are showing anxiety and stress, with their families facing severe hardship.

The Ministry of Education agreed to fund a six-month appointment but we believed it needs to be a longer-term role. We approached and are grateful to both SkyCity Queenstown Community Trust for its \$55,000 grant and Central Lakes Trust for its grant of \$50,000 towards the appointment. The GNF has committed \$165,160 which means we already have funding for more than three years. Central Lakes Family Services is running this contract and we are hopeful that the position, once evaluated, will continue to be funded by the Government in the future.

Thank you all again for donating to the Greatest Needs Fund. Our Queenstown community, our frontline charities and those who have directly benefitted from it in their time of need will never forget your generosity.

Warmest Kaye and the Granting Committee



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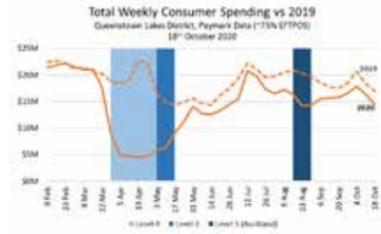
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# QLDC Reporting

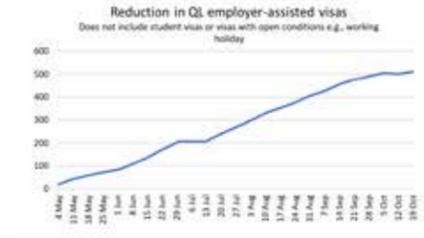
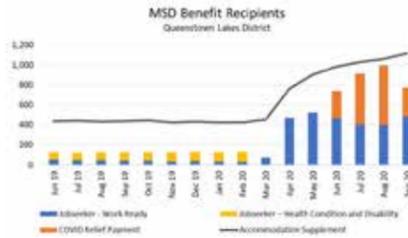
## Recovery update 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Key Recovery Stats:

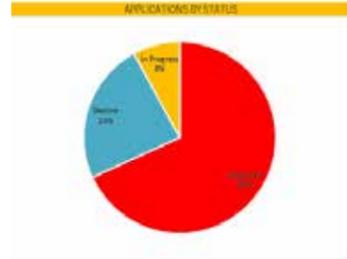
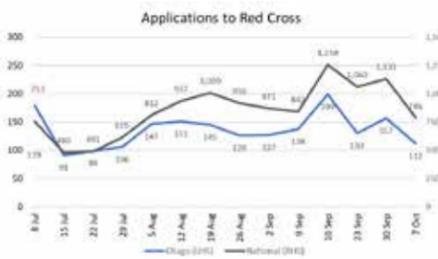
Spending in the week ending 18<sup>th</sup> October was 15% below 2019 levels as we head into what is typically a period with relatively few tourists in the district. Since the end of the national Level 3 lockdown in May, spending has tracked between 10% and 30% below last year, averaging 15% below 2019.



The number of people receiving job-related MSD benefits dropped by ~200 as the first wave of COVID Income Relief Payment (CIRP) recipients came to the end of their 12-week benefit. It appears that a small portion of these transitioned on to MSD's Jobseeker benefit, which has tighter restrictions than CIRP. We expect that most of the remaining CIRP recipients will roll off this month. We note, however, that Accommodation Supplement recipients increased by 52.



The number of Otago-based migrants applying to Red Cross for welfare fell to 112 in the week ending 12<sup>th</sup> October. The number declined welfare has increased again to 24% - 1 in every 4 applications. We await Government announcements about whether the scheme will continue beyond its current finish date of November 30.



Average rents remained at \$500 pw in September, however the range of rents tightened.



REINZ's House Price Index for Queenstown Lakes continued its volatility, rebounding by 5% in September.



# Greatest Needs Fund Charities and Initiatives

# Salvation Army



**Covid-19 Project** Covid-19 Response Queenstown

## Overall Need Addressing

Increased capacity to provide food parcels/material welfare and increased capacity to run our Community Ministries programmes

## How Funding will be used and Overall Impact

This funding will be used towards continuing and expanding the current programmes and services we provide. We have seen a 30% increase in our services over a three year period (2017-2019) going from 600 clients to 800. As a conservative estimate, we expect to see an increase in demand to 1200 clients by the end of 2020 (a 50% increase from 2019). However, what is more likely is a 100% increase in services from 2019 pushing client numbers into the range of 1600.

We typically measure statistics on a quarterly basis. End of Dec 2019 saw 52 welfare responses and 161 1-on-1 sessions. In the first 15 days of April, a sixth of the time period, we completed 72 welfare responses and 63 1-on-1 sessions (including assessments)

## About Us

Welcome to the Salvation Army New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory.



### How we operate

Transforming lives since 1865. Find out more about our [Salvation Army story](#) ...

To find out more about us, please visit [Who We Are](#), read our [Mission Statement](#) and consider [Our Values](#).

The Salvation Army doctrines (Articles of Faith) are simple and straightforward. They follow closely the orthodox beliefs of the Protestant Church. Read more about [Our Beliefs](#).

Information on our [Management Structure](#) and organization can be found [here](#).

### Employment and Volunteering

The Army has over 3,000 officers and employees in New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa, and is recognised as a high-value employer. If you are interested in working for us, read about our [Career Opportunities](#).

Alternatively, if you have some free time and would like to help us in our work, why not [Volunteer With Us?](#)

### Treaty of Waitangi

The Salvation Army is firmly committed to honouring the principles of partnership, protection and participation inherent in Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

For more information, please read our [Bi-Cultural Statement](#).

# Kiwi Harvest



## Covid-19 Project

KiwiHarvest Food Rescue

## Overall Need Addressing

By collecting food before it goes to waste and distributing it back into the community we will protect our environment from decomposing food waste and the negative environmental effects and also, importantly provide food support for hungry, vulnerable

## How Funding will be used and Overall Impact

Healthy nutritious food - fruit, vegetables, meat, dairy products and others will support the food needs of vulnerable people receiving food support. Landfills will not be used to dump edible food thereby protecting our environment. It is difficult to quantify but we estimate more than 5000 people might need to access food support in Wakatipu the coming months.

## RESCUING FOOD

New Zealand industry generates more than 103,000 tonnes of food waste per year, and it is estimated that 60% of food going to landfill is edible. Burying food (and often its packaging) in landfill is an environmental disaster.

Not only does it needlessly contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, wasting food also means squandering the resources used to produce and transport that food, including water, land, energy, labour, and capital.

We work with food businesses, including supermarkets, wholesalers, producers, cafes, restaurants, and hotels, to rescue the good food that they are not able to sell – whether that is because of oversupply, damaged packaging, cancelled orders, mislabelling, or because the food is nearing its best before date or end of life.



