



OVER  
**\$4.2M**  
DONATED  
2025-26

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# HUGH (HUGO) GREEN

1931-2012



Hugh Green, known to many as “Hugo”, was born on 24 October 1931 in Raphoe, County Donegal, Ireland. Growing up in a family of eight children in a small town in rural Ireland there were no luxuries, but Hugh enjoyed his childhood in the close-knit Raphoe community. Hugh often spoke about his early years, once saying:

“If you had a good pair of boots, a good pair of socks, and a feed, that was it.”

At the age of twelve, Hugh left school and began working on the farm alongside his father, where he learned the cattle dealing trade and developed the determination and practical skills that would stay with him for life. His upbringing was grounded in Catholic faith, and this remained an important part of who he was throughout his life.

Like many young Irish men of his generation, Hugh set out in search of a better future. At seventeen

he left Ireland for Scotland, before later travelling to New Zealand – the country that would become his home. Through hard work and a relentless drive to succeed, Hugh built a successful business, while never losing sight of the importance of helping others. Hugh said:

“I’ve always tried to follow my father’s example of sharing what I have with other people. Even when I wasn’t earning much, I managed to find a little to help those who had even less.”

Following Hugh’s passing in 2012, Maryanne established the Hugo Charitable Trust in his memory. Since launching in 2017, Hugo has donated more than \$23 million to a broad range of charitable causes, while continuing to grow its capital base – ensuring that Hugh and Maryanne’s legacy of giving will continue to make a meaningful difference for generations to come.



Browse audio and video clips of Hugh Green on our website:  
[hugocharitabletrust.nz/hugh-green/](https://hugocharitabletrust.nz/hugh-green/)

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**Cover:** Aoibheann Monaghan with Junior Polo from the Chris Ruth Centre, Christchurch

# OUR PEOPLE



**1. Maryanne Green**  
Founder

**2. Mark Owens**  
Chair & Trustee

**3. Kathryn Roberts**  
Trustee

**4. Aoibheann Monaghan**  
CEO & Trustee

**5. Kerry D Ludlam**  
Accounts Administrator

**6A. Alice Hurdell**  
Hugh's granddaughter

**6B. Ronan Piper**  
Hugh's great-grandson

**7. Bruce Stewart KC**  
Founding Trustee 2017-2025

# BRUCE STEWART KC, RIP

## HUGO TRUSTEE & FRIEND



Anna Stewart with Bruce Stewart KC



### **Farewell to Bruce Stewart KC 1953 to 2025.**

We first met Bruce Stewart in court – and yes, he was on the *other* side. But even then, you couldn't help but like him. Charming, sharp, and always just a little bit cheeky, Bruce had a way of disarming tension with wit and warmth.

Bruce played a pivotal role assisting Maryanne in the foundation of the Hugo Charitable Trust. His skill, wisdom, and calm determination created the pathway that made Hugo possible. It was an act of legal finesse and human understanding – classic Bruce.

After the Trust was settled Bruce did something only Bruce would do – he joined forces with us. That was the beginning of a treasured friendship and a brilliant chapter at the Hugo Charitable Trust.

As a Trustee, Bruce was one of a kind. He brought insight, integrity – and a whole lot of fun – to every meeting. You could always count on him to say what others were too polite to say (he was definitely not PC), but it came from a place of

honesty and big-heartedness. He was the kind of man who never lost sight of the “little guy,” and he brought that deep compassion to everything he did.

Bruce was also immensely proud of his roots. A proud Dilworth old boy, we established the Hugo Charitable Trust Bruce Stewart Scholarships to give others an experience that had meant so much to him. That generosity of spirit – giving back, lifting up – was at the core of who he was.

He was loyal, fun, and wickedly clever. A brilliant legal mind, yes – but even more so, a brilliant friend. He made us laugh, made us think, and made our shared mission at Hugo all the more meaningful.

We will miss him enormously, but we're grateful for the time we had, the work we shared, and the joy he brought into our lives.

Bruce, thanks for everything.  
You were a true original.

**All of us at the Hugo Charitable Trust.  
Maryanne, Mark, Kathryn & Aoibheann**

# BRUCE STEWART KC, RIP

HUGO TRUSTEE & FRIEND



Opening of the Hugo Bridge on the Dunstan Trail, 2020



Visit to Living Options Arrowtown, 2021



Hugo Ireland Trip – Bruce’s family outside Royal School Dungannon, 2018



Dilworth prizegiving - Bruce Stewart KC Tutorships, 2019



Visit to Te Kura o Hato Hohepa te Kamura (St Joseph the Carpenter School) – Northland, 2017



# FRANKIE GREEN, RIP



AUGUST 1944 – MARCH 2026



Frankie Green & Maryanne Green



Frankie Green



Mark Owens, Frankie Green (Hugh Green's Sister), Carolyn Kilgour (Hugo Friend) & Maryanne Green



The Green family in 2020

On the 17th March 2026 Frankie, sister of Hugh Green, passed away in Queensland, Australia, following a short battle with cancer.

Frankie was a dear friend of the Hugo Charitable Trust and a genuine supporter of its work. She always took a keen interest in hearing how the funds from her brother's business were making such a positive difference to individuals and communities across New Zealand.

In the Featured Donations section of this year's Annual Report, you will see a significant portion

of our giving directed toward cancer care charities and hospice services. These donations reflect our commitment to improving care and outcomes for others, in honour of Frankie's memory and the many others affected by this illness.

Frankie will be greatly missed by Maryanne, Mark and her family and friends across the world.

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam  
May she rest in peace**

# FROM MARK



Maryanne Green & Mark Owens

This has been a year of both meaningful progress and heartfelt reflection for the Hugo Charitable Trust. As always, we have remained focused on honouring Hugh Green's vision: to help people across New Zealand in practical, compassionate, and impactful ways. Our donations have once again spanned a wide range of needs – from health and disability support, to community welfare and the environment – ensuring our work continues to reach those most in need.

We were deeply saddened by the passing of our Trustee and friend, Bruce Stewart KC. Bruce was instrumental in the founding of the Hugo Charitable Trust and brought integrity, wisdom, and humour to every step of our journey. His legacy of service and his fierce care for the “little guy” lives on in everything we do, and we are proud to continue supporting the Hugo Charitable Trust Bruce Stewart Scholarships in his honour.

This year, we continued to invest in world-class cancer care. At St George's Cancer Care Centre, we funded leading-edge surface-guided radiation therapy (SGRT) technology that will improve comfort and clinical accuracy for patients undergoing radiation treatment. We were also pleased to support The Cancer Society (Southern), helping provide vital accommodation, transport, and wellbeing support to patients and their families when they need it most.

Our commitment to those living with a disability remains strong. The New Zealand Spinal Trust received support for its Peer & Whānau programmes – offering independence, hope, and community for people adapting to life after spinal injury. We also assisted the Chris Ruth Centre in Christchurch, supporting individuals with complex physical and intellectual needs to live fulfilled and connected lives.

Hugo's ability to give so widely originates from a remarkable story of hard work and entrepreneurship. In 1950s New Zealand, Hugh Green and Barney McCahill transformed six shovels and a hired truck into one of the country's leading civil construction companies – Green & McCahill. Hugh would be proud to see that the success he created now supports thousands of New Zealanders across such diverse areas of need.

To our Founder Maryanne, my fellow Trustees, Aoibheann and Kathryn, and our dedicated team – thank you. Your commitment ensures that Hugh's generosity continues to echo through generations.

Warm regards,

**Mark Owens**  
Chair & Trustee

# FROM AOIBHEANN

The past financial year has been a record one for the Hugo Charitable Trust, with the largest annual donation total in our history – over \$4.2 million donated in a single year. Alongside this milestone, we are delighted to have grown the Trust’s capital base to more than \$88 million, strengthening Hugo’s ability to support communities and causes well into the future.

In June 2025 our founding Trustee Bruce Stewart KC very sadly passed. We feel incredibly blessed to have known Bruce and are so grateful for the wisdom, love and guidance he shared with us since the Hugo Charitable Trust was established in 2017. His contribution to the Trust was hugely significant, and he will be greatly missed by us all.

We continue to be blown away each year by the work and volunteer hours Kiwis are putting in across NZ to help causes they are passionate about and to assist those less fortunate than themselves. As we complete our ninth year of operation and enter our tenth year since Maryanne founded the Trust in memory of Hugh, we reflect on the history of Green and McCahill, and on how those strong foundations and the hard work of many have shaped the values that continue to guide us today.

Although Hugh himself finished school at the age of 12, he truly believed in the importance of education. Pages 65-73 highlight the remarkable young people Hugo is supporting with scholarships as they pursue their dreams and goals. As you will see many are already excelling and it is inspiring to see what they are achieving.

A significant portion of our annual donations – over \$1.4 million – was directed towards cancer care. With demand increasing as our population ages, Hugo is committed to supporting cancer services that improve access to treatment and ease the burden on patients and their families. Many of the individuals we assist face extraordinarily challenging journeys. One such example is 11-year-old Hugo Donaldson from Auckland, who is battling Stage 4 Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma. We are pleased to have helped him access the CAR-T therapy trial in Houston, providing treatment that would otherwise have been out of reach.



Aoibheann Monaghan with Sheena Haywood and Peter Witton from Adaptive Snowsports Whakatipu at the Queenstown Marathon

This year also saw the beginning of some wonderful new relationships. One such charity was the Chris Ruth Centre in Christchurch, which does exceptional work – often under the radar – supporting people with disabilities through personalised, one-on-one care. Following the devastating theft of five of their wheelchair-accessible vans in 2023 we were thrilled to be able to support the Centre with three new replacement vans.

As Hugo moves into its tenth year, we would like to sincerely thank Maryanne and Alice, and the Trustees of the Hugh Green Family Trust, for fully funding Hugo’s operating expenses over the past nine years. This support has enabled Hugo to operate without using its own funds for administration, ensuring that all income earned could either be donated to charitable causes or retained to strengthen the Trust’s capital base. We are also grateful to the Hugh Green Family Trust’s ongoing generosity through the significant donations to Hugo. From 1 April 2026 Hugo will cover its own operating expenses – an important milestone made possible by this support.

Finally, a big thank you to Maryanne, our Founder, our Trustees, and to Kerry D and Daniel for their hard work and guidance over the past year. We also want to thank our friends at the Te Awamutu Catholic Women’s League, who continue to dedicate themselves to identifying the greatest needs in their community on our behalf.

**Aoibheann Monaghan,**  
CEO & Trustee



# STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

Kathryn Roberts (Hugo Trustee) with Mike McLaughlin (North Shore Bridge Club Committee member) with the new defibrillator for North Shore Bridge Club donated by Hugo

# TOTAL DONATED

2017-2026

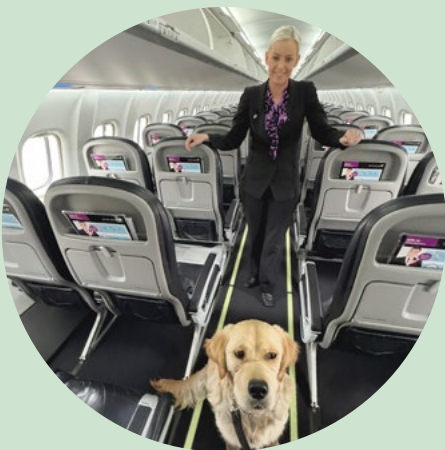


OVER  
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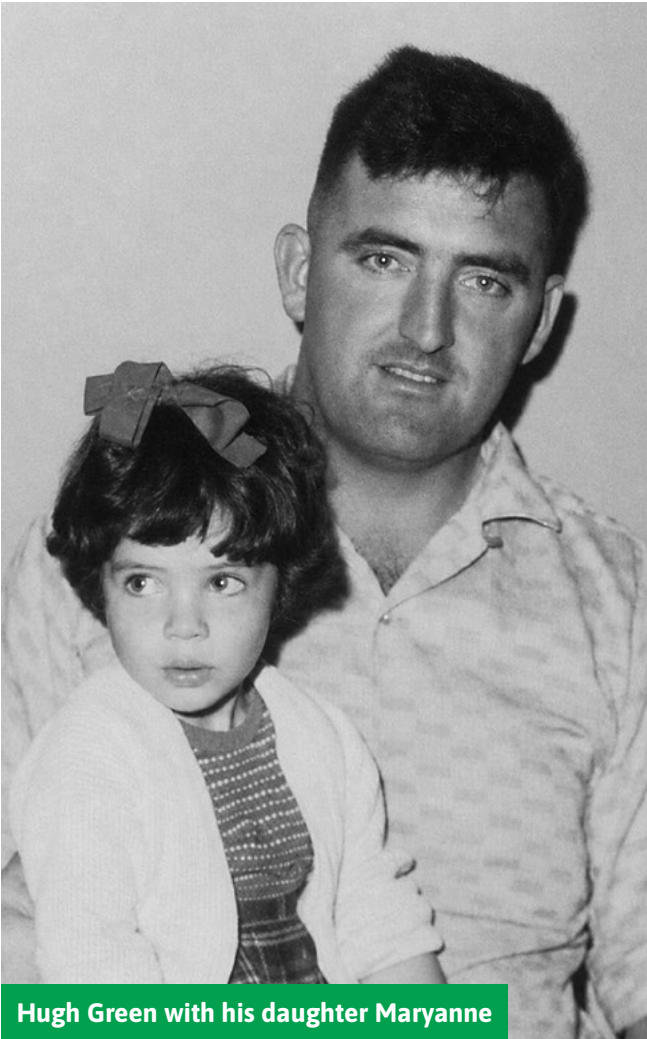


MORE THAN  
**920**  
DONATIONS  
MADE

**53**  
VEHICLES DONATED  
& SUPPORTED  
BY HUGO



# OUR ORIGINS



Hugh Green with his daughter Maryanne

Maryanne Green established the Hugo Charitable Trust in 2017 to continue the legacy of helping others started by her father, Hugh Green.

