



WOW! What a night! Our 2019 Spirit of the Wakatipu Awards evening was spectacular! With over 500 eager attendees, amazing entertainment, a incredible food, it was a night to remember. Our first grants were distributed from the Generation Give programme and the Kate Moetaua Foundation. In addition, we handed out 21 awards for community service and Sir Eion Edgar pledged \$1million to our Foundation. Fantastic evening!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR *Raymond Key*



Welcome to our Spring 2019 newsletter. Change is all around us in the Wakatipu and I don't mean just the beautiful blossoms as we transition from Spring into Summer. There has been huge growth in the basin, and this has created opportunities and major challenges.

For my part I am excited that there are more people than I can ever recall discussing the need to protect our water ways and our environment. Many of my conversations include the need to bring our community closer together, create better interaction and support. I feel we are potentially at a positive inflection point where we can work towards making our community stronger and more connected. Human nature is such that often change occurs when people lose something.

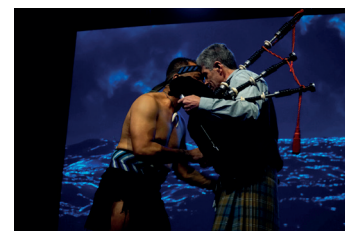
With this in mind, I feel the Gala was a tremendous success. It was a great opportunity for our community to take time out and pay tribute to the amazing people in our community who work tirelessly to make our region a better place to be.

I would like to pay particularly thanks to Simon Green who put in hundreds of hours into the preparation of the event and partnered with a number of great local businesses to make the event happen and at a cost that was affordable. We want our community to know our ethos is not to do fundraising events. We are here to bring in new sources of funding for our community groups NOT compete with them.

The Gala was a fantastic opportunity to partner with many groups within the Wakatipu.

We look forward to making this a highlight of people's social calendar going forward.

We are working on several exciting initiatives so watch this space. Also if you are working on ways to improve our community and we can help please reach out to Jennifer and include us in your conversation.



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OUR YEAR...

- 👤 Generation Give Youth Philanthropy Programme established with \$35,000 granted.
- 👤 100% operational funding for the next three years.
- 👤 10 endowments established.
- 👤 Kate Moetaua Foundation Endowment granted \$4,000.
- 👤 Over \$1 million pledged endowments.
- 👤 Over \$250,000 in managed funds.
- 👤 Completion of Tindall Foundation's accreditation Stage 2.



What makes Generation Give different:

"What really makes the program special is that it is entirely youth-based, meaning we run our meetings, make our own decisions and are in charge of our own fundraising." (Helena Hornbacher, GenGive 2019).

This 'made by youth, for youth' concept is what has intrigued so many people, businesses and charities across the country.



SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL GALA

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY
IN THE WAKATIPU
12 SEPTEMBER 2020

Please save the date for our 2nd Annual Gala where we will be celebrating our 2020 Grant Recipients.

This is our off-year Gala (Spirit of the Wakatipu awards will be back in 2021).

...AND PLANS FOR 2020!

Growth:

- 👤 \$2 million in pledged endowments.
- 👤 A goal of 20 endowments for the year bringing our total to 30!

Impact:

- 👤 Continued collaboration with Wakatipu charities.
- 👤 In depth discussions about establishing pass through grants and resettling trusts for ease of administration and expertise.
- 👤 Grants given out this year through the our major endowments this year, including the Generation Give and the Kate Moetaua Foundation Endowments. Grant criteria and more information provided in April with granting in September at our Gala.

Promotion:

- 👤 Provide in house seminars to all major accounting, legal and financial advisors.
- 👤 200 coffees to explain how we can help you start your legacy!
- 👤 Inspiring generosity in the Wakatipu through our events and workplace giving initiative.

Capacity:

- 👤 Continued governance work and completion of Community Foundations of New Zealand and Tindall Foundation Milestone Programme Stage 3.
- 👤 Grants Administrator.

CHARITY PROFILE

WAKATIPU HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

We are the Wakatipu High School Foundation, supporting education in the Wakatipu Basin. Our focus is to ensure every Queenstown high school student receives the best 'all-round' education in Aotearoa.

Currently, the Queenstown district is the least affordable in all of New Zealand, with a median house price 13.46 times the median household income with median rent for a 4-bed house at \$880 per week. Yet as a Decile 10 school, Wakatipu High School (WHS) receives the lowest level of funding from the Ministry of Education. Our goal is to fund WHS an additional \$200,000 a year to assist students access to a wide range of educational opportunities, co and extracurricular activities across sports, arts, music, theatre and STEM as well as ensuring there is no financial barriers to participation in any areas of school life through our Awhi hardship program.

Your support will help us reach our goal and make a real impact in the lives of Queenstown's High School students each day. Become a supporter of the Wakatipu High School Foundation through our Business Partnership Programme, attending an event or make a donation to assist a student in hardship.

Find out more here - <https://www.wakatipuhsfoundation.co.nz/get-involved.html>

Wakatipu High School
FOUNDATION

GUEST COLUMN

Jonathan Gurnsey, Vice Chair Wakatipu Community Foundation

What an exciting end to a really successful year for all of us involved with The Wakatipu Community Foundation!