**KIWI HARVEST RESCUES 170,000 -200,000KGS OF GOOD QUALITY SURPLUS FOOD EVERY MONTH, AND DIVERTS THIS BACK TO PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING ACROSS NEW ZEALAND.**

## NOURISHING COMMUNITIES

At the same time, 40% of New Zealanders experience low to moderate food security, and up to 305,000 Kiwi children are living in poverty.

Food is so often the starting point for social agencies working with their clients to break the cycle of need. Having KiwiHarvest deliver rescued food allows these agencies to concentrate on tackling their core issues, and re-focus their funding on programmes to help their clients.

The high quality, fresh food we provide offers more nutrition than the canned and dry goods that charities have traditionally been able to access, filling a gap for so many who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

# Volunteering Otago (South)



## About Us:

Kaitiāo te Taitonga Volunteer South is a charitable trust that engages and supports both kaitiāo volunteers and volunteer involving organisations and community groups in the Southern region of Aotearoa New Zealand.

There are four centres for Volunteer South: Ōtepoti Dunedin, Central Lakes, Waitaki and Waihōpai Invercargill. Our centre in Invercargill is in proud partnership with Invercargill Citizens Advice Bureau.

### Our background

Volunteer South was formerly Volunteering Otago and Volunteering Central, both of which worked under the same board of trustees and continue to do so as Volunteer South. The change to Volunteer South occurred on the 22nd of June, 2020.

The Dunedin Volunteer Resource Centre started 1986 with the aim of providing a centralised volunteering support system for the wider Dunedin area and was the first volunteer centre in the country. The name was changed to Volunteering Otago in 1993 after it was recognised that there was wider support needed for the whole of Otago. With this in mind, Volunteering Otago helped to create Volunteering Central and VC was established as an initiative of Central Lakes Trust in 2011 focusing on Alexandra, Cromwell, Queenstown and Wanaka. In 2020 we established a volunteer centre in Waitaki and developed an exciting partnership with Invercargill Citizens Advice Bureau who we are working with to establish a hub in Invercargill. Our re-brand in June 2020 reflects these new partnerships, our growth and our wider reach across the lower South Island.

With a strong focus on relationships, we work hard to get to know our member organisations and their needs, and network with community based organisations to ensure we are aware of the bigger picture and avoid duplication of services. Nationally we are a member of Volunteering New Zealand and the Volunteer Centre Network Aotearoa. Like volunteering - we are stronger when working together.

### Mission Statement

Kaitiāo te Taitonga Volunteer South seeks to celebrate, support, highlight and motivate volunteering in the Southern region of Aotearoa New Zealand. We increase the capacity of community organisations that rely on kaitiāo volunteers by connecting them with people who are willing to offer their skills and energy. We provide training, advice, advocacy, resources and recognition for individuals and volunteer involving organisations and community groups.

### Our Vision

Supportive interdependent communities where volunteering is recognised and respected, is life-enhancing for the individual, and advances the common good.

### Our Values

#### Empowerment

We empower people to achieve rewarding and beneficial volunteering experiences for them and the community. We empower organisations to provide rewarding and beneficial volunteering experiences for people in the community.

#### Inclusion

We recognise the diversity of volunteers and volunteer involving organisations and are open to everyone.

#### Ethics

We act ethically, openly and transparently in all that we do.

#### Common Good

We work for the common good of our community.

# Baskets of Blessings



## Covid-19 Project

COVID 19 support and care for the community.

During this period of COVID19 we have suspended our gift basket operation to focus all our attention into Basket of Blessing Meals. Through such communications and via our faceBook and website we are gaining direct knowledge of the steady growth in individuals and families requiring community support to meet basic needs, including feeding themselves is alarming.

## Overall Need Addressing

With a dedicated core team of capable volunteer's working as an officially recognised essential service, during New Zealand's lockdown, we have been working hard to build urgently required meal reserves. We have gone from typically cooking 300-400 meals a month between December and February to cooking 908 meals in a 7 days period!

The facts for the week of Monday 06 - Monday 13 April of the meals cooked, and received back into our stocks to be frozen down has totalled a total of 908 meals produced that week.

As at 14 April, we had a stock reserve of approx. 1800 meals but that has grown to approx 2200 meals - despite handing out approx 200 meals in the last 24 hours. With an educated guess that stock this is ROUGHLY represented by 10 / 55 / 35 split between Soups, Meals and Desserts. A chiller / meal pack typically is delivered with 7-8 items. That would typically include 4 meals, and 3-4 others - being a mix of soups and desserts. Because we have had HUGE supplies of apples and peaches this week - another 50 kilos of peaches and 30 kilos of apples were delivered on Friday - our dessert count has suddenly skyrocketed this week. Fresh fruit availability will quickly level off.

## How Funding will be used and Overall Impact

As detailed above we would like to immediately use any funds available for urgent purchases of staple ingredients and meat purchases to ensure we produce home-cooked frozen meals to provide food to as many people as possible in the short-term. We all believe there is a pending increased crisis looming when we come out of lockdown. More people will suddenly face the reality of being out of work, experiencing limited or even no income to survive, and local SME operators will grapple with their own survival, let alone the future of their staff. The next 1-6 months are going to be a work in progress but the only guarantee we can all rely on, is people must eat. If Baskets of Blessing can produce at the top level of our cooking capacity, we will have the ability to genuinely make a difference in helping such individuals and families in this primary need.



## About Us

Queenstown's Baskets of Blessings Charitable Trust and volunteer organisation provides a platform coordinating generous donations of products, time and money to deliver unexpected gift baskets and frozen meal/food packs to individuals and families suddenly struggling from unexpected life challenges.

Established in 1990, recent times have seen Baskets of Blessing escalate to now distribute over 500 gift baskets per year and up to 3000 free frozen meals per month.

Increasingly within the Wakatipu basin, local individuals and families are facing incredible challenges, typically without family or support networks. Those impacted range across all ages, socio-economic groups and ethnicities/cultures. Severe illness, or injury, financial or mental distress, bereavement, separations and solo parenting all take their toll.

Baskets of Blessing create customised gift baskets to reinforce people do care and to offer positive uplifting moments.

## Our Vision & Mission

**Vision:** To be a leading social service provider with an excellent reputation for delivering effective interventions for families and individuals

**Mission:** We work collaboratively to support and empower positive change for vulnerable families, children and individuals.



## Our values

**Core Values:**  
 Honesty at all times and communicates openly  
 Empower our clients and each other to develop and thrive positively  
 Acceptance of all people regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or socio-economic groups  
 Respect others views and opinions  
 Teamwork

### Free Mental Health Care Available in Queenstown

Free mental health care is available for Queenstown residents who are struggling financially.