Hugh Green's aim was to assist poor people in social and medical areas; to give back to the people of New Zealand but never forgetting where he came from.

Hugh Green, born in 1931 in County Donegal in Ireland, was the fifth of eight children. Hugh endured great hardship through his early life before moving to New Zealand as a young man where he worked hard and lived by strong Catholic values which he encouraged his children to follow.

As he went on to earn business successes, Hugh set about establishing a pattern of philanthropic giving to those less fortunate than himself.

Hugh's eldest daughter, Maryanne Green, established the Trust in his name to continue his generous giving. Hugo Trustees are; Mark Owens, Kathryn Roberts, Bruce Stewart (RIP 2025) and Aobheann Monaghan.

# OUR FUNDING

The Hugo Charitable Trust is very grateful for the external funding of operational expenses by:

- Owens Properties Limited (up to 31 March 2025)
- Maryanne Green and Alice Hurdell from distributions from the Hugh Green Family Trust.

Our capital base of over \$88 million is invested and managed prudently in order to produce the necessary funding for donations each year.

While we do not actively seek donations from the public, we have had some interest regarding donations to the Trust. We use any additional donations received to increase our impact via charitable giving.



Tri-Star programme in action

# OUR PURPOSE

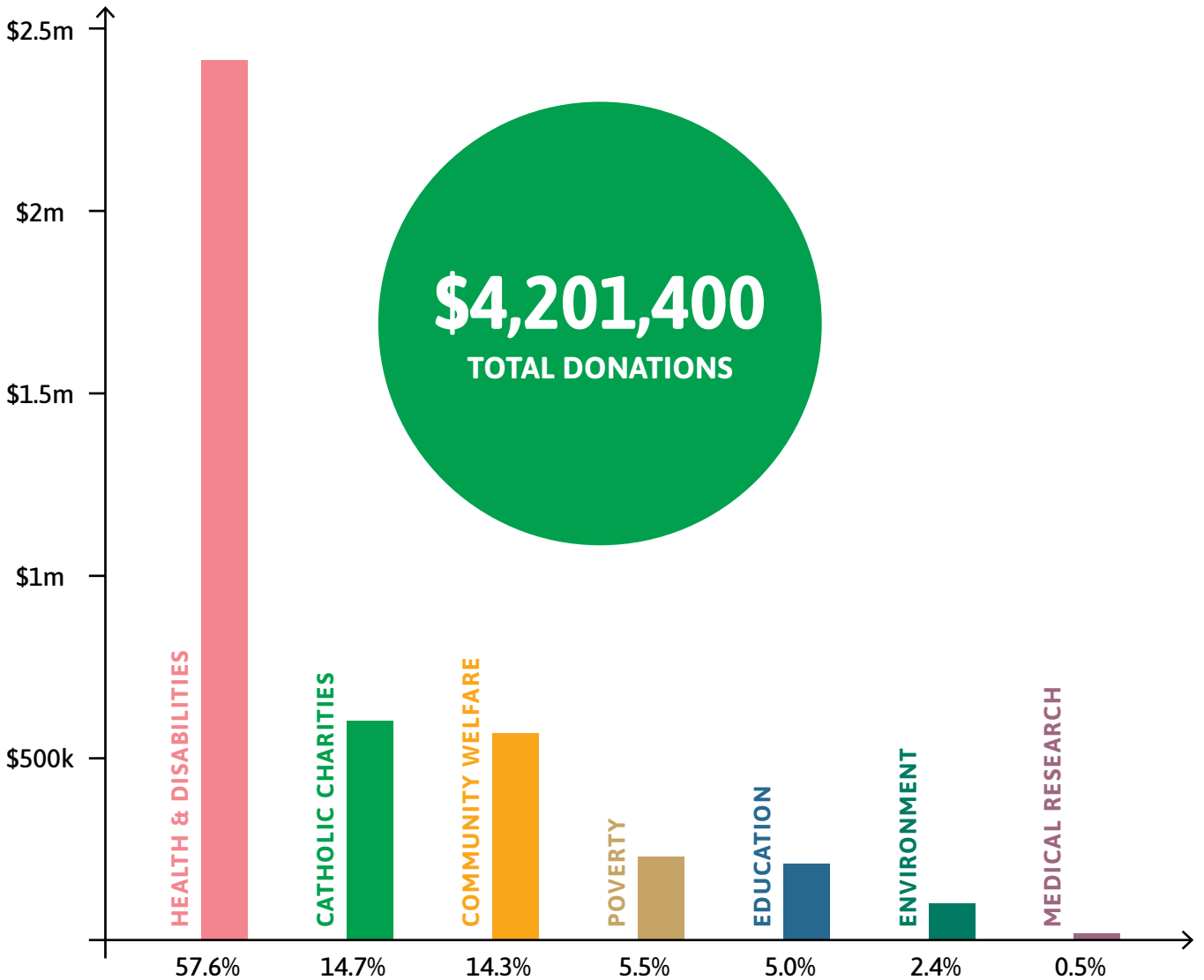
Our purpose is to follow Hugh and Maryanne's values developed over the 25 years that they worked together. It is to honour Hugh's work now that he is not here and to build on his legacy for the future benefit of New Zealand and New Zealanders, adding value with new ways, new ideas and new directions.



- A.** The relief of poverty;
- B.** The advancement of family, social and community welfare;
- C.** The care, support and assistance of those with physical or mental health care needs;
- D.** The support of religious groups which provide support and help to people in the community, particularly but not limited to Catholic groups such as (by way of example only) the Society of St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand, the Hospice, and St Patrick's Cathedral;
- E.** The care, support and assistance of the disadvantaged or marginalised;
- F.** The furtherance of education and learning;
- G.** The support of teaching and social programmes, to benefit the economically disadvantaged, including music programmes having regard to the opportunities music offers to build self-esteem and encourage achievement;
- H.** The funding of medical research and medical care to improve health outcomes;
- I.** The support of charitable organisations that further the above purposes; and
- J.** Any other purposes within New Zealand which are charitable according to the law of New Zealand.

# TOTAL DONATED

2025-2026



In compiling Hugo’s Statement of Service Performance report, we have made judgments in relation to which feedback best reflects the broad range of Hugo’s impact. We have reported on donations made in this financial year to show how we achieved our charitable purposes.

Over the past financial year, the Hugo Charitable Trust has donated over \$4.2 million. You can find the full list of donations for 2025-2026 on pages 75-81 and the comparative donations list starting on page 105 of the financial statements.

	2025-2026		2024-2025	
Health & Disabilities	57.6%	\$2,418,400	29.7%	\$751,350
Catholic Charities	14.7%	\$618,000	5.2%	\$130,500
Community Welfare	14.3%	\$602,250	38.2%	\$964,900
Poverty	5.5%	\$230,000	12.7%	\$320,500
Education	5.0%	\$211,000	8.5%	\$215,000
Environment	2.4%	\$101,750	5.5%	\$139,250
Medical Research	0.5%	\$20,000	0.2%	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,201,400</b>		<b>\$2,526,500</b>

# OUR IMPACT

2025-2026

# 122

DONATIONS MADE



7 NEW  
VEHICLES  
DONATED

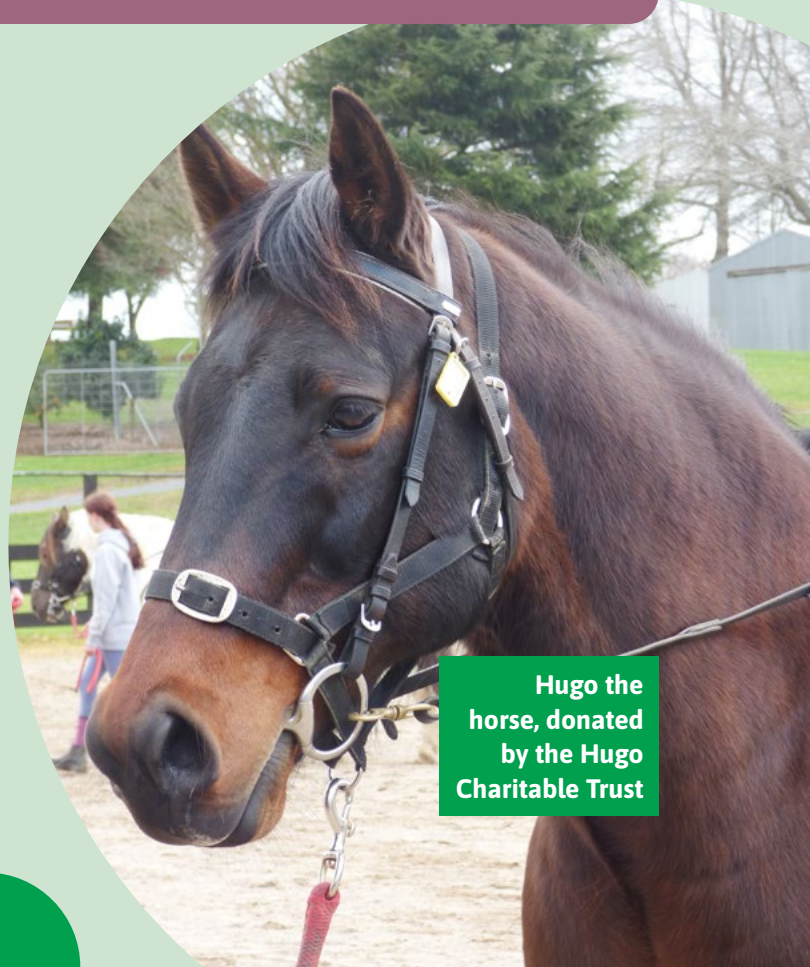
OVER  
**\$4.2M**  
DONATED

OUR HIGHEST EVER  
TOTAL DONATIONS MADE  
IN ONE YEAR

*The quote below is from Riding for the Disabled, Te Awamutu regarding the donation the Hugo Charitable Trust made for a new horse named Hugo:*

“For me, our new horse Hugo epitomises the Hugo Charitable Trust... A perfect example of working away in the background to help the vulnerable, in this case providing therapeutic horse riding, for this wee child. I cannot begin to imagine what this child has been through to become a ward of the state; I have but my father’s story of how he was adopted after the death of first his mother and then his father. My father talked of those adults around that reached out to him as a child and the lasting memories of their kindness.”

**NZ Riding for the Disabled, Te Awamutu**



Hugo the horse, donated by the Hugo Charitable Trust

# 2017-2026 DONATIONS

## BY CHARITABLE PURPOSE



HEALTH & DISABILITIES (26.5%)

\$6,217,003



MEDICAL RESEARCH (24.6%)

\$5,778,988



COMMUNITY WELFARE (13.5%)

\$3,164,740



POVERTY (13.4%)

\$3,151,267



CATHOLIC CHARITIES (10%)

\$2,356,737



EDUCATION (9.1%)

\$2,140,985

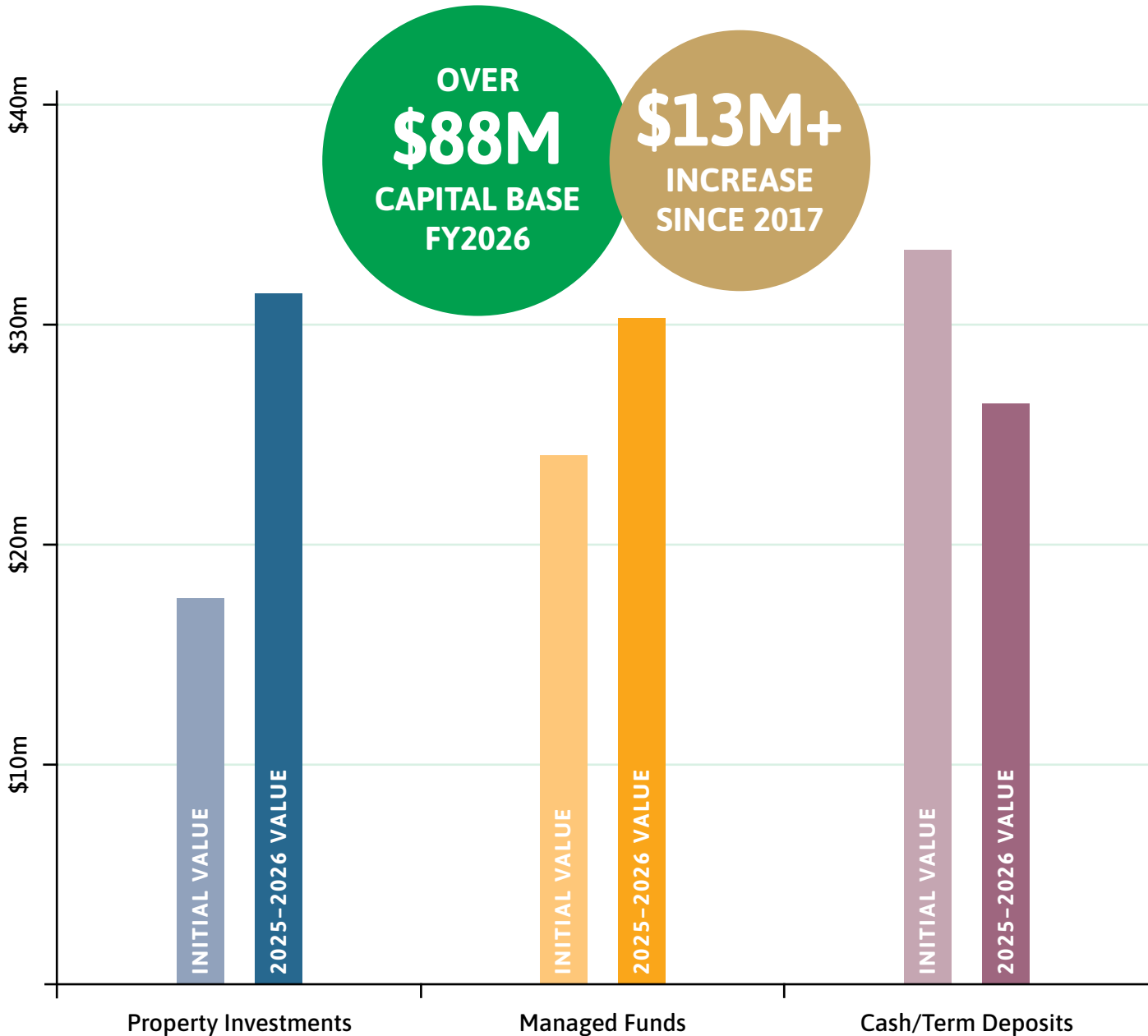


ENVIRONMENT (2.9%)

\$684,250

**\$23,493,970**  
TOTAL DONATED BY  
HUGO 2017-2026

# CAPITAL BASE & INVESTMENTS



The original Hugo capital base of \$75 million has been preserved and grown. The income from Hugo's investments is used to donate to charities throughout New Zealand, to grow the capital base, and to cover operational expenses.