This time last year, I was still wondering...can it really take off, can we collectively help build a really solid platform for it to launch from and start impacting our community..? Wow..12 months on and now its all about execution. As our professional business partners, whom all signed on this year, have underlined we are definitely here, and we are here to stay.. many, many thanks to them!

For myself, 2019 was the culmination of a transition from being a Founding Trustee of the wonderful Wakatipu High School Foundation to the "leap".. of faith.. of being a Founding Trustee and Deputy Chair of the Wakatipu Community Foundation.

My motivation for the shift was partly that the High School Foundation had developed a very sound footprint with a meaningful amount of money secured and its place in our community, very well entrenched..

I felt it's the appropriate time to move aside and make way for some fresh energy and ideas there. But primarily, The Wakatipu Community Foundation was a new challenge, and as we grow and slowly become more successful its positive impact will touch ALL corners of our community, ALL ages and that breadth of giving and support is really exciting. As is helping facilitate people wanting to give but not quite knowing how to go about it, I honestly believe the greatest of enjoyments is that gained from "giving"..

The resurrection of The Spirit of the Wakatipu Awards in September was really big for our community and our foundation, as it underlined the capabilities we have as a collective, but it wasn't the most personally gratifying event of the year, for me. The work and support which our foundation led for the inception of The Kate Moetaua Foundation will always bring a tear and a smile to me. This was about delivering the dream and dying wishes Kate had of supporting our community's youth and her 3 young daughters being intimately involved. Seeing the healing which the whole experience helped generate for Kate's husband T and the girls', is magic!

Summer is racing toward us but it seems we have plenty to achieve over the next few month; especially as Jennifer our newly ordained CEO whips us into action!

"Workplace Giving", local employee-business giving is a big focus for me for 2020 - it's simply about helping enable many of our local community, with their work colleagues "collectively give to local charities" and together enjoy making a positive impact.

If we don't knock on your door, please knock on ours!

Merry Christmas to all and here's hoping for a traditional Central Otago summer!!

Hiahia mähāna me te hauora pai
Warm wishes and good health
Jonathan



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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

THINK philanthropy, and you probably think of benevolent business tycoons giving away vast sums to charities.

In Queenstown, however, that benevolent spirit's been taken up by three young Wakatipu High alumni, who've in turn recruited 18 current students for a ground-breaking, year-long 'Generation Give' programme.

The original inspiration came from former Wakatipu High School Foundation executive director Jennifer Belmont.

She's now CEO of the Wakatipu Community Foundation, which aims to create a big pot for local charities from endowment funds.

Impressed by how the community-funded school foundation helped fund disadvantaged students through its Awhi Fund, she wanted to cultivate that culture of giving amongst students themselves.

She was aware that youth philanthropy's popular in the United States, so she went to Boston to look at how a long-established programme worked. As a result, she tapped

three recent Wakatipu High graduates—Beatrice Onions, Hugh Taylor and her son Chris—to create Youth Philanthropy New Zealand (YPNZ).

YPNZ, in collaboration with the community foundation, then developed a pilot Generation Give programme which has run all year at the school.

The trio first asked all students for applications to join the programme. They then selected 18, with varying attributes, from Years 9 to 13.

That Generation Give council, including an executive board led by head boy Archie Ritchie, has met each week this school year, with mentoring from the YPNZ trio.

In learning about philanthropy, they've also benefited from inspirational talks by philanthropists such as Diana and Dick Hubbard, Sir Eion Edgar and Americans Debby and Paul Brainerd, who developed Camp Glenorchy as a social enterprise. Boosted by seed funding from

Arrowtown's Rost Mortgage Brokers, the Hubbards, Craig Investment Partners and the Tindall Foundation, they've applied their learning about fundraising and grant-making to a special project—donating \$10,000 to charity.

They first asked local charities to apply for funding, and narrowed 10-plus applications down to six. Their criteria included charities which have a positive impact on youth.

They chose Happiness House, Wakatipu Reforestation Trust, Wakatipu Youth Trust, Sustainable Queenstown, Queenstown Trails Trust and Queenstown Rotary.

They're now thoroughly assessing all \$16 to see who's suitable for slices of that \$10k, and will then present that money at the inaugural Spirit of the Wakatipu Awards ceremony on September 14.

The students are also topping up the kitty by running a raffle.

Belmont says "the idea behind youth

philanthropy is to have them make the decisions, not adults, on the grants".

All 18 students, she notes, "are extremely passionate to learn about what's happening in our community, and extremely passionate about solving problems".

"They think outside the box—they think about things from a different perspective than what adults would."

Belmont says the students learn lifelong skills that could also help secure jobs, especially with employers focused on corporate responsibility. Some are being taken on as youth advisors by charities.

Onions says the students have been "nothing but unbelievably motivated—they're almost motivating us at this point".

Deputy chair Sofia Taquet says she's enjoyed volunteering from a young age.