- To qualify you must be registered with QLDC's welfare assistance programme; or
- Receive a New Zealand benefit.
- If you are already registered with a local medical centre, please call that centre for the appointment
- If you are not already registered, you can still get an appointment. Please call the Queenstown Medical Centre (03-441 0500) or Wakatipu Medical Centre (03-442 2281)

You will need to supply the following information:

- Your name, address, date of birth and mobile number, confirm you are registered on QLDC's welfare assistance programme; or
- Your NZ benefit number

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### Free Medical Care Available in Queenstown

Free medical care is available for Queenstown residents who are struggling financially.

To book an appointment, email [medical@dfs.co.nz](mailto:medical@dfs.co.nz) with the following information:

- Your name, address, date of birth and mobile number
- Confirm you are registered with New Zealand Red Cross Foreign National's Support Application
- If you already receive a New Zealand benefit please quote the number
- Confirm if you are enrolled at the Wakatipu, Queenstown Medical or Mountain Lakes Medical Centres
- If you are not enrolled and you meet the other criteria above, you can still get an appointment
- State your immediate medical needs

You will receive a return email with your appointment time within 2 working days.

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Features Queenstown News News

## School social worker in place

October 13, 2020

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By TRACEY ROXBURGH

In a first for the Wakatipu, a fully-funded social worker's been put into all Queenstown primary schools.

Central Lakes Family Services social worker in schools — or SWIS — Fiona Stephenson started in the full-time, permanent position — funded in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Central Lakes Trust — at the end of last term.

Here to help: Queenstown's social worker in schools Fiona Stephenson

She'll spend time at all of the Wakatipu's seven primary schools, including Glenorchy, working with kids who are starting to experience "wobbles" resulting from the Covid-19 fallout.



Stephenson, who was a primary school teacher for nine years, five of them at Queenstown Primary, and a mum herself, says the schools and Central Lakes Family Services were starting to see a "real spike" in referrals and needs of children — something the ministry recognised.

"There are a lot of little people who would be coping quite well normally and there are just some little worries and things that have started to bubble, and they're just needing a little bit more positive support.

"The schools and the ministry are all tracking the progress and seeing what's coming, but there's a lot of anxiety, children whose behaviour's always been grand but their emotions are getting really big, so that's coming out as anger — they're starting to fight with their friends when they never used to, or their concentration's really off at school."

Stephenson says some children are presenting with grief, as well, due to family upheaval.

"As a community we're amazing and we do all pull together, but a lot of families have had changes and pressures put on them and if your family unit is under a bit of pressure then everyone's going to feel it in a different way.

"Everyone's basic coping skills have taken a bit of a punch [through Covid]."

The SWIS position's been around for a long time in New Zealand, but historically targeted at low-decile schools, something Stephenson thinks is "ridiculous".

"It just seems mad you'd go, 'these children come from a mountainous, beautiful area, they don't need help'.

"Everyone needs and everyone deserves the same amount of opportunity, or access, to a social worker and I think it can be a real stigma that it's only low-income families, or we're not in a 'deprived' area of NZ, therefore we don't need it.

"People are people and people are always going to have lows and highs in their life.

"It's got nothing to do with financial stability."

Stephenson's working largely on referrals from teachers in schools, but can also speak directly to parents if they want a bit more information, or are trying to work out if their child needs some extra support.

She's also working with teachers to give them advice and strategies, if required.

St Joseph's principal Trish Inder says the scheme's a positive from Covid — not only will it normalise having social worker support in schools, it'll also help identify early when kids need a bit of extra support.

"I think there have been increased incidents [at schools] and I think that's around pressure that people are under — and kids experience that, too.

"The greatest thing is that if we can get in really early when things are going wrong for kids, and if we can provide the support they need, then that's a fantastic thing for our community."

Inder's also hoping it's the first step in a bigger school support system she'd like to see in the Wakatipu, modelled off the Ministry of Education's philosophy in Finland.

Visiting there in 2016, Inder observed each of the large schools had a social worker, psychologist and special ed teacher and a "shared resource" in the smaller ones.

"At the time I was really excited by that — when you have kids and you're doing everything you know of, as an educator, and sometimes you need increased specialisation, you have that resource immediately there.

"This [the SWIS] is a small thing we've got, but we've got to build on this."

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# Pasta Cafe



## Pasta Café Queenstown

Pasta Café Queenstown 2020 will run from Friday 17th July for a least 4 weeks.

Open Friday's only from 6 to 8pm

The venue is St Margaret's Church, Ross Street, Frankton.

This will be the 18th year of Pasta Café, and given the pandemic we have just gone through and are still struggling with we believe Pasta Cafe is needed more than ever. Here we have a place to relax, converse, laugh, cry, pray, and enjoy a free hot meal with drinks and home baking.

We believe God has been good to us and our hope is that we can pass this blessing on to families and visitors to our town in a safe, warm and friendly environment.

Pasta Café is supported by generous donations from the Church and a number of local businesses. In addition members of the community and others can also support Pasta Café by donating via Givealittle. Simply scan the QR code.

All are welcome to come along and enjoy the food, conversation and music. And please do **like us** on [Facebook](#) – here you will find the latest information.

Here are a few images from previous years.



# Plunket



**Arrowtown Plunket**

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## About Plunket

Plunket is a charity and Aotearoa's largest support service for the health and wellbeing of tamariki under-five and their whānau.

Everything we do is to support Kiwi whānau and their tamariki to thrive.

In this section you can find out about our history and vision, how we advocate for Kiwi whānau, our incredible team (and how you could join it), and how you can get in touch.

# Happiness House



## Covid-19 Project

Firewood Project

## Overall Need Addressing

Funding to cover the cost of firewood and administration of the project. To Provide practical support to migrants who are unemployed in Queenstown due to COVID19 and living in poor housing conditions..

## How Funding will be used and Overall Impact

We would like to provide firewood to unemployed migrants, due to COVID19, who don't have access to government funding for heating. Many of the older homes in Queenstown with single glazing are very cold in winter, but do have fireplaces.

**Happiness House is a Charitable Trust**, operating at 4 Park Street, Queenstown. Happiness House was set up informally in the late 1980's by Pat Bird, a local Queenstown identity who could see the need for a Social Resource Centre. Originally this centre was needed to help low wage individuals and families but as the community has grown Happiness House has evolved to meet the community's changing needs. We are the only Community Drop-in Centre in this district. We provide a warm, friendly, and confidential environment where people can meet in a homelike setting. Our aim is to provide a place where anyone can come, have time out, chat, get access to free and affordable clothing, as well as free activities, counselling, and advice about other types of support. Our mission is to assist those in need by encouraging healthy empowering life choices.