Since our establishment in 2017, we have been able to grow our capital base to over \$88 million (an increase of over \$13 million) while donating over \$23 million to New Zealand charities.

Investment	Initial Value	2024-2025	2025-2026
Property Investments	\$17,600,000	\$20,420,000	\$31,440,000
Managed Funds	\$24,000,000	\$27,304,967	\$30,304,967
Cash/Term Deposits	\$33,400,000	\$37,331,142	\$26,414,295
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,000,000</b>	<b>\$85,056,109</b>	<b>\$88,159,262</b>

**Note:** Figures are reported at cost apart from the 2025 and 2026 Value of Property Investments & Managed Funds which are reported at fair value.

# PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

## BASCIK TRANSPORT BUILDING, CROMWELL



### Thank you to Bascik Transport.

Hugo Charitable Trust purchased this property in 2025 for \$11.6m. The building is now valued at \$11.89m. The annual rental income from Bascik Transport earns \$580,000 for our charitable giving.

**\$580,000**  
OF RENTAL INCOME THIS  
YEAR FOR DONATIONS



BrainTree Wellness Centre

*Bascik Transport is the leading service provider of freight into the South Island. This service standard has been replicated to build a National network. At Basciks, we pride ourselves on our motto, "Always First for Service".*

Bascik Transport proposed the following charities, which Hugo donated a combined total of \$40k to:

- BrainTree Wellness Centre** (\$10k),
- Cancer Society Southern** (\$15k),
- Full Bellies** (\$15k).



Full Bellies

# PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

## NEW ZEALAND COURIERS BUILDING, QUEENSTOWN



### Thank you to New Zealand Couriers.

Hugo Charitable Trust purchased this property in 2022 for \$7.45m. The building is now valued at \$7.95m (2025 value: \$7.5m). The annual rental and management income from New Zealand Couriers earns \$374,981 (2025: \$343,083) for our charitable giving.

# \$374,981

OF RENTAL INCOME THIS  
YEAR FOR DONATIONS

(2025: \$343,083)



Hei Whakapiki Mauri

Since 1964 New Zealand Couriers has been driving ahead of the competition thanks to our passionate team, innovative systems and friendly, results-focused service.

New Zealand Couriers proposed the following charities, which Hugo donated a combined total of \$20k to:

- Hei Whakapiki Mauri (\$10k),
- Make-A-Wish (\$5k),
- Ronald McDonald House (\$5k).

# PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

## BAYLEYS BUILDING, FRANKTON, QUEENSTOWN



The Bayleys Building was purchased by Hugo in September 2019 for \$10.15m. The building is now valued at \$11.6m (2025 value: \$11.18m).

### Thank you to the tenants of the Bayleys Building.

In 2025 each tenant at the Bayleys Building proposed a charity or charities of their choice to receive a donation. A total of \$60,000 (\$500 of this paid in May 2026) was donated by Hugo to chosen charities on behalf of Bayleys, Cruickshank Pryde and Rothbury Insurance.

**\$513,476**  
OF RENTAL INCOME THIS  
YEAR FOR DONATIONS  
(2025: \$503,233)



Cure Kids



With a sales staff mixture of experienced campaigners along with young enthusiastic agents you're sure to be well catered to by our team.

The team at Bayleys proposed:

**Cure Kids** (\$20k).



Epilepsy NZ



Our full-service legal offering means you only have to develop a relationship with one firm. Wherever life takes you... we've got your back.

Cruickshank Pryde proposed:

**Child Cancer Foundation** (\$5k),  
**Epilepsy NZ** (\$5k),  
**Ronald McDonald House** (\$10k).



Baskets of Blessing



Don't forget, Rothbury provides free advice and we're happy to provide a second opinion for anyone who needs insurance.

Rothbury proposed:

**Baskets of Blessing** (\$6.5k),  
**Happiness House** (\$6k - plus \$500 paid in May 2026),  
**Queenstown Lakes Baby Box** (\$7k).

# NEW VEHICLES DONATED BY HUGO

2025-2026

A total of seven new vehicles were donated in this financial year.  
(2024-2025: four new vehicles were donated and three new vehicles were partially donated.)



# NEW VEHICLES DONATED BY HUGO

2025-2026



Living Options, Arrowtown



Disabled Citizens Society, Auckland



Abilities Group, Auckland

# NEW VEHICLES DONATED BY HUGO

2017-2024



# NEW VEHICLES DONATED BY HUGO

2017-2024



# NEW VEHICLES PARTIALLY DONATED BY HUGO

2017-2024



Thank you to Central Otago Motor Group for the great service and prices they have provided for some of Hugo's donated vehicles.

**Central Otago Motor Group  
Queenstown & Cromwell**

# GREEN & McCAHILL - A HISTORY

EXTRACT TAKEN FROM DIESEL, DUST, MEN & MACHINES BY KEVIN FREEMAN



G&M Caterpillar 631C scraper fleet number G7 followed by two more 631C scrapers lay the final layers of fill into the dam core. Below the high dam can be clearly seen the old Pukaki dam which was flooded to raise the lake to its present level.



Removal of pug material from downstream of the original Pukaki Dam site before construction could start on the new intake and spillway structures of the new Pukaki High Dam. In the background is a Marion 111 crane rigged as a drag line.

Hugh Green and Barney McCahill had both left their native Ireland to find work abroad as times were very hard in the forties. Poverty was the main reason for the move. The two young men first struck up a friendship on a tunnelling job in Scotland in 1949. It turned out they had grown up in neighbouring villages and the two young lads were only three years apart in age, with Hugh being 17 and Barney 20. Moving around several different jobs, they eventually ran into each other again in England. Hugh had seen an advert for subsidised travel to Australia and had decided to give it a go. Barney had also decided this was the place for him. Although they went on separate ships they would soon bump into each other again on a hydro job in Tasmania in 1950. Hugh was soon sick of Tasmania and headed to Brisbane while Barney had headed to Melbourne. Hugh was to hear from Barney about good work digging trenches in Melbourne and soon gave up the machete on sugar cane to head south, picking up a shovel alongside Barney for the Flynn Brothers, being paid by the foot for the work done. A chance encounter with a Clerk of Works saw Hugh Green win a contract to dig trenches at double the rate they were being paid. He started a partnership with Barney McCahill and two other Irishmen and formed the Donegal Construction Company. Workers were always easy to find with plenty of immigrant Irishmen looking for work.

This lasted until 1952 when both Hugh and Barney had saved enough money to head home

and buy a property. They decided to take a voyage via New Zealand then Canada and home. They got as far as New Zealand. Arriving in Wellington in late September 1952, they quickly found work with the Wellington Gas Company digging trenches for gas lines.

Very quickly the lads tendered and won a contract with the Post and Telegraph Company digging trenches for new cables in a suburb in Karori.

Having no vehicle they carried their shovels on the tram to and from work. The original job was to take three months and they got it done in one month. This led to a lot more contracts being put their way.

They went to Auckland to tender on a job and missed out but found another tender up for grabs in the paper. It was for 21 miles of cable and worth 21,000 pounds. They tendered for this job under the name Green and McCahill Ltd (G&M). This was in 1953 and was the start of bigger things to follow. Hugh was constantly on the lookout for jobs and Barney led the team from the front.

As time went on the company bought more gear and took on larger and larger jobs. One of the advantages they had was Hugh's ability to always find extras or variations in the contract to make the job more profitable or to make up a shortfall if necessary.

Continued...

# GREEN & McCAHILL - A HISTORY

EXTRACT TAKEN FROM DIESEL, DUST, MEN & MACHINES BY KEVIN FREEMAN



Green and McCahill's Caterpillar D9G tractor s/n 66A01092 at work on the Stilling Basin. The Stilling Basin was situated at the end of the Tekapo canal before the water flow dropped down the penstocks to Tekapo B power station and flow into Lake Pukaki.

They were now starting to bid on contracts against the likes of McBreen and Jenkins to the north and Stevensons in Auckland who were some of the big established companies of the time. Hugh would handle the business end of the work, tendering and handling the progress of jobs and work, and Barney would handle the work load and the recruitment of men, driving machinery and the hands on part of the work.

A new direction was taken in 1960 when the Ministry of Works advertised a contract for the construction of part of the Hamilton Arterial Route. This job involved substantial earthworks, drainage and building a road bridge. This was the biggest job undertaken in their short careers. During a trip to Christchurch earlier in the year they witnessed a motorscraper at work. When the roading contract came along, Hugh noticed it was on an hourly rate and would warrant buying such large and expensive gear. This led to buying a Caterpillar D8 tractor and two Caterpillar Dw21 scrapers. This was the start of plenty more large machines to be owned by the company. Maurie Short was appointed to look after all the machinery and inventory, lists were compiled to keep records of

everything owned and Maurie was given the title of transport manager. As the jobs were getting larger and further spread out, it took a lot of work to get it all organised and looked after.

In the mid sixties they tendered for a job on the Haast Pass road but missed out on the contract to Roadways from Otematata. Midway through the project Roadways were struggling to meet the deadlines. Fletchers, who had backed Roadways, asked Green and McCahill to come in as supervisors and to advise on the work. This didn't work out and Hugh walked away from the job. Roadways eventually went broke on the job and Fletchers offered Green and McCahill the contract. Hugh managed to get several variations and extras on the tendered contract and came away quite comfortable. Between 1960 and 1970 the staff grew from 80 men to around 300, they were taking on work covering everything from welded steel and concrete pipelines to stormwater and sewage schemes, dam construction, canals, foundation construction, highway earthworks, tunnels and residential and industrial developments.

**Continued...**

# GREEN & McCAHILL - A HISTORY

EXTRACT TAKEN FROM DIESEL, DUST, MEN & MACHINES BY KEVIN FREEMAN



Hugh Green pictured on left



G1 Terex S-24 s/n 49LOT55576 and G2 S-24 s/n 49LOT56841 work on the Upper Waitaki scheme, also in the picture is a Caterpillar D9G. In the background is a Ministry of Works camp, possibly at Ohau A.

During this time a workshop was set up in Twizel as several pieces of plant were at work there. The operation was run by Bill Bond with Peter McKenzie as a foreman. G&M had up to 14 items of plant on the Upper Waitaki scheme including 3x Caterpillar 631B scrapers which were later sold back to the USA, 3x 631C scrapers, 2x Caterpillar 637 scrapers and 2x Terex S-24 scrapers. They had 2x Caterpillar D9G tractors and 2x International TD25C tractors, starting work in 1972 on sections of the Mount Cook road and working mainly on the Pukaki Section of the project including the high dam and canals. G&M ran their own transporters in the North Island but almost exclusively used Fred Willetts to move their gear in the South Island. By 1979 they had finished their part of this project. Following the gear being laid off from Twizel, work was undertaken at Branch River as a subcontractor to John McJorrow.

Other work during this time was the Huia Dam where they shifted 760,000 cubic metres to form the dam, the Mangatangi Dam which was worked on from 1972 through to 1976.

**This was NZ's biggest water supply dam at the time of construction, moving over 2.3 million cubic metres of soil.**

They also completed a \$2.25 million, 54km pipeline in Australia in the late 70s and in 1988 a large roading contract on the Ngauranga Gorge taking it from two lanes to four. There was also a roading job in Fiji in the middle of this.

One of the last big jobs completed by G&M was the Te Marua twin lakes storage project north of Wellington. This job was plagued with disputes and due to a design fault, the dam leaked which led to arbitration and was finally awarded in favour of the contractor. This did not save the company from losing a considerable amount of money on this job but the next one, the site works for the Marsden Point Refinery more than made up for it - such is the way of the contractor. By the mid eighties, things were slowing down and the big Ministry of Works projects were coming to an end. With the sharemarket crash of 1987 taking its toll, it was decided to move away from the general contracting work and concentrate more on the property development market, buying and developing subdivisions and industrial lots.

By 2001 Barney had semi retired and Hugh spent his days looking for investments and monitoring current ones. There was less and less reason to be in business together and it was decided to go their own ways. Hugh carried on as the Hugh Green Group and Barney retired very comfortably.

# OUR LEGACY - HUGH GREEN



**The legacy of the Hugo Charitable Trust is extremely important to us.**

The Trust is committed to ensuring Hugo endures for future generations by growing its capital base across commercial property, term deposits and managed funds, while remaining financially sustainable over the long term.

Equally important is upholding and thoughtfully evolving the values established by Hugh and Maryanne Green.

The Trust takes a responsible, business-like approach to managing its assets and donations, ensuring sound governance and prudent decision-making.