"There's definitely a lot of things we're learning that I think we can take into the future." One example, she says, is just learning to work as a team.

For marketing manager Kate Edmonds, "it's also been great to learn how to run a board".

Besides mentoring the group, Onions, Taylor and Chris Belmont have started spreading YPNZ beyond Queenstown. They're hoping to set up Generation Give courses, before long, in the likes of Auckland, Tauranga and Wellington.

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Inspiring philanthropy: From left, Youth Philanthropy NZ mentors Beatrice Onions and Hugh Taylor and Generation Give council members Sofia Taquet and Kate Edmonds

Wakatipu's spirit

PAUL TAYLOR

WHAT A night!

Nearly 500 people attended the Wayfare black-tie bash on Saturday night to celebrate the people and organisations that make our community strong.

Those who give their time, effort and money to help others, without wanting anything in return.

It was organised by Wakatipu Community Foundation and

Queenstown's council.

Trustee Simon Green said the contribution of the winners and nominees was summed up by the anonymous Greek proverb: "Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

"Take the time to stop and think about who's planted trees for you in this community," he told the audience.

"Who you've seen go above and beyond. And start writing a list for next time [in two years] because .

... it allows us to shine a light on them, to inspire others, and to give them the honest and wonderful recognition they deserve."

There were tears, speeches, songs and heartfelt joy . . . and someone accidentally smashed all but one of the glass awards while walking off the stage, but we'll say no more about that.

Oh, and Sir Eion Edgar pledged \$1 million to the Wakatipu Community Foundation! What a legend.

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Your Spirit of the Wakatipu winners

- **WAYFARE LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION AWARDS:** Tom Pryde, Fae Robertson, Kaye Parker, Barbara Simpson and Sir Eion Edgar — All five are well known for their various selfless contributions to the Wakatipu community over many decades
- **QLDC MAYORAL AWARD:** The combined fire brigades of the Wakatipu — Queenstown, Arrowtown, Frankton, Kingston and Glenorchy. Scores of volunteers giving their free time to keep the community safe.
- **YOUTH IMPACT AWARD:** Branches Charitable Trust — The trust, formed in 2006, fundraises to subsidise the Branches Camp, a rite-of-passage for WHS year 10 pupils since 1967
- **SPIRIT OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING AWARD & MOUNTAIN SCENE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:** Fabiola Correa — See p14
- **CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP AWARD:** Colliers International Queenstown — The property business has donated more than \$1.15 million to local charities, and sponsors everything from sports teams to school pupils
- **SPIRIT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARD:** Soho Properties — Created and manages what is effectively New Zealand's first national park in private hands, across 50,000ha of high country between Queenstown and Wanaka
- **SPIRIT OF RESILIENCE AWARD:** Martin King, Winter Pride — Winter Pride festival and Pride Pledge director, raising awareness, inclusion and safety for rainbow people

- **SPIRIT OF SENIOR SUPPORT AWARD:** Simon Hayes — Former councillor has spent countless hours assisting the elderly throughout New Zealand in social housing, and given long service to organisations such as Queenstown Lions and Queenstown RSA
- **SPIRIT OF SPORT AND RECREATION AWARD:** Simon Spark — Arrowtown Rugby Club stalwart who's been the backbone of the project to build the new Arrowtown Community Centre
- **SPIRIT OF ARTS AND CULTURE AWARD:** Margaret O'Hanlon — Singer, performer, entertainer, teacher, director, producer, advocate, force of nature
- **SPIRIT OF EDUCATION AWARD:** Cory Ratahi, Koreroia — Maori language teacher and founder of Koreroia, a social Maori language class. Unofficial guardian of Maori arts, culture, language and tradition in Queenstown
- **SPIRIT OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD:** Arrowtown Autumn Festival — Driven by volunteers for 30 years, the festival celebrates the town's people and colourful history
- **RISING STAR AWARD — YPNZ Team:** Chris Belmont, Hugh Taylor, Beatrice Onions — The trio has developed the first New Zealand youth philanthropy programme, Generation Give, with 18 pupils from Wakatipu High School. It is to be extended to Auckland, then elsewhere
- **SOCIAL IMPACT INNOVATOR AWARD:** Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust — The trust has helped 175 parties into affordable and secure homes since 2007

Selfless: Queenstown fires accept the QLDC Mayoral Award



Youth moves: Members of the YPNZ Team and Generation Give



Proud: Teakura 'T' Moetaua and daughter Aya present the first grants from the Kate Moetaua Foundation endowment fund, set up in memory of the much-loved drama teacher



Contribution: Sir Eion Edgar, Barbara Simpson, Kaye Parker, Fae Robertson and Tom Pryde were honoured with lifetime awards, presented by Wayfare's Richard Lauder, left, and Simon Green, right



Generous: Sir Eion made a million-dollar pledge

What do you want for your community?

Become a Wakatipu Community Foundation donor.

Donor funds are invested in perpetuity, and interest from the funds are distributed annually to local community groups. The capital remains intact and the giving continues forever.

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