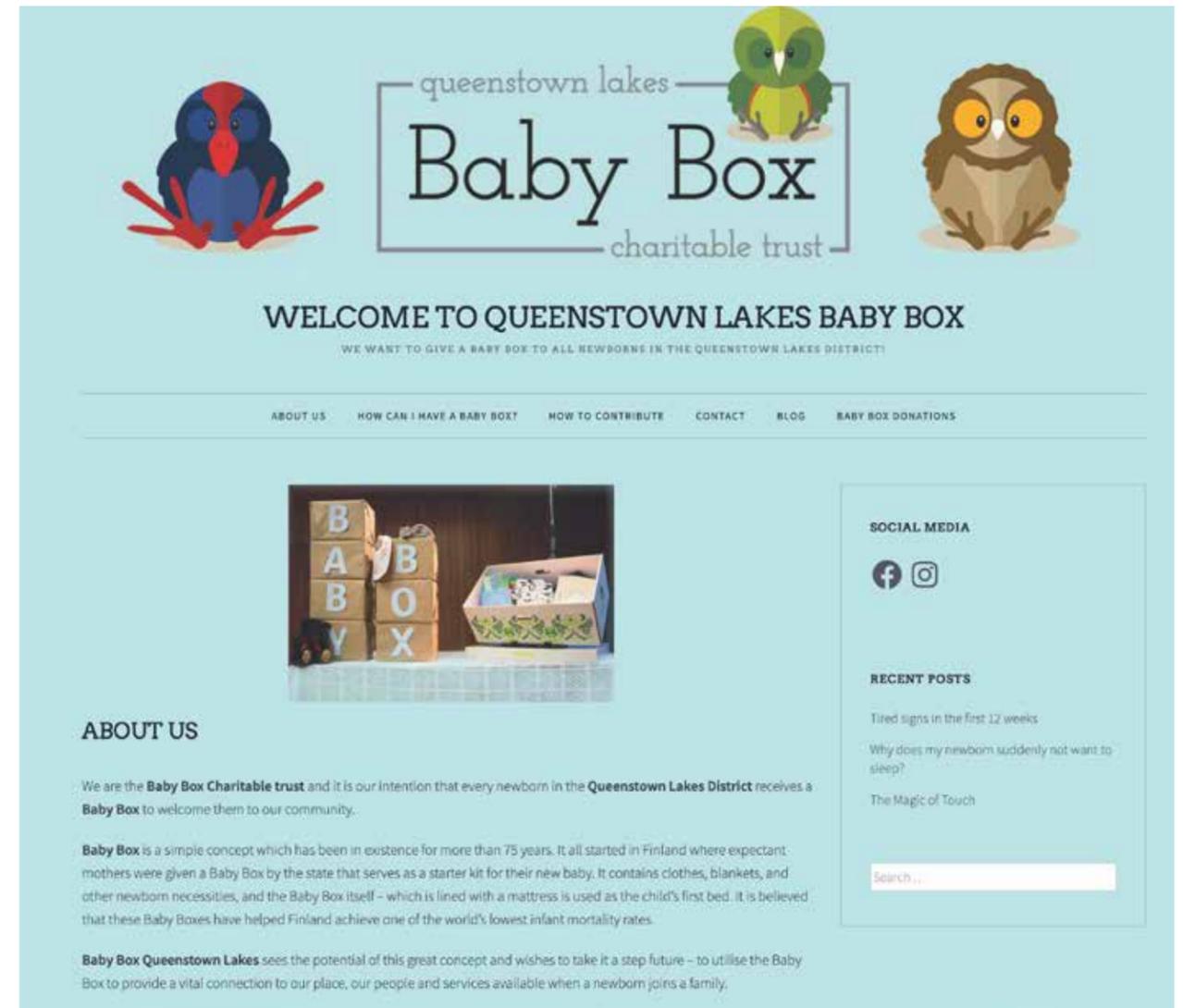
Queenstown has its challenges. There are homeless and socially isolated people who need a place where they can feel welcomed and accepted. There are struggling working families who need access to affordable clothing and a range of other social support services. There are people who find themselves in a difficult or unexpected situation and come to us to find out what help is available. Our operating hours are weekdays Mon 10am – 4pm, Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm.

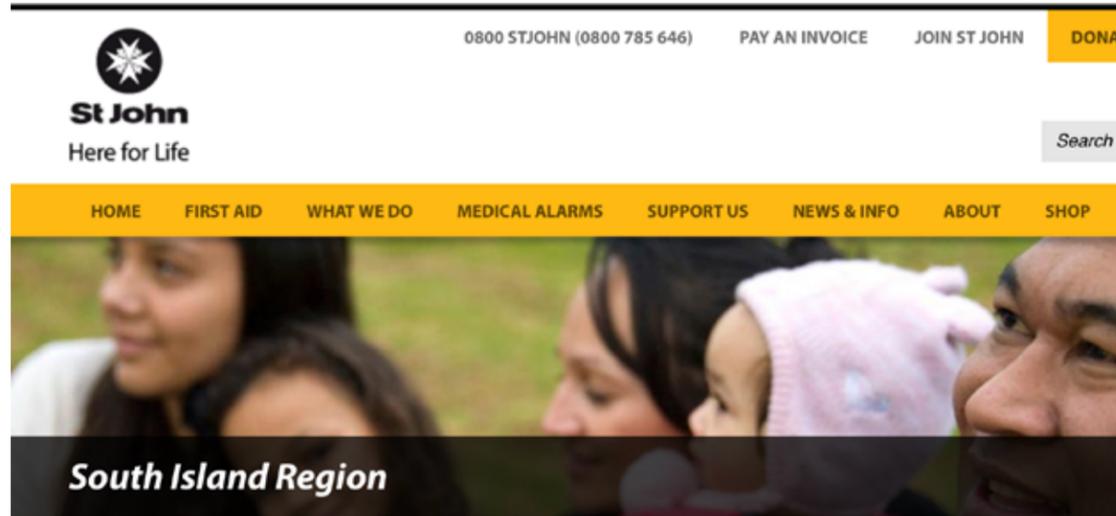
We have close relationships with other social services/organisations so that we know what is available for our clients and can work together to assist them. We keep up to date with community issues and provide feedback to get traction for solutions. We are flexible and responsive. We do not have the red tape of other organisations, so we can respond quickly to needs.