Over the past nine years, the Trust has grown its capital base from \$75 million to over \$88 million, while distributing more than \$23 million in donations - demonstrating a strong commitment to growing our capital base, sustainability, and lasting impact for future generations.

# HUGO INTERNSHIP

Hugh Green's great-grandson, Ronan Piper, joined us at the Hugo office for his second summer internship. Below are some photos from his time with us including the handover of a new vehicle

donated to Living Options in Arrowtown, a day spent exploring with the File family and Hugo the mobility dog, and a walk to check out the Hugo Tunnel.



Ronan with Ciara File and mobility dog Hugo



Ronan with Mark Owens, friend of Hugo Raymond Dufton and Aoiheann Monaghan at Hugo House



Maryanne Green, Ronan and Flynn Laker at Living Options



Mark Owens, Ronan Piper and Maryanne Green with Ciara and Sarah File and mobility dog Hugo

Adaptive boxing participant  
Matthew Sullivan with  
Parafed Waikato



# FEATURED DONATIONS 2025-2026

# St George's Cancer Care Centre, Christchurch

DONATION: \$615,000 / Surface Guided Radiation Therapy Equipment

**\$615k**  
DONATION

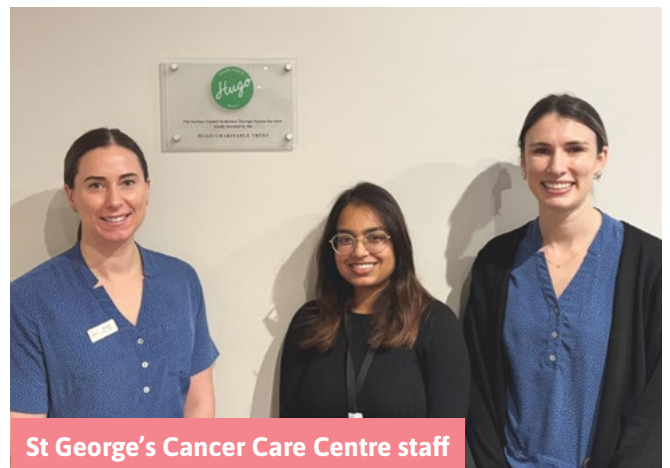


Staff with the new SGRT machine

**Story supplied:** At St George's Cancer Care Centre we provide exceptional cancer care for patients from across New Zealand through excellence in both clinical practice and patient experience. We are committed to enhancing the quality of life for our patients, ensuring they receive the most advanced, compassionate care throughout their cancer journey. We pride ourselves on delivering personalised treatments tailored to each patient's unique needs, doing so with integrity, respect and innovation, which form our core values.

As part of our vision, we aim to lead the way in cancer care by integrating cutting-edge technology and evidence-based practice into our service. The recent donation of surface-guided radiation therapy (SGRT) equipment from the Hugo Charitable Trust, represents a significant advancement in our treatment capabilities. This state-of-the-art technology allows for precise patient positioning and real-time monitoring during the radiation therapy sessions, significantly reducing the incidence of movement-related interruptions.

The integration of this system into the service will also allow us to improve patient experience with more comfortable and less restrictive patient



St George's Cancer Care Centre staff

positioning techniques and also the ability to go to tattoo-less treatments, removing the need to permanently mark the patient's skin. This innovative addition also supports our team to deliver highly accurate radiation doses to tumours while minimizing exposure to surrounding healthy tissue.

Our commitment to excellence ensures that this generous donation will directly impact the experience and outcomes of our patients now and into the future. We are profoundly grateful for the support and generosity of the Hugo Charitable Trust and are committed to ensuring this contribution will enable us to continue to deliver the highest standard of care to the people of New Zealand.

# Cancer Society Southern, Christchurch

DONATION: \$400,000 / Hugo Lounge



Aoibheann Monaghan, Maryanne Green, Janice Porter-Hoare, Mark Owens, Jonet Warhurst, Kathryn Roberts and April Pike

**Story supplied:** A substantial donation from the Hugo Charitable Trust couldn't have come at a better time for Cancer Society Southern with demand for its services increasing by over a third in the last eighteen months.

The \$400,000 donation will fund a lounge at the Canterbury Cancer Centre as well as support essential patient services such as transport and accommodation, CEO Nicola Coom said.

"With 1-in-3 of us already affected by cancer, a figure quickly nearing 1-in-2, and the age of diagnoses getting younger, being able to provide a full range of services to our clients and their whānau is vital," Nicola said. "If having the uncertainty of a cancer diagnosis hanging over you isn't enough, often patients are forced to leave their home and community while they undergo intensive treatment."

"There are so many things a family must cope with when one of its members is diagnosed with cancer. Money can be tight as they become unable to work, and their partner is often forced to cut their hours to care for them. Trying to navigate their way around our under-pressure health system can be overwhelming and add to the stress. The Cancer Society is the only organisation that supports anyone, any cancer, anywhere."

"As we receive no direct government funding, we could not do that without the generous support of our donors. I can't thank the Hugo Charitable Trust more for their generosity and support. Their sponsorship means everything to those people undergoing their own cancer journey." Nicola said as well as supporting the essential everyday services, the Cancer Society also invests in research in its ambition to work towards a future free from cancer.

Hugo Charitable Trust CEO and Trustee Aoibheann Monaghan said they were delighted to be able to support the Cancer Society. It was an organisation which touched just about every New Zealander.

"Hugo has been able to donate over \$23 million since 2017 to benefit New Zealanders, and it is a pleasure to be able to support the Cancer Society again. We truly believe this will make a significant and tangible difference for those travelling from across the South Island to receive treatment in Christchurch. We are extremely fortunate to have a centre like this in the South Island."

The Cancer Society Southern's mission is to reduce the incidence and impact of cancer through support, research, and advocacy. The generous donation from the Hugo Charitable Trust will go a long way to help the Cancer Society support the 1-in-3 people affected by cancer.

# Tōtara Hospice, South Auckland

DONATION: \$400,000 / Hugo Living Well Suite & Hugo Community Learning Centre



Hugo Friend and End of Life Doula Alliance NZ Chair, Treza Gallogly along with Aoibheann Monaghan at the opening of the Hugo Community Learning Centre and Hugo Living Well Suite at Tōtara Hospice



The opening of the Hugo Community Learning Centre and Hugo Living Well Suite at Tōtara Hospice

**Story supplied:** At Tōtara Hospice, we exist to Make the World a Better Place for Dying People. For many in our community, that means more than the clinical care we provide - it means connection, understanding, and the chance to keep living in ways that bring joy, dignity, and meaning.

Every week, people come through our doors to take part in the Te Puna Ora Living Well Programmes. These programmes help demystify death and dying, offering a safe space where people with a terminal illness can learn, laugh, grow, and support one another.

For Uaia and his family our Pacific Talanoa brought lightness and laughter back into their lives along with a sense of connection:

“We had been so overwhelmed but when we came back home that day we were so relieved, there were lots of things Uaia did that amazed me after that first Talanoa, we saw him laugh and the deep sadness that was hanging heavy since the diagnosis shifted, we were talking life and Uaia shared a joke and he was laughing for the first time since his diagnosis.”

“Hearing other people’s experiences, it was exactly like how we felt, our son heard another teenage son share about his Dad, after that my son accepted counselling, up until then school had tried but he always refused, but now he accepted it.”

Stories like these remind us that living well matters just as much as dying well. But until now, these programmes have been scattered across different spaces, limiting how much support we could offer.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the Hugo Charitable Trust, this is about to change.

Their donation will allow us to transform one wing of our building into the Hugo Living Well Suite - a warm, purpose-designed place for community connection and wellbeing. It will include counselling rooms, an outpatient clinic, telehealth services, a palliative rehabilitation gym, and dedicated spaces for group programmes like Talanoa, art therapy, and men’s groups.

This donation will also create the Hugo Community Learning Centre, a modern, flexible hub where we can host community groups, offer professional training, and build cross-cultural understanding. It will be a place of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga - helping break down stigma around hospice care and strengthening the ties that hold our communities together.

To the Hugo Charitable Trust: thank you for believing in this work. Your kindness will help thousands of people live well, connect deeply, and face the end of life with dignity and choice.

# Kenzie's Gift

**DONATION: \$40,000 / Therapy for young people experiencing grief**

**Story supplied:** At Kenzie's Gift, we continue to stand beside tamariki, rangatahi, and their whānau facing the unimaginable - the death of a parent or sibling, or the upheaval that comes with serious illness. These moments reshape a young person's world. Our purpose is to ensure they never have to navigate this alone, by providing free, professional mental health support when it matters most.

Your previous generosity has already changed lives - opening the door to specialist 1:1 therapy, offering steady support to whānau in crisis, and giving young people a trusted place to make sense of emotions that can feel too big to hold. We are deeply grateful for the difference your donation continues to make.

This year, the Hugo Charitable Trust's generous \$40,000 donation will help us reach even more young people in need - providing fully funded therapy sessions, expanding evidence-based resources, and ensuring whānau receive the wraparound support that helps them stay afloat during their hardest days.

One of the young people supported this year was Edward, who was ten when his mum,



Founder Nic Russell with her 3-year-old daughter Kenzie, who inspired the formation of Kenzie's Gift.

Selina, died of breast cancer. For his dad, David, Kenzie's Gift became a "safe pair of hands" in a time of overwhelming grief. Therapy gave Ed a place to talk about his mum, understand the weight he was carrying, and find the strength to keep moving forward. David describes it as a road map - a gentle guide that helped Ed stay connected, engaged, and able to rediscover parts of childhood that grief had overshadowed.

Your support makes stories like Ed's possible. Thank you for standing with us as we help young people across Aotearoa find a path forward.

# Cancer Society, Invercargill

**DONATION: \$17,500 / Fundraising Ball**

**Story supplied:** On 13 September 2025, Hugo proudly sponsored the Southland Cancer Society Gala Ball, held at Ascot Park Hotel in Invercargill. Themed 'An Evening of Old Hollywood Glamour', the event welcomed 330 guests for a night of elegance, entertainment, and generosity in support of those affected by cancer across Southland.

While the evening was filled with glamour and celebration, the focus remained on making a difference for those navigating their cancer journey. Over the past year, the Southern Cancer Society in Southland has supported over 400 new referrals. Whether receiving treatment in Southland or travelling to Dunedin or Christchurch, each client and their whānau



Hugo Charitable Trust table at the ball

was provided with wrap-around care from dedicated Cancer Navigators. Funds raised from the Gala Ball help make this vital work possible, from emotional support and transport to accommodation and practical assistance. These services are provided free of charge, ensuring that no Southlander faces cancer alone.

# End of Life Doula Alliance Aotearoa

DONATION: \$10,000 / End of life support



Doula Deborah McCullough (2nd from right) on the Breakfast Show during Dying Matters Week



ELDAA members Sarah Carberry, Treza Gallogly, Gaylene Delaney and Robyn Wilson at the Assisted Dying Conference in Wellington



Doula Sherie Sullivan running a planning workshop during Dying Matters Week

**Story supplied:** The Hugo Trust continues to support the growth of the End of Life Doula Alliance of Aotearoa in 2026.

Since its inception in February 2024, ELDAA membership has grown steadily. We now have 29 Professional and over 80 Associate members across Aotearoa.

End of Life Doulas provide non-medical holistic support, for those who are advancing in age, or living with terminal illness, and those who love them. Doulas provide compassionate presence at a deeply vulnerable time, supporting autonomy and choice and sharing knowledge so that the person can live as well as possible with the time they have left. This includes gentle planning, accompaniment and creating lasting memories and deeply personal and sacred moments before, during and after death.

Doulas across the motu continue to strive towards ELDAA's mission of improving death literacy, and

promoting and strengthening the understanding of the Doula role. Recent initiatives include participation in Dying Matters Week, speaking engagements at Conferences - Hospice NZ Conference in 2024, the Public Health Assn of NZ's global webinar and the Compassionate Communities Conference in Whangarei in 2025, and Assisted Dying Conference in Wellington in 2026, we look forward to the ANZSPM conference in Christchurch and the GP Conferences in Rotorua and Christchurch later this year, among others.

ELDAA have also been invited to join the Global End of Life Doula Association's Network, an international collaboration focused on strengthening Doula organisations' frameworks and fostering trust between professional doula organisations and health systems worldwide.

If you are interested in hearing more about our work, read testimonials, or view our media appearances, you can visit our website at [www.eldaa.org.nz](http://www.eldaa.org.nz).

# Chris Ruth Centre, Christchurch

DONATION: \$210,000 / 1 new minibus and 2 new wheelchair vans

**\$210k**  
DONATION



A group from the Chris Ruth Centre with two of the new vans donated by Hugo

**Story supplied:** The Chris Ruth Centre offers a vocational day service for adults with complex physical and intellectual disabilities. Established in 1997 to fill a gap within the Canterbury disability sector, the Chris Ruth Centre provides a dedicated space, with an individualised programme, offering a variety of activities including community participation. The Chris Ruth Centre has been in operation for 27 years and operates seven centres across five sites in Canterbury, supporting 140 individuals. The Chris Ruth Centre takes its name in memory of one of our founding alumni who has since passed away, Chris Ruth.

The Chris Ruth Centre Trust are unbelievably grateful and extremely humbled to be recipients of three brand-new vans from the Hugo Charitable Trust. In 2023 the Trust had five vans stolen in the space of seven months. Having the vans stolen severely limited the Trust's ability to provide essential community access and engagement for the people we support. The Trust had to cover the difference for the replacement vehicles, all second-hand, a shortfall of around \$30,000. As the Trust has grown over the years, we are in a position of needing to expand our fleet of vehicles and replace an aging fleet; the stolen vehicles created a setback to this.

