



Kura Tāwhiti Foundation

Canterbury Community Foundation

We are the Community Foundation for Christchurch City and the Selwyn and Waimakariri districts.

Community Foundations take a long-term, community-based view of giving and impact. When you give to Kura Tāwhiti, your initial gift is invested for greater impact. The ongoing income earned is given to local causes you love.

We have distributed over \$15.7m since we were established in 2017.

Kura Tāwhiti focuses on directing donations towards specific local needs, which have been identified by Cantabrians. We are here to ensure our community's needs are met, both now and in the future. All money raised here, stays here.

How an invested endowment works



**Estimated growth rate of 6.5% for future years and an annual distribution of 4%
Thank you to Acorn Foundation for this real example of a live invested endowment fund.*

Mission

We will grow giving to benefit our communities now and for generations to come.

Vision

The Greater Christchurch Region has inclusive and vibrant communities that offer opportunities for everyone to thrive, where the environment is cherished and protected so that our region is a dynamic and sustainable place to live for generations to come.

Values

Manaakitanga - caring

We care for our communities' needs and those who support and invest in them



Mahitahi – collaboration

We work together to grow investments for shared community projects



Mana – respect

We respect the place in which we work and everyone we work with and for



Kaitiaki – guardians

We are considerate and discrete caretakers of investments on behalf of our communities



Our impact

\$15.7M

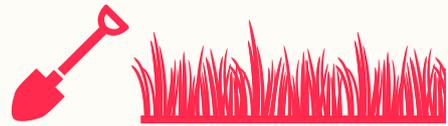
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We are kaitiaki of the Our People, Our City Education Fund, established after the Mosque Attacks on March 15, 2019. We have passed through over \$320,000 to the young adults affected by this tragedy.

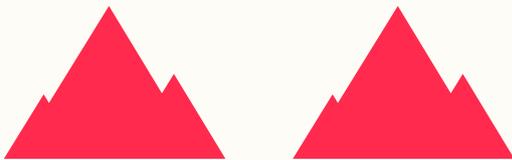
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We have supported 42 female founders through the Women Entrepreneurs Fund.



We supported the planting of over 24,000 native trees to help create the Tūi Corridor on Banks Peninsula.

We helped the Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust crowdfund and purchase the two tallest peaks on Banks Peninsula, ensuring this is kept in public ownership forever.



We painted Cashel Street rainbow on behalf of the LGBTQIA+ community, growing awareness of the PRIDE Festival and diversity within our region.



We facilitated significant donations to projects within Christchurch, such as the Christ Church Cathedral, Governors Bay Jetty, Riccarton Bush and Tūranga.



We delivered a governorship development programme for 25 high school students to prepare them for roles on not-for-profit boards.



We have established funds focused on health, the environment, Women in leadership, PRIDE and education.



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Starting a business is never easy — especially in the medical technology sector. When we launched, there were no grants available in New Zealand for early-stage start-ups, so we funded the business ourselves and worked full-time to build it. After a couple of years, just as I was beginning to question whether I could continue without seeking other employment, the Women Entrepreneurs Fund grant arrived.

It helped cover essential living costs, which allowed me to stay fully focused on growing the business and to invest in key infrastructure like an electronic quality management system...

Today, we're a profitable company and proud to be in a position to contribute back to the fund to support other aspiring female entrepreneurs. We'll always be deeply grateful for the support of Joy Shivas and Kura Tāwhiti.

Vicki Ledergerber
WEF Recipient 2023

Where and how to give

We connect generous people who care with causes that matter.



People

We are committed to supporting our people, and honouring their knowledge, whakapapa and experience. These funds focus on supporting the people living and working in the wider Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimakariri community.

Place

We are proud of this place, and the legacies we uphold. These funds focus on what makes the Christchurch region so special: the strength of our community, the pride we take in our shared identity, and the events and moments that define us. We honour our past and ensure those defining moments for our city are never forgotten.

Planet

Caring for our whenua is a responsibility we embrace with enthusiasm, and it takes a collective effort. These funds ensure the natural beauty of Waitaha and its surroundings are preserved for generations to come.



Areas of focus

Kura Tāwhiti has several key funds available already. Alternatively, you can choose to set up your own fund - details about this are on the next page.

Future funds in the planning stages include housing and mental health.



Green Philanthropy Fund

Supports innovative, science-led projects that protect and restore our region's ecosystems, empowering lasting environmental impact through community giving.



Kate Sheppard Women's Fund

Supports wāhine by investing in grassroots leadership and amplifying the voices of those creating positive change in our communities, honouring the legacy of Kate Sheppard.



Pride Fund

Supports initiatives that celebrate diversity and provide lasting support to the rainbow community, helping make the greater Ōtautahi region a more inclusive place for all.



Discretionary Fund

Supports urgent needs and existing initiatives by giving Kura Tāwhiti the flexibility to respond quickly and sustainably to what matters most, when it matters most.



Supporting Kura Tāwhiti is a simple, effective and long-lasting way to prioritise our communities' needs today, and into the future.

Through us you can choose which significant local projects and causes are important to you. You can give to Kura Tāwhiti in different ways.

Set up an Endowment

Leave a lasting mark. We'll help you decide how, when, and who your endowment fund supports — making your philanthropic vision a reality.

Impact100 Canterbury

Join our collective giving group to ensure your giving aligns with your values. You'll collaborate with like-minded individuals to pool resources and make collective decisions on supporting local causes.

Trust Transfer

Resettle your charitable family or corporate trust with us for efficient, cost-effective administration. We'll preserve your capital, protect against inflation, and ensure income continues to benefit our community. Leave all the administration to us.

Leave a Bequest

Including Kura Tāwhiti in your giving is a powerful way of leaving a lasting legacy. You can donate a lump sum or percentage of your estate to be distributed as to your wishes, or create an endowment that launches after you pass.

In Business, For Good

Show your commitment to our region by joining a community of values-led businesses making real impact. Our tiered membership programme supports local projects, amplifies your giving, and connects your organisation to causes that matter: People, Place and Planet.



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I recognised a need. Many women can't access the support and medical care I got after my cancer. It's terribly important because lymphoedema is with you all the time – especially as you move from treatment into rehabilitation.

Lymphoedema treatment and care makes such a difference to people's lives - it's about helping them lead a normal, active life during their rehabilitation. You want to be able to do something about it when you come across something that's wrong. I'm just practical.

Karen Koed

Founding Donor of the Koed
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