To operate, we rely heavily on the support of our local community and funding organisations. We are very grateful to the individuals, businesses and organisations who support us financially with donations, goods and services. All donations are banked and accounted for. We have policy and procedures that guide and control our systems and processes. These processes are regularly reviewed by professionals in the relevant field. We provide detailed reports regularly to a Board of Trustees. Our accounts are filed and audited annually. We are happy to provide a tour of our house and more information if required.

**We believe we live in a caring supportive community and together we can look after each other.**

# Baby Box Queenstown Lakes





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## Welcome to the South Island Region of St John – the home of Bluff oysters, the Ellerslie Flower Show and the highest mountain in the country.

St John South Island is proud to serve our local communities 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We're always there.

Covering an area of over 150,000 sq km, St John has 5,500 paid and volunteer members contributing in a variety of ways to their local communities. It's not just about our ambulance service either – we have community programmes that help promote health and wellbeing.

In a typical year, St John crews travel more than 4.5 million kilometres across the region (that's the equivalent of going to the moon and back 12 times!). We receive more than 250 111 calls a day and treat more than 100,000 patients a year - that's one patient every five and a half minutes!

With the beauty of the South Island comes a significant challenge. The large geographical area, combined with a scattered population, means delivering a prompt and reliable service is difficult. To do this we maintain a cohesive service through our 83 ambulance stations located throughout the region.

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St John also provides **first aid training** to the public plus we also provide **first aid care** at thousands of community events every year.

In addition to our world class emergency response service, St John is also actively involved in community programmes including our **Health Shuttle service**, **Friends of the Emergency Department**, **Caring Caller**, and the **St John Youth programme**.

### Our People

St John is run and staffed by people who are passionate about serving their communities. Meet some of the members of the South Island Region.

[▶ VIEW OUR PEOPLE](#)



## CAB Queenstown

Last updated: 22 June 2020

At the CAB we try to help people to know and understand their rights and obligations and how to use this information to get the best outcomes, provide people with the confidence and support they need to take action, and work for positive social change within communities and wider society. We provide a free and independent service to all.



### Migrant Information Sessions



#### Renting in Queenstown - all you need to know

Come to CAB Queenstown's free information session and learn all you need to know about working in Queenstown.

Topics include:

- Rental affordability
- Reduction in rents during Covid-19 and beyond
- Tenancy terms, fixed term and periodic
- Leaving town, how do I get my bond back?
- Flat sharing agreements
- Questions and Answers

Presenter: Hayley Stevenson – ([www.housemart.co.nz](http://www.housemart.co.nz))

When: 18 June 2020, 4.30pm - 6.00pm

Where: Queenstown Events Centre, Joe O'Connell Drive, Frankton, Queenstown 9371

Note: Pizza will be provided!

For more information or to register, please phone 03 442 6799 or email [Queenstown@cab.org.nz](mailto:Queenstown@cab.org.nz)

# Wakatipu Community Foundation 2020 Highlights

# Wakatipu Community Foundation Chair Report

To all our supporters, friends and interested followers. It is a privilege and honour to report to you on our activities over the last 12 months. It has been another year of significant achievements. Highlights include:

- In excess of \$250,000 in endowment funds invested with Craigs IP
- Delivered to our community the inaugural Spirit of the Wakatipu, a highly entertaining celebration of volunteering in the Wakatipu. Special acknowledgment to Simon Green. Thank you to Sir Eion Edgar for pledging \$1million through the Foundation.
- Rapidly responded to the Covid-19 crisis engulfing our community by supporting the launch of the Wakatipu Community Foundation that will have raised over \$1m during the calendar year 2020 for the Wakatipu Greatest Needs Fund. This fund has made a significant contribution to supporting our community and our most vulnerable.
- Facilitated a successful visit by the Morgridge Family Foundation in January, which has resulted in a \$220,000 grant to the Wakatipu focused upon education, extension of the Queenstown Trails and protecting and improving Lake Hayes.
- Fostered the creation of Impact 100, pioneered by Wendy Steel who accompanied MFF on their visit. Kristen Holtzman successfully founded this effort in the Wakatipu amid Covid-19 with the support of Jennifer and the WCF. This initiative now has 143 members and has raised over \$140,000 and more importantly has created a group of amazing women who are likely to make this an ongoing initiative to make transformational grants into the Wakatipu.
- Continuation of the Youth Philanthropy Program at the Wakatipu High School in the face of Covid-19.
- Planning for the inaugural September Wills month, a significant branding event and

crucial for us to attract endowments through peoples wills. This has the benefit of enhancing our relationships with major law firms in the Wakatipu.

- Significant progress towards starting endowment funds with private individuals, local community groups and resettling of trusts.
- We continue to be supported by many fantastic community minded organisations:

Berry & Co  
Crowe Horwath  
Deloitte  
Gibbston Valley Wine  
Mitchell Mackersy Lawyers  
Print Central  
Mountain Club

I am also proud to say that we continue to spend every dollar we have wisely. We are also extremely fortunate to have the support of the Tindall Foundation, Mitchel Mackersy and the Dick and Diana Hubbard Foundation support. This ensures that we can fund our services.

The significance of this cannot be underestimated.

Thank you also to Jennifer for your drive, passion and hard work to continue to grow the foundation and our voluntary trustees: Jonathan Gurnsey, Simon Green, Andrew Davis, Ann Lockhart, Ron Mackersy, and Kristen Holtzman and our ambassadors: Sir Eion Edgar, Kaye Parker, Mark Taylor, Vicki Onions, Craig Robins, and Bill Holland.

To all our supporters, thank you for your help and being part of our journey, I look forward to reporting on our progress in one year's time.

Raymond Key  
Chair

# Wakatipu Community Foundation In the News

## Charity begins at high school

Queenstown's well known for its pioneering role in adventure tourism, but it's also become the country's birthplace for youth philanthropy. Philip Chandler visits Wakatipu High to learn about Generation Give from both students and their mentors.

It's not just the students who are passionate about philanthropy. The school's headmaster, Peter Bell, is also a strong supporter. "We've been very fortunate to have the support of the Tindall Foundation, Mitchel Mackersy and the Dick and Diana Hubbard Foundation support. This ensures that we can fund our services."



Improving philanthropy. From left, Youth Philanthropy NZ executive Benita O'Brien and High Taylor and Deloitte's Benita O'Brien, Kaiti Edwards and Kaiti Edwards.

## Wakatipu's spirit

It allows us to shine a light on those who give their time and energy to make a difference in our community. It's a privilege and honour to report to you on our activities over the last 12 months. It has been another year of significant achievements. Highlights include:



From top left: Benita O'Brien and High Taylor and Deloitte's Benita O'Brien, Kaiti Edwards and Kaiti Edwards. Benita O'Brien and High Taylor and Deloitte's Benita O'Brien, Kaiti Edwards and Kaiti Edwards. Benita O'Brien and High Taylor and Deloitte's Benita O'Brien, Kaiti Edwards and Kaiti Edwards.