The donation of the three brand-new vans from The Hugo Charitable Trust; two wheelchair-accessible and one 12-seater minivan arrived with perfect timing and heartfelt deep appreciation. The benefit of the new vans will have a positive impact throughout all our centres and continue to provide access, inclusion, and joy to the people we support. The service we provide will contribute to a community where every person has value, and given opportunities to gain experience, thrive and contribute. The vans will continue to enable us to provide ordinary life outcomes for the people we support, enhancing their holistic programme, and reinforcing the Enabling Good Lives principles.

The visits from Maryanne, Aoibheann, Mark and Kathryn have been profoundly impactful. The opportunity for our leadership team to meet them and have a deeper conversation about our Trust would not have been possible through an email. Our gratitude cannot be expressed enough. We also acknowledge the outstanding contributions the Hugo Charitable Trust provides for organisations throughout New Zealand and Ireland.

**Marilyn Paston, CEO**  
The Chris Ruth Centre

# Abilities Group, Auckland

DONATION: \$134,000 / New delivery truck



Peter Fraher, Managing Director, Abilities Group



The new delivery truck

**Story supplied:** In April 2024, Abilities Group faced one of the toughest challenges in our history when a devastating fire tore through our premises. The damage was significant, and among the many losses was one of our collection trucks, which had been essential for collecting secure document destruction bins and e-waste from clients.

The loss of this vehicle left a large gap in our operations. Our drivers, were forced to make do with a smaller transit van. This meant manually loading heavy 240-litre bins which is a physically demanding process. The van was also unable to collect larger items such as pallets or 1100-litre wheelie bins, which limited the range of work our team could carry out. To compensate, other vehicles with tail lifts had to take on extra jobs outside their usual routes, reducing efficiency and creating daily strain across the fleet.

The Hugo Charitable Trust has stood alongside Abilities Group for many years, supporting our mission to provide meaningful employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Their commitment has been unwavering with many grants donated to us for other vehicles in our fleet. Their latest act of generosity is a donation of

\$134,000 to fully fund a replacement truck which has been nothing short of transformative.

This new vehicle is not just a replacement for what was lost in the fire. It is a restoration of capacity, safety and efficiency for our team. Ultimately, this truck means we can collect more recycling which secures the work of more than 110 staff with disabilities that we employ. For our staff, Abilities is more than a workplace, it's a secure place to go every day and carry out meaningful work with colleagues that feel like family.

For Abilities as an organisation, the gift from the Hugo Charitable Trust is a symbol of resilience and recovery. For our staff, it is a daily reminder that they are valued, supported, and equipped to succeed. For the wider community, it is proof of what can be achieved when organisations come together with a shared vision for inclusion and opportunity.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of the Hugo Charitable Trust. Their partnership continues to change lives and ensures that Abilities can carry forward its mission and continue on our recovery journey.

# New Zealand Spinal Trust

DONATION: \$100,000 / Peer and Whānau Support programme

**\$100k**  
DONATION

**Story supplied:** The NZ Spinal Trust (NZST) is excited to announce a significant donation from the Hugo Charitable Trust, supporting the vital Peer & Whānau Support services for people living with spinal cord impairments and their families. The NZ Spinal Trust's Peer & Whānau Support programme is the only specialist peer support service covering Christchurch's Burwood Spinal

Unit, providing expert guidance from people with lived experience of spinal cord impairment. The programme also extends support into communities across New Zealand, addressing the profound challenges faced by thousands of Kiwis each year as they rebuild their lives. Below you can read the personal stories of some people who have benefited from this programme.

## Steve Perry, Palmerston North



Steve with his self-made bike

I had a tumour surgically removed from inside my spinal cord two years ago. Something before, during or after surgery affected my spinal cord and I ended up in Burwood Spinal Unit for close to four months while managing bowel, bladder and mobility problems. I was discharged from Burwood 18 months ago in a wheelchair and now I'm able to walk without aids... that's the condensed version!

With the spinal cord impairment (SCI) comes a multitude of side effects - neuropathic pain, fatigue, proprioception, numbness, frustration, mobility problems, to name a few. I really appreciate the walking SCI Zoom gatherings that Meika and Brett from the NZ Spinal Trust have initiated... it's like putting on a thick comfortable cardigan, in that informally we can sit in the comfort of our own home and talk with like-minded souls about the challenges and solutions that we face on a daily basis.

While everyone is unique, we are usually sharing the same frustrations and any ideas we can get to lessen our day-to-day battles are gratefully

received. Huge thank you to the whole team at NZ Spinal Trust for making these Zoom meetings possible through your Peer & Whānau Support service.

## Anthea Dixon, Rangiora



Anthea with the car at Highlands Park

I became a paraplegic almost 20 years ago, after an accident leading my horse. One of the things I wasn't prepared to give up during my recovery was riding horses and this has led to me becoming more confident in trying different things. From rafting, sit skiing, fishing charters to travelling across the world on my own to compete in equestrian competitions – it's all been life changing and perhaps things I wouldn't have done without my disability.

I think the work that the Peer & Whānau support team undertake is very important in showing people with disabilities that opportunities to participate in a full life are out there, and also raising awareness that accessibility to these sorts of things is really important.

I was really excited to have a go driving an adapted Mustang at Cromwell's Highlands Park racetrack.

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# New Zealand Spinal Trust

**DONATION: \$100,000 / Peer and Whānau Support programme**

This was part of an outing organised by Brett and Meika from NZ Spinal Trust's Peer & Whānau Support team and I'm not sure I'd have done this without their encouragement. I like to try new things... How great is it to have this opportunity set up with hand controls! I wouldn't say I'm a petrol-head, but I love the sound of a Mustang. It was great to be part of the group with the Spinal Trust. I was hugely thankful for Brett and Meika for setting it up. I'd definitely do it again and would recommend it to others with an SCI.

## Mary Miller, Christchurch



Mary out at a local market

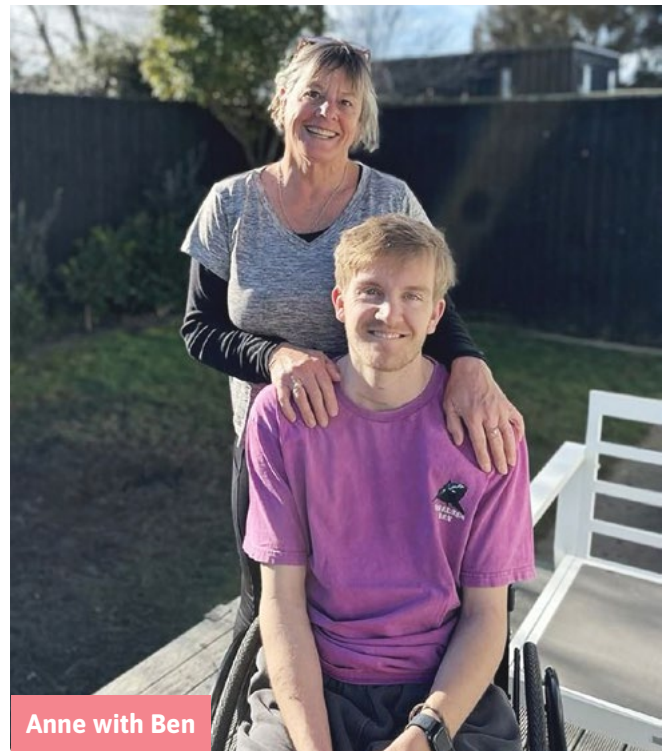
I sustained my Spinal Cord Impairment (SCI) as a result of surgery over a decade ago – I now use a powerchair to get around and live life.

I love the support I get from NZ Spinal Trust through its Peer & Whānau Support service. I enjoy so many of the activities that Jazz organises for us. These include ten pin bowling, visits to the cinema together with coffee and chat afterwards, Christmas and mid-year shared lunches - we're having one this weekend actually, and I'm sooo looking forward to it!! We even have 'Pamper Sessions' that Jazz arranges! She brings together a masseuse and hairdresser, with volunteers to help, to do my nails and make up... by the end of it I feel like a new woman!

And it's lovely to share this experience with others – we chat about all sorts of things with no judgement or shame. There's a good mix of ladies from the spinal unit who are new to SCI,

and those (like me) who are well down this track and living in the community but still dealing with issues – there always seems to be a new one popping up unexpectedly. I love that we can share our thoughts and things we've learned, and make new friends.

## Anne Wilson, Rotorua



Anne with Ben

I have to say that the staff in the NZ Spinal Trust have been lifesavers for me. Their door is always open and you can just pop in - this, in itself, is a real bonus... not having to make an appointment.

They are so friendly and approachable and what's more, so credible - they have lived the journey they know what it is like. Whatever question I had they would either answer it or put me on to the appropriate person to answer it. I can tell you I had a lot of questions!!

I cannot imagine what my experience would have been like without them. I felt so lost - there are so many people in the multidisciplinary team it was hard to know who I should go to. Gee, I was a nurse and I was confused - how do other relatives feel? How scary. The team was like my one stop shop.

**Continued...**

# New Zealand Spinal Trust

**DONATION: \$100,000 / Peer and Whānau Support programme**

I will be forever grateful for these amazing people and the Spinal Trust. Without you I hate to think what kind of state I would be in. Huge thanks to Michele, Hamish, Meika, Brett and Kim in the Peer & Whānau Support team. What an awesome team. Thank you guys!

## Bob Symon, Wellington



Bob, Andrew and Paul

I've been using a wheelchair to get around for 40 years and my life is full - I am married with two grown children, and Flo our dog, and I work full time. Janet and I have travelled extensively and have many hobbies. My health issues have been managed well and of a low level over the years and not interfered with my day-to-day living.

Through my years I've developed many deep friendships with other long term wheelies, and for the most part Janet and I have just got on with life the same as anyone else. Until last year ... when a pressure area (they used to be called 'bed sores') developed and just would not heal completely. After months of bedrest and no marked improvement, I had to go to Christchurch to see the spinal specialists and undergo surgery. This was followed by a stay at a residential nursing facility for weeks while it healed.

During this stay I experienced the full force of great Peer Support from the NZ Spinal Trust - Andrew and Paul came to visit regularly (always with a cup of decent coffee and a great conversation, thank goodness) and helped keep me sane during my recovery so far from home. I am so appreciative of the support that came my way - it made the weeks bearable - fun, even... especially when Andrew gathered a group of us 'old timers' and we went out for a pint and a meal and a lot of laughs.

## Bailley Unahi, Wanaka



Bailley et al at Cardrona

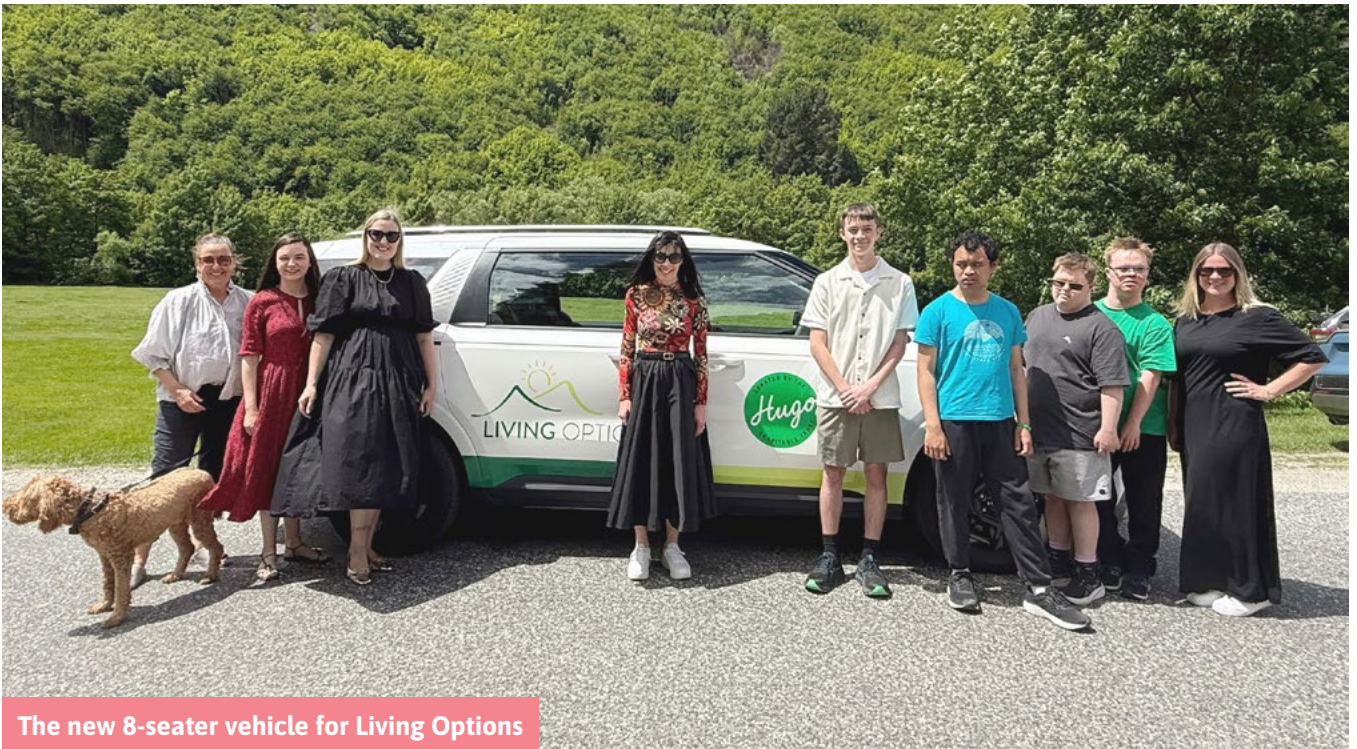
In 2016, I sustained a spinal cord injury and was fortunate to receive peer support both during my time at Burwood and after returning home to Southland. Being able to talk with someone who truly understands what it is to live with an SCI makes such a difference. Each person and their whānau are on their own unique journey, but we all have that shared connection of what it is to be given a new set of circumstances and support to navigate a new way of life gave me reassurance, insight, and a sense that I wasn't alone.