## Crisis funding

**FUNDRAISING** queen Kaye Parker has struck again. Parker, centre, pictured with Wakatipu Community Foundation (WCF) CEO Jennifer Belmont and chairman Ray Key, has spent the past four weeks hustling locally, nationally, and internationally to raise money for 'The Wakatipu's Greatest Needs Fund'. By yesterday morning more than \$400,000 had been donated — and the first grants, totalling more than \$150,000, had been made. The fund, supported by the WCF, aims to fill the gaps between central government funding and City Hall support, by providing much-needed money to front-line charities in the Wakatipu who are helping thousands of the worst-affected by Covid-19 in our community.

— TRACEY ROXBURGH

● \$1 million goal, page 3

## Resort's many helping hands

Key and CEO Jennifer Belmont would help with handling the back end of the fundraiser. "Not only did they say 'yes', but they waived all admin fees." By the following day, Parker had received "significant donations" from Tony MacQuibban and Sir Eion and Jan, Lady Edgar, and a granting committee had been formed. Following, lawyer Graeme Todd, a trustee for the Estate of EP Widing, approved on behalf of trustees a \$200,000 donation if the fund reached \$200,000. "In just over three weeks, we've bagged \$427,702," Parker says. And, on Tuesday, the Wakatipu Greatest Needs Fund decided on its first grants, to Happiness House, Baskets of Blessing, Kaiti Harvest, Volunteering Central and Salvation Army, totalling more than \$150,000. Parker says the mission of the fund is twofold. "First, to help address gaps in central government assistance to the most vulnerable or worst-affected by Covid-19 in our community. "Second, 100 per cent of the funds raised will be distributed to frontline charities ... to help reduce the fundraising stress on these charities, so they can carry out their core role. "If sufficient funds are raised we can also assist during the recovery period. "We made many phone calls and sent many emails to people in the district, and other parts of the country, and overseas, asking them to help for donations. "The generosity of the people of this community has both humbled and inspired all of us involved." While the next goal is to get more than \$500,000, Sir Eion's laid down the gauntlet, suggesting the group should aim for \$1 million. "As I believe it's right," Parker says many people have lost their jobs, aren't eligible for any central government funding, can't afford food, rent or bills, and/or to visit their GP if they're sick. Key says the granting committee's identified groups that will struggle to provide the "truly critical services" — including food, clothing, counselling, and support — for those in the greatest need in the community. "Your frontline groups that most of the community will know ... they're the people at the moment dealing with a lot of [those in need]." They were working closely with the council to ensure there was no overlap, and the necessary gaps in assistance were being filled. "We're initially focused with the crisis today, and then we'll consider recovery down the track," he says. ● To donate, or learn more, visit www.wakatipucommunityfund.org.nz

## Giving back to Q'town

THE Auckland owner of Queenstown's QBox campsite's donated \$20,000 to the Wakatipu Greatest Needs Fund. Following an article in *Mountain Scene* last week, Li contacted fundraising queen Kaye Parker, who founded the fund in conjunction with the Wakatipu Community Foundation, hoping it would go some way to ease the pressure on migrant workers who had lost their jobs, and tourists stuck in Queenstown due to the Alert Level 3 and 4 lockdowns. Li, who purchased the Bowen Street QBox site a couple of years ago, has also registered with Queenstown's council to provide "basic living" for those most in need. She tells *Scene* she's just an "ordinary Chinese New Zealander" who wants to help where she can. "Migrant workers, who came to NZ with dreams to work, are valuable and most vulnerable in such a global crisis. "NZers are the kindest, and we won't let them struggle alone." As of yesterday morning, the fund's raised \$628,760.70. In time it'll be distributed to frontline charities, by way of grants, to fill the gaps between government and local council support as the fall-out from the Covid-19 crisis in the Wakatipu continues.

— TRACEY ROXBURGH

# Wakatipu Community Foundation In the News

## Q'town's 100 grand gesture

**TRACY ROXBURGH**  
ONE hundred women will write in Queenstown this year to give a game-changing \$100,000 grant to one local charity or not-for-profit group.  
Inspired by the beautiful of American Wendy Smith, who donated each dollar \$100 to the main fund.  
Charities or not-for-profit groups to be considered in response, they're selected and selected down to five finalists, who'll present to all the 100 members as a dinner, during which they'll each have one vote. The winner will be announced on the night.



Making an impact: From left, Wakatipu Community Foundation CEO Jennifer Belmont, American philanthropist Carrie Mergridge, Impact100 Queenstown founder Kristen Holtzman and her husband Mark.

Local resident Kristen Holtzman behind the Queenstown chapter of the philanthropic initiative, inspired by her friend, influential American philanthropist Carrie Mergridge, and saw the grant as a "transformative" for the region.  
"This is an opportunity for us to get to go back and see what we've done and what we've been able to do, but now we can do because of this \$100,000 grant."  
"I think it would make a major difference to a local charity that's already doing amazing work."  
Launched in Ohio in 2001, the Queenstown chapter is New Zealand's first, but the 60th Impact100 internationally.

# Impact takes off

**TRACY ROXBURGH**

TALK about girl power.  
In its inaugural year in Queenstown, Impact100 Wakatipu has raised \$150,000 — \$100,000 of which will be donated in one lump sum to a local charity or not-for-profit group this November, for which expressions of interest are now open.



All go: Impact100 Wakatipu grant committee chair Joan Kiernan, left, and founder Kristen Holtzman at the first official gathering of the 150 members, at White + Wongs, yesterday.

Local resident Kristen Holtzman's behind the local chapter of the global initiative, being supported here by the Wakatipu Community Foundation, which aims to give back to charities and encourage philanthropy for women, all of whom this year are founding members.

Local resident Kristen Holtzman's behind the local chapter of the global initiative, being supported here by the Wakatipu Community Foundation, which aims to give back to charities and encourage philanthropy for women, all of whom this year are founding members.  
She started gathering donors in February, just before Covid-19 hit, and wanted to reach 100 members, who each donated \$1000, this year.  
To have exceeded that already is amazing, she says.  
"We want this to be sustainable, we want this to keep going up — next year we want to hit 200 [members]."  
Holtzman says she's thrilled with the support and response from Wakatipu women — the youngest is Hannah Battrick, a Year 12 student at Wakatipu High.  
"She's part of Generation Give ... I'm so proud of her and excited she's part of this group," Holtzman says.  
For charities or not-for-profits, expressions of interest — the first step in the grant process — have now opened and will close on July 15.  
Those who are eligible will be asked to submit a full application by September 15.  
A grant committee will be chaired by long-time local and

community activist Joan Kiernan.  
She'll evaluate applications and do site visits to whittle it down to five finalists to be selected from "focus areas" of art, culture and preservation, education, environment and animal welfare, and family and wellness.  
Kiernan, who's lived in Queenstown 20 years, says Impact100 was "so different" to traditional funding models.  
"It's the power of people getting together — the contribution from each person is really small, but when you put it all together, it makes a huge difference."  
The finalists will all make a presentation to the Impact100 members at a dinner in Queenstown in November.  
Each member gets one vote to determine the overall winner.  
A video conference call's been scheduled for next Wednesday, at 10am, to provide further information.  
Interested charities are welcome to join — they can RSVP to jennifer@wakatipucommunityfoundation.org.nz

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## Teens dish out cash

**TRACY ROXBURGH**



Building philanthropy: Wakatipu High School's Generation Give is preparing to grant \$10,000 to local charities.

A PHILANTHROPIC programme, run by teens, is granting up to \$10,000 to local charities.  
Through it, students learn non-profit governance and grant-making skills to make funding decisions. It aims to encourage youth to give and serve in their communities, and make philanthropy a habit for future generations.  
Generation Give, a Wakatipu High School programme run in partnership with the Wakatipu Community Foundation, was established last year, based on similar youth philanthropy programmes spread across the United States.  
Through it, students learn non-profit governance and grant-making skills to make funding decisions. It aims to encourage youth to give and serve in their communities, and make philanthropy a habit for future generations.  
WCF chief executive Jennifer Belmont says thanks to the foundation from local residents Dick and Elaine Hubbard, Root Mortgage Brokers and Craig Invercargill, who've now got a council of 25 alumni behind them.  
They work with adult volunteers to learn about servant leadership, values, ethics and the vital role philanthropy plays in the community.

The students are also in charge of the grant cycle. Through that they review applications from non-profit groups and make award decisions.  
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They work with adult volunteers to learn about servant leadership, values, ethics and the vital role philanthropy plays in the community.  
The students have \$10,000 to grant to successful local charities — registered charities can apply for up to \$2500 each.  
"This is an excellent opportunity for schools and other non-profit organisations to make a greater impact on their community by applying for grants to support their youth-related programmes and projects," she says.  
To qualify, projects need to meet at least one Wakatipu-specific objective from a list, which includes having a positive impact on youth, supporting health and mental well-being, poverty relief and promoting equality.  
The deadline for expressions of interest is today, after which several charities will be invited to make a formal application.  
The student team will then make site visits and work with each charity in the application process before grants are awarded later this year.

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# Wakatipu Community Foundation In the News

## A rare treat to raise money for Q'town

TALK about rare.  
Take a 265-year-old violin, which has already survived several plagues prior to Covid-19, a mega-jeweller and a 12-year-old prodigy — representing two generations of their family — and you've got a series of concerts, the likes of which Queenstown's never seen before.  
Next month Sir Michael Hill will play his rare violin, The Southern Star, in classical concerts with his grandson, Jacob, who started playing the violin with his grandad during the lockdown, and professional pianist Kinga Krupa.  
His mum, Emma — Sir Michael's daughter — says next month's concerts will be special for the family, and they'll be used to benefit the community.  
"Jacob's been learning the violin since he was three."  
"During the pandemic he started playing Vivaldi with his grandad."  
"It's pretty special — two generations, [a] 12 and 81-year-old, can share this experience together, and inspire others."  
The two concerts will include music by Vivaldi, Bach, Liszt, Massenet, Faure and Debussy.  
The trio will perform first at The Lodge at The Hills on September 24, from 7pm, and then on September 27, from 4pm, at the Thomas Brown Gallery.  
Tickets are available from www.wakatipucommunityfoundation.org.nz

proceeds from both concerts will be given to the Wakatipu Greatest Needs Fund.  
That was established at the beginning of the lockdown to help the community recovery.  
Money raised through the fund helps address gaps in central government assistance to the most vulnerable or worst-affected by Covid in the community, and 100% of funds raised are being distributed to front-line charities to reduce their fundraising stress.  
— TRACY ROXBURGH



Keeping it in the family: Mega-jeweller Sir Michael Hill and his grandson, Jacob, 12, who'll perform two classical violin concerts next month

## HUGO CHARITABLE TRUST

### Hugo Helping Hands



HUGO invited Youth Philanthropy NZ's 2019 Generation Give team, made up of Years 9-13 students from Wakatipu High School, to present at our trust meeting in Arrowtown on 25 October 2019.  
The students' mentors and founders of Youth Philanthropy NZ (Beatrice Onions, Chris Belmont and Hugh Taylor) and Wakatipu Community Foundation CEO and Founding Trustee, Jennifer Belmont, also attended.  
The students did an excellent job presenting on three local charities:  
• Wakatipu Youth Trust  
• Queenstown Trails Trust  
• Sustainable Queenstown

As a result, Hugo's trustees decided to donate a further \$5,000 to each of those charities on top of the matching donations announced at the The Wayfare Spirit of the Wakatipu Gala in September 2019 (discussed on page 23).  
In addition, impressed with the Generation Give programme and the efforts of Beatrice, Chris and Hugh, Hugo donated \$15,000 to Youth Philanthropy NZ to help with the roll out of the Generation Give programme in other centres around New Zealand in 2020.