Recently coming on as a Peer Support worker and having the opportunity to offer that same support to others feels incredibly rewarding. Being based in Central Otago, I've seen firsthand how geography can create barriers to accessing key services and connection. That's why being able to link in with others locally is so important. It's all about building community and belonging, through shared connection. That can come in many forms from going for a coffee individually or as a group, or sharing their journey returning to meaningful activities and experiencing the freedom that comes with sit-skiing in the maunga.

I've really enjoyed stepping into this role and being part of someone else's journey, just as others were part of mine.

# Living Options, Arrowtown

DONATION: \$53,000 / New 8-seater vehicle



The new 8-seater vehicle for Living Options

**Story supplied:** Thanks to the incredible generosity of The Hugo Charitable Trust, Living Options has been able to purchase a brand-new Kia Carnival van for the people we support in the Wakatipu region.

For us, a vehicle like this means more than just transport. It's about connection, access, and freedom. It helps people stay involved in their communities, attend camps, sports, art, dance, and music programmes, and get to the places that matter in their lives. For many, it's a step toward greater independence and being seen and included in the world around them.

"The Hugo Charitable Trust is so cool. It's incredible to me that they have donated the new Kia Carnival for my friends, I can't believe it. I'm so proud of Hugo for this, and I can't stop smiling," said Tim France, who receives support through Living Options.

The new van will be based at the Tom Pryde Centre in Arrowtown and used daily for individual and group outings. It's safe, comfortable, and accessible.

This generous donation from the Hugo Charitable Trust has had an immediate and lasting impact.



Living Options, Arrowtown (2021)

Hugo continues to go above and beyond for the most vulnerable people in our community. It is a privilege to carry Hugo's name with us, it is a visible reminder that we are not alone on this journey.

"In our sector, having Hugo's name behind you is like a gold stamp of purpose. It signals to the community that what we're doing matters, and that we're backed by something extraordinary." Olivia Wildey, Chief Executive.

Living Options supports people with disabilities to live full, meaningful lives in their communities. We are deeply grateful to walk alongside the Hugo Charitable Trust in this work.

# Disabled Citizens Society, Auckland

**DONATION: \$36,000 / Second hand truck**



The delivery truck funded by Hugo

**Story supplied:** The Disabled Citizens Society Inc (DCS) recently received a generous grant of \$36,000 from the Hugo Charitable Trust, which we used to purchase a fit-for-purpose truck.

This truck is an essential part of our workshop employment programme for the disabled community in Auckland. It enables us to reliably pick up and deliver work for the businesses that partner with us—ensuring our participants have consistent, meaningful employment opportunities.

Through this partnership programme, we currently engage with 60–70 disabled people every week, fostering a strong sense of belonging, community, purpose, and achievement.

DCS has been serving the community for over 80 years, and we continue to regard it as a privilege to support, serve, and advocate for the people we work alongside. Some of our members have been with us for more than 20 years, developing lifelong friendships and valuable life skills through their involvement.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Hugo Charitable Trust for your generous and practical support. Your donation ensures we can continue to operate the workshop programme with confidence—helping fund our community participation events and life-skills programmes that make such a difference in people’s lives.

# Parafed Canterbury

**DONATION: \$12,500 / Three wheelchair adapted shooting tables**

**Story supplied:** Parafed Canterbury provides sport and recreation opportunities to the physically disabled community of Canterbury. Since 1967, we have become one of the largest community organizations in the country offering a variety of sports, activities, programmes, events and equipment to our community.

One of the greatest barriers to being active when you have a disability is the cost of specialized equipment. To reduce barriers, Parafed Canterbury endeavours to provide a pool of equipment for people to borrow so that they can get active without having to spend huge amounts of money to realize their dreams and goals. One of the activities that requires specialized equipment is our Shooting Club where purpose built and modified adjustable tables are required so that those with limited function can still participate. The Hugo Charitable Trust has generously granted Parafed Canterbury funding to build 3 of these amazing tables that will enable our people to



Mark Owens, Kathryn Roberts, Hadleigh Pierson, Ken Sowden and Maryanne Green

be active and participate in an activity they love. Having the support from the Hugo Charitable Trust has ensured that we can continue to reduce the barriers and give people every opportunity to be active.

# Sailability Wellington

DONATION: \$20,000 / New accessible boats



The Sailability Wellington NZ team



**Story supplied:** Firstly, thank you so much to Hugo for being a Platinum Sponsor of our 2025 Hansa Worlds Team. Our sailors have come away from the Regatta with some amazing memories, newfound friends and an amazing sense of achievement. We are so proud of our Sailability Auckland and wider New Zealand Team for their achievements. It takes a team of people to get our sailors to these International Regattas so a huge thank you to Hugo for assisting us.

Paul Wager and Annika Penniford finished in 5th place in the SKUD 18 Para division and 6th overall in the Open division. They had only sailed together a few times before the Worlds so they were very proud of their achievements.

In the Open Liberty fleet Tony Vaka finished in 5th place in a fleet of 32 boats. Brian Trubovich finished in 12th with Paul Speight in 15th, John Buchanan in 24th and Maqymsehe Ninces in 29th. In the Liberty Full Servo division Maqymsehe finished in 5th which is an amazing achievement when you sail using your foot.

For the rest of the NZ Team. In the 303 Doubles from Wellington, Xervier Doney teamed up with

his dad Paul to win the sailors with an intellectual disability division. In the Open Division Darrell Smith and Graham Hook also from Wellington finished in 20th followed by Xervier and Paul in 26th, with the Tauranga duo of Rhonda Ritchie and Ashley Lintott in 36th. All the 303 doubles sailors apart from Paul also sailed in the 303 Singles.

In the 303 Singles Xervier carried on his winning streak taking out 1st in the sailors with an intellectual disability division. Tauranga's Paulien Chamberlain was 5th in the Para Women's division, in the Para Men's division Darrell Smith was 17th and Wellington sailor Michael Jones 29th.

In the 303 Singles Open division (75 boats) Darrell Smith was 26th, Richard Chamberlain 29th, Paulien Chamberlain 30th, Graham Hook 36th, Rhonda Ritchie 54th, Michael Jones 63rd, Lucas Thompson 68th and Xervier 70th.

The next Hansa Worlds are in France in 2027 and some of the team are already planning to go. Thanks again, we could not have got to the Worlds without the support of the Hugo Charitable Trust.

# MINT Charitable Trust, Wanaka

DONATION: \$14,000 / Camp for people with intellectual disabilities



Camper Lilyana (8)



Camper Olivia (15), with support person Grace



Kayaking at the pond



Ceridwen (28) at Camp Columba



Camper Ava (15) with camp dog Lily



Renon (27) taking on the low ropes

**Story supplied:** Mint Charitable Trust extends our deepest thanks to Hugo Charitable Trust for their vital support of our recent two-night adventure camp for people aged 8–50 with intellectual disabilities. Thanks to their generous funding, we were able to welcome more campers than ever before, with a growing number attending without their immediate caregivers or parents. This not only fostered greater independence for participants, but also provided their families with valuable respite over the weekend.

Opportunities like this simply do not exist in our region without Hugo Charitable Trust’s backing, and the impact is profound. Campers were able to challenge themselves and take safe risks in a supportive environment—whether that was on the high ropes, abseiling, kayaking, racing down the waterslide, joining adapted scavenger hunts, bouncing on the pillow, sharing camp meals, or gathering around the campfire.

We have also seen a ripple effect in increased wellbeing and motivation to be physically active, with many campers showing new confidence to join in other recreational opportunities, including mainstream camps.

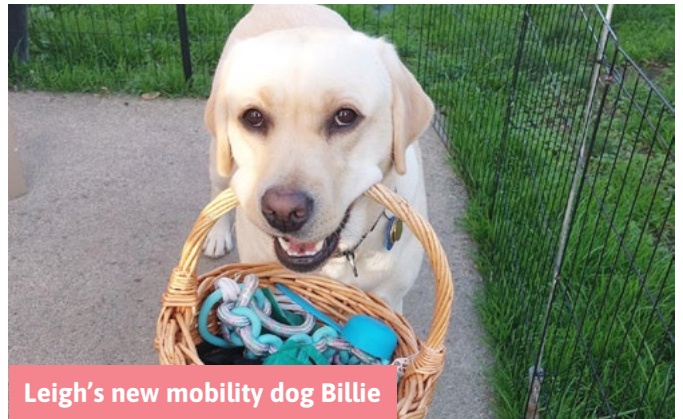
Hugo Charitable Trust’s support has truly made a lasting difference in the lives of our community.

# Mobility Dogs, Christchurch

**DONATION: \$10,000 / Part funding for a new mobility dog for Leigh Montford**



Leigh collecting Ices' remains



Leigh's new mobility dog Billie

**Story supplied:** Ice was born 25th January 2010; he came into my life on 12th February 2012, and was euthanized 21st June 2024 at 10:28am. As a Mobility Dog, Ice knew over 50 commands - commands that I had memorised before his arrival.

Ice was a Labrador Retriever, full of manic energy and always eager to assist me. Over time commands by me were never spoken, because Ice understood his role in my life and fulfilled his purpose until his final breath.

I had my darling boy cremated; the small sarcophagus containing his remains sits upon my desk. When I leave this life I have requested that Ices' sarcophagus be placed in mine. That way we will be together forever.

In 2025 I received a second Mobility Dog. I know the spirit of Ice will be ever present watching over us both.

**Leigh Montford, Mobility Dog Recipient**

# Access To Adventure, Northland

**DONATION: \$10,000 / Accessible bathroom on fishing boat**

**Story supplied:** We're thrilled to announce a \$10,000 donation from the Hugo Charitable Trust, supporting one of the most vital features of our vessel's refit - a purpose-built, fully accessible bathroom.

Access to Adventure is a charitable trust dedicated to opening the ocean to people with accessible needs, chronic health conditions, or mental health challenges. Through our fully accessible vessel, we create transformative experiences - fishing, diving, kayaking, dolphin watching, and overnight adventures - reigniting joy, freedom, and a deep sense of belonging in nature for those who've long been denied the opportunity.

Hugo's generous contribution will help us create a safe, spacious, and dignified bathroom facility - essential for comfort and inclusion on longer or overnight trips. Designed for people in wheelchairs and with accessibility



Participant with her catch

needs, it ensures every participant can enjoy the experience without anxiety or limitation. Thanks to the Hugo Charitable Trust, we're one step closer to launching Northland's first fully accessible fishing and adventure vessel - and truly making the ocean open to all.

# Parafed Otago

DONATION: \$9,500 / Sponsorship of eight athletes to compete in the Halberg Games 2025



Nova Keen



George Murray



Lincoln Fraser-Heal

**Story supplied:** Parafed Otago would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Hugo Charitable Trust for their extremely generous donation, which made it possible for eight of our young athletes to attend the 2025 Halberg Games at King's College in Auckland. As a non-profit organisation committed to providing sporting and active recreation opportunities for individuals with physical disabilities, our mission is to foster inclusion, physical fitness, and a strong sense of community through sport.

Thanks to the support from the Hugo Charitable Trust, our athletes were able to take part in The Halberg Games for young New Zealanders with physical disabilities & visual impairment – an experience that proved to be both inspiring and transformative.

The funding provided by the Hugo Charitable Trust covered travel and accommodation costs, which removed significant financial barriers for the families. For some of them, this was their first opportunity to attend the Halberg Games. The experience built their confidence and expanded their skills, but most importantly, it reinforced their sense of belonging within the sporting community.

This event has created lasting memories and laid the foundation for future sporting aspirations. We are incredibly proud of what our athletes achieved and excited to see the pathways they may follow in high-performance sport.

This opportunity would not have been possible without the generosity of the Hugo Charitable Trust, and we are deeply grateful.

# Kids With Arthritis NZ

DONATION: \$9,000 / Christmas functions



Last year's Christmas event at Rainbow's End



Santa giving out gifts



Climbing wall in Christchurch



Wētā Workshop in Wellington

**Story supplied:** We provide practical support, encouragement, and information to our nationwide network of families, and arrange events so they can meet each other, share their experiences and coping strategies, make lasting friendships, and know that they are not alone on their arthritis journey.

Another key activity for us is to raise awareness in the community that 'even kids get arthritis'. One of the benefits of this is that families who have a child diagnosed with arthritis in the future will be more likely to be made aware of our organisation and be able to take advantage of the support that we provide.

In 2025 we had our Christmas functions in the three main centres as follows:

**Auckland** – Our event was at Good Planet which is a berry farm in Riverhead. There was an Adventure Park with a range of inflatable bouncy castles and playground equipment including three obstacle

courses, and a Splash Park with inflatable slides. There was plenty of space for us to have a picnic for all our families who attended. Your funding was used for entry to the berry picking, and for the children to use the Adventure Park and the Splash Park. We also provided some drinks but families brought their own picnic.

**Wellington** – Our event was at the Wētā Experience in Miramar. This is a separate facility to the Wētā Workshop where bigger groups are catered for with a dedicated guide to explain the various displays. There are no café facilities on site so we arranged for the families to meet at a local café after the event. Your funding was used for entry to the experience, and for drinks at the café.

**Christchurch** – Our event was at the Orana Wildlife Park. They also have a tiger enclosure experience that some families visited. They have a café on site and allow people to bring their own food. Your funding was used for entry to the park and the tiger experience, and for drinks at the café.

# DONATIONS TO INDIVIDUALS

Hugo has made a series of donations to the following individuals.

To each, we send all of our prayers and good wishes.

Bail ó Dhia ort agus ádh mór ort.

## Hugo Donaldson, Auckland

**DONATION: \$20,000 / 11-year-old with Stage 4 Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma cancer**



**Story supplied:** The Donaldson Family would like to extend their gratitude to the Hugo Charitable Trust for your incredibly generous donation to support their son, Hugo (pictured above).

At just 11 years old, Hugo has faced more than most endure in a lifetime. Diagnosed with Stage 4 Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma in early 2024, he bravely battled through months of aggressive treatment and was briefly cancer-free.

Tragically, he relapsed in March 2025, and recent scans have shown further progression. Despite everything, Hugo continues to fight with extraordinary courage.

Thanks to your support, the family is one step closer to accessing a groundbreaking CAR T-cell therapy clinical trial in the United States – his best hope for recovery. The treatment, associated hospital and living costs exceed \$500,000 and must be paid upfront.

Your support has made a meaningful difference in helping the family take steps towards this potentially life-saving treatment. The costs are significant, and time is critical, but with your help they are moving closer to giving Hugo a real chance. Thank you for standing with them during this incredibly difficult time.

# Amelia Turner, Hamilton

**DONATION: \$20,000 / Multiple abdominal vascular compressions**



**Story supplied:** Amelia (pictured above) was your typical 12 year old- happy & healthy. She loved doing her dance, all things science, playing the piano, and being with her friends. Then out of nowhere, after a bad bout of COVID in May 2024 - things changed. For the last year, Amelia has relied on food fed through a tube to keep her alive.

After being admitting to hospital from severe chest pain from the COVID infection, Amelia lost the ability to swallow and was fitted with a nasogastric feeding tube. Over time, her tube feeds began to cause her pain and nausea, and the amount of feed we were able to get into her declined rapidly and she could no longer tolerate anything going into her stomach without immense pain.

Six months ago, on New Year's Eve, Amelia's health further deteriorated, and she was admitted to Waikato Hospital again, where she would spend the next 160 days. She is now fed by TPN nutrition delivered intravenously directly to her heart and a small amount by tube into her small intestine. Her left leg has become immobile, which has left her bedbound and unable to walk since January.

Amelia has been diagnosed with multiple abdominal vascular compressions (AVCS) that cause issues of blood flow, pressure and pain. The conditions are rare and the only option for treatment presented to us in NZ was weight gain, which is an arduous task when your child can't eat. Despite the struggle, Amelia has gained a

good amount of weight from her TPN nutrition, but unfortunately it has not alleviated any of her symptoms. She needs to travel to Germany, where surgeons can correct the compressions. Other New Zealanders who have had the surgery report good results.

Our New Zealand medical team have been wonderful. They have kept her hydrated, kept her nutrition stable & her pain under control. But living day to day with central lines and extremely strong pain medications is no way for a 14 year old to live. Not only that, if she does not start using her digestive system, it will simply shut down and the damage could be irreversible. Surgery is our only chance to give our beautiful girl a chance for a normal, pain-free life again. No 14-year-child should be faced with having to accept this situation as how her life is now. We must try everything we can to get her back to eating, walking, dancing & living the life she was 12 months ago.

We would like to thank the Hugo Charitable Trust for their incredibly generous offer to help us get Amelia to Germany. Our family is beyond grateful for their support. It takes us a huge step closer to our fundraising goal, and from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.

**Update:** We made it to Dusseldorf soon after, and her surgery went ahead as planned on August 5th. Thankfully, it all went smoothly and she responded really well. **Continued...**

# Amelia Turner, Hamilton

**DONATION: \$20,000 / Multiple abdominal vascular compressions**



The professor who undertook her surgery was incredibly kind, knowledgeable and skilled, and his whole team were lovely and caring. She was in theatre for 8.5 hours, so it was a very big operation, and an anxious wait for Joe and I. The first few weeks of her recovery were slow, and tough, with a few unforeseen issues, but her medical team here were fantastic and had her sorted out very quickly.

We are now 1 month post operation, and it brings me so much joy to share with you that the surgery has been a huge success. On day 5 post surgery, we noticed that Amelia's left leg (that has been frozen in an internally rotated position with "drop

foot" and complete paralysis for 8 months) was now straight. There was no discolouration, and both her hip, knee and foot were straight. By day 7 she could stand, and by day 12 post surgery, she was able to walk. Whilst she still needs support from her walking frame to help her balance and weakness in her legs, she is doing remarkably well and each day she is walking a little further.

Amelia has also regained the ability to swallow, and eat and drink, and her pain is nearly completely gone. She has now attempted sushi (lots and lots of sushi), watermelon, a burger, pizza, smoked salmon & eggs, ice cream, bratwurst, pretzels- and the list is growing every day. We really did not know if her inability to swallow, or "functional dysphagia" as it was labelled in NZ was related to her abdominal compressions, but somehow it was all tied in together, and since correcting the blood flow to all the parts of her body that were starved of oxygen and decompressing her bowel that was being squeezed shut and not allowing food through, she is getting better by the day.

# Briar Dawson, Clinton, Otago

**DONATION: \$5,000 / Colon cancer**

**Hugo:** *We are grateful to Southland Hospice for the work they do and for letting us know about families and individuals going through tough times. Helen Glynn from the Southland Hospice let us know about Briar and her journey that she is navigating.*

"On the 20th of March 2025 our family received the most devastating news. Our little sister Briar, at the age of 23, has been diagnosed with incurable stage four colon cancer that has metastasised to her lymph nodes, liver and lungs. Her prognosis does not look good. This comes only a few months after our mum was diagnosed with breast cancer. Briar also has a two year old daughter Elsie, who is going to need immense support; Mummy is Elsie's entire world. As we face this terrible battle together as a family, we would like to help ease the financial burdens ahead and allow Briar to create memories with her wee girl in the limited time that she has left." **Amy Seymour (Briar's sister)**



23 year old Briar with her daughter Elsie

## Jonah-Lui Lilo, Millers Flat

**DONATION: \$4,500 / Xia-Gibbs syndrome**



Jonah making progress

**Story supplied:** Thank you so much to the Hugo Charitable Trust for your support with Jonah's trip to the Centre of Movement - we really appreciate it.

Jonah has learnt to stand independently and needs a little bit more confidence with his

walking, but is walking really well with his walker at the moment. He hopefully won't need this in the future.

If we hadn't had the trip last year to the centre of movement Australia, and this year to the centre of movement Christchurch, Jonah may have never had the chance to learn to walk, as we were told Jonah may never walk and may need to be in a wheelchair. We are super proud of him for working towards his goals.

We also had private speech and language therapy sessions, which has dramatically improved Jonah's speech, his communication is coming on so much.

Thank you so much for all of your help last year and this year. We honestly appreciate it so much.

## Indie Todd, Timaru

**DONATION: \$5,000 / Three year old with brain tumour**

**Story supplied:** Indie's type of brain tumour is ETMR - Embryonal tumour with multilayered rosettes. It's rare, aggressive and occurs predominantly in children under three. Indie was flown to Auckland in May 2025 after a seizure, where doctors discovered a large and aggressive brain tumour. Within days, she underwent emergency surgery to ease pressure on her brain, followed by an 11-hour operation to remove as much of the tumour as possible. Miraculously, she pulled through surgery with no major neurological deficits. Only days after being transported to Christchurch hospital her baby brother Hudson was born. She then began the first of six intensive chemotherapy cycles two days later.

Next in Indie's journey is proton therapy treatment in Atlanta (USA) which offers the best chance of long-term remission while protecting healthy brain tissue. Support from the Hugo Charitable Trust is helping the Todd family travel together to Atlanta, ensuring Indie has her family beside her as she continues her courageous fight.



Indie (right) with little brother Hudson

# Mary Valintine, Whangarei

**DONATION: \$5,000 / Brain cancer**

**Story supplied:** After suffering severe migraines, Mary, a devoted mum to three beautiful children, aged 6, 9 and 11 was diagnosed with an inoperable high grade brain tumour. She is the kind of mum, wife and friend (and veterinarian) who makes everyone feel deeply loved, always putting others first. The brain tumour is large, located in a critical area of her brain, and there are multiple tumours already. We are awaiting biopsy results, everything has happened very fast and the shock is still settling in. Time is critical.

We are urgently trying to raise funds to give Mary every possible option in her fight, including access to specialised unfunded treatments and clinical trials in New Zealand and overseas. We are hopeful that Mary may be able to travel to Berlin if this becomes an option. These opportunities are time sensitive and costly, and not available through the public health system.

Mary's wishes are heartbreakingly simple. To spend as many nights as possible cuddling her babies, to feel the water on her skin, to breathe



Mary Valintine with her family

in the sea air, and to soak up every moment of love. Mary is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation therapy in Auckland and is away from her family and children. Her oncologist is supportive and will provide advice on any future treatment requirements in NZ or overseas.

# Peter Ottley, Kingston

**DONATION: \$10,000 / PTSD - Queenstown volunteer firefighter**



Peter Ottley

**Story supplied:** A year after attending a horrific fatal crash near Glen Nevis Station Rd, former Kingston chief fire officer Peter Ottley is still living with PTSD.

First on scene at the State Highway 6 collision that killed Timothy Herrick and injured 20 others, Ottley did what he had done for 14 years as a volunteer firefighter, help those in need. Days later, his world unravelled. Diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, he is still unable to work and was declined ACC cover because his trauma stemmed from a voluntary role.

A public petition gained 36,549 signatures but was rejected. Supported by his partner, community, and therapy, Ottley continues to advocate for change — and is immensely grateful to the Hugo Charitable Trust for their support.

# Amber Nyhon, Alexandra

DONATION: \$10,000 / Breast cancer



Amber with her husband and two daughters



Amber at the MD Anderson Cancer Centre

**Story supplied:** My name is Amber, I am a mum to two beautiful daughters and a wife to my amazing husband Shane. My breast cancer journey started back in March 2025, when I was diagnosed with stage 2 triple negative breast cancer.

After completing six months of gruelling chemotherapy, the day before my surgery I was sent for urgent scanning, only to reveal that my cancer had spread to stage 4, into my lungs and liver. My whole world fell down around me, we were absolutely devastated! But I am so determined, I started researching and emailing - knowledge is power!

After talking to a medical team at MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston Texas, I flew over for a second opinion. I have more options over there that are not available in New Zealand. Now it is a matter of getting the spread under control.

After another failed chemo, I am starting on another treatment called Trodelvy, however it is unfunded in New Zealand.



Amber at the airport with her two daughters

When the Hugo Charitable Trust contacted me, to let me know they were going to help, I was absolutely blown away, their generosity, kindness and compassion is overwhelming. Thank you so much Hugo.

# Little Sisters of the Poor, Dunedin

DONATION: \$300,000 / Independent living units for elderly living in poverty



The opening of the new facility in Dunedin



**Story supplied:** The Little Sisters of the Poor wish to extend their grateful thanks to the Hugo Trust for a wonderfully generous grant of \$300,000 to the Holy Family Villa Independent Living Units Project in Brockville Dunedin.

This ambitious housing project, in response to a need identified by the Little Sisters will provide comfortable, safe and secure accommodation for older citizens of limited means who are still able to live independently. Many elderly individuals, who are capable of looking after themselves, will benefit immensely from the comfort, safety, and companionship that this close-knit, caring community will provide.

Located alongside the existing care home and hospital operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Holy Family Villa will offer new, warm and healthy homes for elderly people of modest means, regardless of their faith background. Each unit has been thoughtfully designed to deliver all the comforts of home, as well as access to a vibrant community.

In recognition of the Hugo Charitable Trust's outstanding contribution to the Holy Family Villa, the main communal lounge within the new development will be named the "Hugo Lounge".

This welcoming space will serve as the heart of the Villa's vibrant community, providing a venue for residents to gather, connect, and enjoy activities together and with their families, embodying the spirit of compassion and fellowship that the Hugo Charitable Trust helps promote through honouring Hugh Green's powerful philanthropic legacy.

Sr Maureen Lee, Mother Superior and manager of the Little Sisters Units has expressed their gratitude and appreciation for this magnificent donation "We are incredibly grateful to the Hugo Charitable Trust for their extraordinary generosity, their support will change the lives of many elderly people, providing them with a safe and nurturing environment where they can maintain their independence and enjoy a true sense of belonging."

# Marist Primary School, Mt Albert, Auckland

DONATION: \$250,000 / New playground



Maryanne Green, Carolynn Phillips (principal) and Mark Owens

**Story supplied:** Our current adventure playground has served us well over the years, but it now requires frequent repairs and part replacements to keep it safe for our tamariki. That's why we're absolutely thrilled the Hugo Charitable Trust has generously pledged a \$250,000 donation towards a brand-new Adventure Playground!

This generous donation has been gifted solely for the purpose of creating a new Adventure Playground, ensuring these funds are dedicated entirely to providing a safe, engaging, and imaginative play space for our tamariki.

This gift comes thanks to Maryanne Green, a former Marist School and Marist College student. During her recent visit, Maryanne was amazed to see how much our school has grown and changed since her time here. She was joined by Hugo CEO, Aoibheann Monaghan and Chair, Mark Owens who met with Carolynn Phillips during their visit.

We will now begin the exciting process of planning our new playground and of course, our tamariki will play a key role in shaping their future play space! Carolynn will be meeting with the Student Council, who will help gather ideas and run a "Design Your Dream Adventure Playground" competition.

The donation funds will be received in 2026, and while the timeline for design, consultation, and installation is still being developed, we're thrilled to have this project underway.

A heartfelt thank you to Maryanne and the Hugo Charitable Trust for helping us create a safe, inspiring, and joy-filled place for our children to play and grow.

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# Marist Primary School, Mt Albert, Auckland

**DONATION: \$250,000 / New playground**

Marist School, Mt Albert is a caring and inclusive community. We have a proud history and tradition imbued with the Spirit of Mary and founded by the Marist Sisters. Marist School was established in 1927 and we are looking forward to celebrating our centenary in 2027.