## Using will to help disadvantaged Wakatipu youth

**YOURWORD**  
**Martin Hayes**  
Martin Hayes is a financial adviser, wealth coach and author who called Queenstown home for 20 years before moving to Christchurch.  
W HEN life changes, conventional wisdom says you should revisit your will.  
After 20 years of living in the Wakatipu Basin, I have moved to Christchurch.  
That constitutes a life change and so, trying to be conventionally wise, I had a look at my will.  
My succession arrangements are pretty straightforward: the bulk of my estate will go to my three children.  
This is after I have left an amount to each of my grandchildren's KiwiSaver accounts.  
My thinking regarding the grandchildren was to leave them enough so that by the time they reach their mid-20s, there should be sufficient for a first-home deposit (assuming they are not buying in Queenstown).  
My son lives in the Queenstown area.  
However, one thing I did want to do was leave some kind of help to the region that had been so good to me.  
Ever the land 30 years, I have banked in the friendships, recreational opportunities and community of the Lakes region.  
The Wakatipu has been a great place to live.  
And so, I changed my will to leave a bequest to the Wakatipu Community Foundation.  
One thing that attracted me to the foundation was that you can target the cause you most care about.  
During my 20 years in the Basin, I had roles in various areas — Community Trust of Southland, the Trails Trust, Wakatipu Health, Housing Trust, etc.  
All of these (and plenty of others) do excellent work and have had big impacts on life in the Wakatipu — imagine life in the Basin without the trails, without the housing trust or without the Events Centre pool which CTO's helped happen.  
Any of these kinds of things would be worthy recipients of a bequest.  
However, the thing I care about most is children and young people.  
Who knows what the problems and solutions might be by the time I die (if I do)?  
Nevertheless, regardless of the timing, I think there will still be disadvantaged young people in the Wakatipu and the foundation will be able to figure out how best to use the funds.  
And so, it is a matter of trust — I trust the foundation to help the children and young people who need help using whatever agencies are available in some far off distant time as the future which I am glad and gone.  
I have been so lucky. I was born into a family with caring parents and enjoyed the best of educational opportunity at a time when there have been no major wars or other disasters.  
And yet I did nothing to deserve such a wonderful throw of the cards — I was simply here at the best time in the best country. Pure luck.  
I am grateful for the peace, health and opportunity I have spent a lifetime enjoying.  
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As a regional council representative for this area I am grateful for this help to a wonderful project. I commend the Wakatipu Community Foundation for their work in securing this culture of funding, am very grateful to the Margrigo Family Foundation and as always, delighted by the work of the individual friends of Lake Hayes. While restoration work is essential, we also need to ensure a strong planning and regulatory framework prevents damaging activity.  
From the Margrigo Family Foundation  
"I am grateful to the Margrigo Family Foundation and The Nature Conservancy for this generous grant which will help restore and sustain the ecology of Lake Hayes to its original beauty," said Jennifer Belmont, Founder of the Wakatipu Community Foundation. "It is pleased that the Wakatipu Community Foundation could help facilitate such an impactful gift to our community."  
From the Nature Conservancy, New Zealand  
"The Nature Conservancy Australia New Zealand are pleased that, thanks to the wonderful generosity of the Margrigo Family Foundation, we are able to partner with Friends of Lake Hayes to help restore the health of Lake Hayes. We look forward to continuing TNC's relationship with the Margrigo Family Foundation, and building new relationships with the Friends of Lake Hayes and the Lake Hayes community. The lessons learned through this work will have important on-going benefits for the many subwatershed and communities throughout New Zealand facing similar issues."  
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# Wakatipu Community Foundation Financials - Summary\*



## Performance Snapshot

Wakatipu Community Foundation  
For the year ended 31 March 2020

### Financial Performance

	Total 2020	Total 2019
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations Received	308,839	76,333
Revenue from providing goods or services	69,796	-
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	(3,902)	693
Administration Fee Income	1,242	485
Other revenue	351	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>376,326</b>	<b>77,511</b>
<b>Costs related to providing goods or service</b>		
	<b>57,349</b>	<b>13,389</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>318,977</b>	<b>64,122</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Volunteer and employee related costs	32,185	-
Grants and donations made	4,000	5,000
Administration Fee	1,242	485
Other expenses	11,968	371
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>49,394</b>	<b>5,856</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>269,583</b>	<b>58,266</b>

### Financial Position

	31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2019
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank accounts and cash	394,167	84,077
Other Current Assets	3,936	6,629
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>398,103</b>	<b>90,706</b>
<b>Investments</b>	<b>184,981</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>583,084</b>	<b>90,706</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Pass Through Funds	238,513	2,500
Other current liabilities	6,782	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>245,295</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>245,295</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>337,789</b>	<b>88,206</b>

### Analysis

	31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2019
<b>Donation Receipt Summary</b>		
Corporate Donations	20,000	-
Tindall Foundation	25,000	-
General Donations	34,075	30,000
Endowment Funds	229,764	46,333
	<b>308,839</b>	<b>76,333</b>
<b>Pass Through Funds</b>		
Received	515,324	2,500
Granted	279,311	25,000
Carried forward	<b>238,513</b>	<b>2,500</b>

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5 November 2020

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Dear Trustees

Summary of Financial Performance – Wakatipu Community Foundation

It is our pleasure to provide a covering summary letter for the Wakatipu Community Foundation Performance report for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The performance report validates that 2020 was a year of growth for the Wakatipu Community Foundation. The Foundation not only continued to build endowment funds that benefit all aspects of our community but has facilitated several programmes including Generation Give, Greatest Needs Fund, Impact100 and other initiatives during the financial year, many of which have seen immediate community benefits.

Below we have highlighted key performance achievements:

- Endowment fund**  
 At the close of 2020 the Endowment fund reserve had increased from \$45,773 to \$264,562, with established endowments increasing from 2 to 8. As a result of the increase in accumulated endowment funds during the year a managed portfolio was established. At balance date \$184,981 was invested under the portfolio managed by Craig's Investment Partners. The portfolio comprises diverse investments across fixed interest securities, property, equities and cash. With the capital investment underway and a growing number of endowments established the foundation is making respectable progress to fund future distributions with \$4,000 distributed during the 2020 year.
- Pass Through Fund**  
 A great achievement was seen in the management of pass-through funds. Under the administration of Wakatipu Community Foundation and across several initiatives which included but were not limited to the Greatest Needs Fund, Impact100, and Generative Give, the Foundation was able to facilitate the distribution of \$194,975 by way of donations. With a further \$238,513 on hand at balance for future distribution in the short to near term.
- Trust administration**  
 The Trust continued its positive momentum during the 2020 year and as a result was able to not only attract support by way of donations to administration and pro-bono services (\$79,075) but was also able to receive revenue and awareness from the numerous successful functions delivered. These functions and events included the inaugural Spirit of the Wakatipu Awards whereby a collective celebration of those individuals, organisations, groups and corporate entities who contribute in a philanthropic way to the Wakatipu community occurred. The Trust maintained control and management of expenses resulting in a surplus position of \$48,963 for the 2020 year-end. Retaining such a surplus provides a strong platform for the 2021 year and beyond.
- Fixed Administration Costs**  
 While the fixed costs are incurred in a particular year, the benefit of these costs are received over multiple years. For example, the upfront work required in a new endowment is significantly front loaded, but the benefit is received over multiple periods or in perpetuity. Fixed costs of operating the WCF have remained low when benchmarking against other charities in the region.

While the key indicators highlighted above come from a financial perspective it is important to acknowledge the non-financial achievements and efforts of the foundation. The profile and the community awareness continues to grow through the Trustees, the administrators and the advocates of the Foundation in the community. We applaud the Foundation for this result, and we look forward to continued involvement with the Foundation going forward.

Yours sincerely

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