We are a culturally diverse school with a roll of approximately 330, serving children from School Entry to Year 6. With our central Auckland location and easy motorway access, our school attracts students from a wide geographic catchment. Our Marist whānau are connected and welcoming.

## History of Marist School

Father Gondringer, the parish priest of the newly formed Mt Albert parish (1924) made a request to the Marist Sisters to establish a primary school in his growing parish. The parishioners, though not very wealthy and small in number, raised money to build the school and worked on it voluntarily during weekends. The parishioners greeted Mother Bernard and Sister Austin on their arrival on the "Tofua" on the 24th January 1927. The Sisters of Mercy hosted them until their cottage was ready and also helped them to understand the New Zealand school curriculum.

School began on 7 February 1927 when 90 students arrived. Those from other parishes were asked to return to their former schools as there was only seating for 80 students. A lay teacher, Miss Jessie Nicholl taught Standard 1 and 2, Sr Austin the Primers, and Mother Bernard Standards 3 to 6.

The grounds were not fully completed, so the children could not go out to play as the men were blasting rocks to level it. The students helped the sisters by putting on the vegetables for their meal and helping with washing the dishes.

Sr Dominic arrived from Sydney in May 1927, helping with both schoolwork and the needs of the community. As a private school, Marist had to be registered. This was achieved in October 1927, the inspector rating was equal to the best school in the district – Gladstone School.



TE WAIRUA O MARIA  
THE SPIRIT OF MARY

The sisters did not have a lot of money. Bishop Cleary had promised \$100 per year, but the weekly school fees barely brought in \$2. They gave a few music lessons and took in some sewing to support them and the school. The parishioners were generous in their donation of food to the sisters.

Early in 1944, with help from the Mt Albert Borough Council a swimming pool was constructed in the presbytery grounds adjoining the primary. (This is now the garden for the school's Garden to Table programme).

From 1978, due to an increasing roll, Forms One and Two from the primary school were taken into the College as an attached Intermediate and new buildings were built. The school was integrated into the State system in 1975 under the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act. The Marist Sisters held the principalship until the resignation of Sr Teresa Moran. The first lay principal was Mrs Ann Saunokonoko.

Much has changed environmentally with the school grounds and buildings but the heart of what it means to be Marist and the mission of the Marist Sisters is still alive and well. In 2020 the school opened the two storey block and in 2024 refurbished the original school building, which is now the school hall.

Marist School is proud of its tūrangawaewae, its history and traditions. Marist School embraces the Marist Way and walks with Christ and Mary.

# Te Awamutu Catholic Women's League

DONATION: \$20,000 / Various causes



Clothing by Sisters of Mercy NZ



Te Awamutu Brass Band

**\$162,000**  
TOTAL DONATED TO  
CWL 2017-2026

**Story supplied:** Te Awamutu Catholic Women's League support a variety of causes with their Hugo Charitable Trust donation. This year's support included the following:

**St Patrick's Catholic School (\$3,500)** - Assistance to four families who are currently attending St Patricks with crippling outstanding school fees. The payment of these fees has allowed them to remain at St Patrick's Catholic School.



**Outreach Meal, Te Awamutu (\$500)** - Outreach meal in Te Awamutu is a free meal held each Monday evening at St John's Anglican church. We welcome people who are sleeping rough, people who are lonely, people

who are short of money, grandparents raising grandchildren, everyone is welcome, no questions asked. Volunteers prepare, cook and serve the meal catering for 40 people. We prepare a hearty meal of meat and vegetables followed by dessert. St Patrick's Catholic Church volunteers cater on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month. We are grateful to the Te Awamutu Catholic Women's League for financial assistance by providing us with supermarket vouchers. Financial assistance available to us only through the generosity of the Hugo Charitable Trust.

**Loving Arms (\$658)** - The Loving Arms vision is to see every baby born in the community adequately clothed and provided for and every new mother

and family adequately cared for and supported.

**Sisters of Mercy NZ (\$389)** - 'Te Awamutu' sewing group that sew clothing for the Mercy Sisters work in the Hokianga. Funds have enabled sewing machines to be maintained. Haberdashery was purchased to aid in the sewing of garments.

**Catholic Books for Mass (\$551.50)** - A basket of blessed catholic books for young children to be able to read in church - St Patrick's, Te Awamutu. The basket has led to Mums and Dads leaving secular books at home and children diving into the basket at the start of mass. Taking advice from the many Mums in the CWL - the books have been divided up and are being rotated in and out of the basket. All books have been stickered attributing the generous donation from Hugo.

**Te Awamutu Brass Band (\$5,000)** - This gesture of generosity from the Catholic Women's League, Te Awamutu Branch is very timely and has relieved much of the financial pressure concerning the urgency of the roof and ceiling repair.



**NZ Riding for the Disabled, Te Awamutu (\$2,000)** - Horse called Hugo, sponsored by the Hugo Charitable Trust.

# Orange Sky Laundry, Tauranga

**DONATION: \$30,000 / 50% cost of a new laundry pod located in Tauranga**



The launch of the new laundry pod in Tauranga



**Story supplied:** Orange Sky Aotearoa, the not-for-profit organisation providing free mobile laundry and shower services to individuals experiencing homelessness and hardship, has partnered with Tauranga-based charity Under the Stars to launch a new permanent laundry pod at its premises in the Cliff Road Community Hall.

Under the Stars provides healthy, home-cooked meals to more than 100 guests in need each week, with sit-down services on Thursdays at 12pm and Saturdays at 5pm. The new laundry pod will be operational during these times, providing guests with the opportunity to wash and dry their clothes while accessing the meals, hot showers and other essential resources, including clean towels, toiletries, free clothing, and haircuts.

This is Orange Sky's third permanent laundry pod and its sixth service nationwide. Supported by generous contributions from Hugo Charitable Trust and Awhero Nui Charitable Trust, it builds on the impact of Orange Sky's distinctive orange vans, which deliver mobile laundry and shower services across the motu.

The Tauranga installation responds to the growing demand for accessible hygiene services in the region, where, according to Tauranga City Council, 2.8% of residents - approximately 4,000 people - are recorded as experiencing homelessness in some form.

Ani Stace, Strategic Partnership and Funding Manager at Under the Stars, played a pivotal role in bringing Orange Sky to Tauranga. During the COVID-19 lockdowns, Ani lived in a remote

community, where many residents relied on tank water. Due to delivery restrictions, families faced difficulty meeting basic needs, including showering and doing laundry. Orange Sky's mobile service became a lifeline for those without access to these essentials.

"I used the service myself," Ani recalls. "It was such a relief when everyone was stretched thin and the experience really stuck with me. We've talked about the possibility of a permanent laundry facility at Under The Stars for years, so having Orange Sky offer this on-site now is truly magical!"

Kat Doughty, Senior Impact Manager at Orange Sky Aotearoa, added: "At Orange Sky, we believe in the power of connection, and this new permanent laundry pod in Tauranga allows us to offer not just clean clothes, but a moment of warmth, and kōrero. Partnering with Under the Stars means we can meet people where they are - in a space they already trust and feel safe in. Their work aligns closely with our kaupapa, and we're proud to stand alongside such a dedicated local team to support the wellbeing of this community."

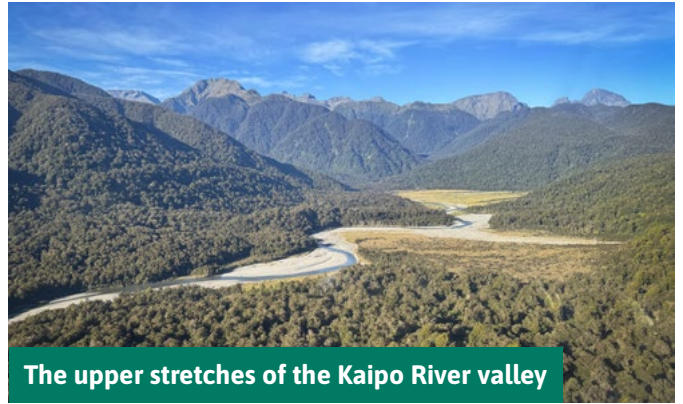
Orange Sky's commitment to supporting communities extends beyond Tauranga, with free mobile laundry and shower services also operating in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch, and Hawke's Bay. With the help of more than 350 volunteers, Orange Sky has completed over 31,531 loads of laundry, provided 14,891 hot showers, and spent more than 46,518 hours engaged in meaningful, non-judgmental kōrero with communities across New Zealand.

# Recreational Backcountry Pilots Association & Hollyford Conservation Trust

DONATION: \$80,000 / Kaipo Valley whio conservation project (stage 3)



Volunteer Mike Butcher at the base of Kaipo Wall



The upper stretches of the Kaipo River valley



Whio (blue duck) pair in the Kaipo River



Trap box being set by the Kaipo River by Trap and Trigger team

**Story supplied:** The Hollyford Conservation Trust is restoring 13,000ha of the Hollyford and Kaipo catchments within Fiordland National Park.

In 2023, the Hollyford Conservation Trust partnered with the Recreational Backcountry Pilots Association to protect endangered whio (blue duck) in the Upper Kaipo valley, north of Milford Sound. This is a spectacular glacial valley that begins at the iconic Kaipo Wall and has clear, fast-flowing water that provides ideal habitat for whio. Excitingly, whio ducklings are now being seen in areas where they have been absent for many years including in the lower valley.

Thanks to the support of the Hugo Charitable Trust, a trap network has been established along the Kaipo River to protect vulnerable nesting whio (blue duck) and their ducklings. A survey in May 2025 confirmed the presence of whio in the uppermost reaches of the Kaipo valley.

The Hugo Charitable Trust has granted \$80,000 funding that will enable the extension of the

trapline into this excellent whio habitat. This is the final stage that will complete predator control from the Kaipo Wall in the headwaters all the way down to the coast at Kaipo Bay. Other species such as endangered kea, kākā, and rock wren are also expected to benefit.

We are extremely grateful for the support and generous donations from the Hugo Charitable Trust now totalling \$150,000 that will enable us to complete the establishment of this whio protection infrastructure.

# New Zealand SAS Trust

DONATION: \$250,000 / New early learning centre playground



Geoffrey Laurence, NZSAS Trustee with Aoibheann Monaghan, Kathryn Roberts and Mark Owens



The new early learning centre playground



**Story supplied:** The NZSAS Trust was deeply grateful to receive a \$250,000 grant from the Hugo Charitable Trust towards the construction of a new playground for the Early Learning Centre at Papakura Military Camp.

This generous donation has created a purpose-built outdoor space designed to nurture the wellbeing and development of the youngest dependents of members of the NZSAS Regiment and wider Defence community. The new playground includes sandpits and water play areas, swings, a pergola, safe-fall climbing zones, and open spaces for exploration and creativity.

The playground is a joyful and restorative place for children whose families often experience the unique pressures and absences that come with military life. Parents have expressed heartfelt appreciation for this safe, engaging environment where their children can learn, play, and thrive.

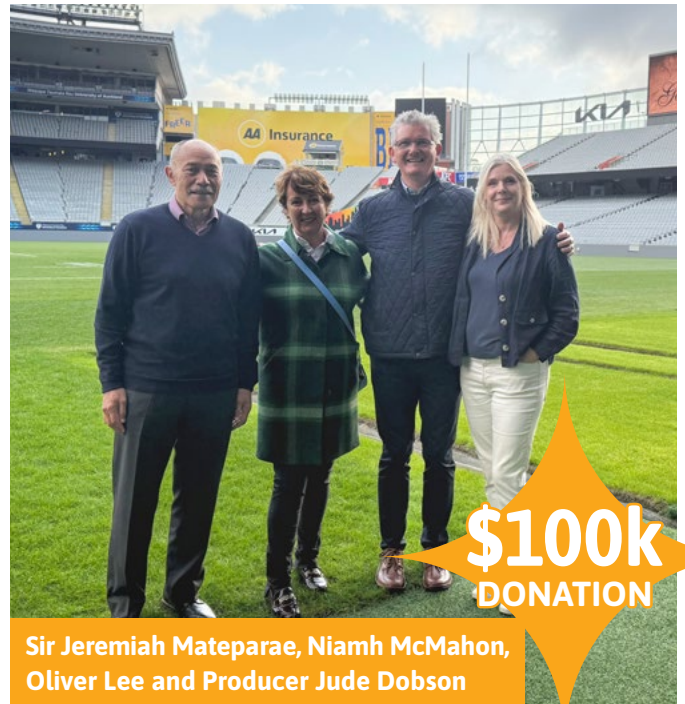
The NZSAS Trust extends its sincere thanks to the Hugo Charitable Trust and its trustees for their vision and generosity in supporting the wellbeing of Defence families. Their contribution is making a lasting, very positive difference to the lives of those who serve - and to the children who eagerly run, climb, and laugh in the new playground each day.

# From the Field to the Front

DONATION: \$100,000 / "From the Field to the Front" TV Documentary & Eden Park Memorial



Producer Jude Dobson, Joe Royal with the Dave Gallaher Shield & Graham Gibson President, Auckland RSA



Sir Jeremiah Mateparae, Niamh McMahon, Oliver Lee and Producer Jude Dobson

**\$100k**  
DONATION

**Story supplied:** Hugo Charitable Trust has been instrumental in ensuring the Dave Gallaher soil exchange project could get underway. Producer Jude Dobson, ONZM had been working alongside Auckland RSA and Eden Park for almost a year to symbolically 'bring Dave Gallaher home'. Dave Gallaher was the 1905 Originals All Black captain who died in WWI at Passchendaele.

While philanthropic funding pledges steadily increased for a year, the go / no - go deadline was fast approaching in August 2025 to be able to complete the project by Anzac Day 2026. When Hugo stepped in and funded the last 25% of the required budget in July, the existing funders were then activated and the project got underway. Project producer Jude Dobson said she "gasped and then started to cry when she read the email of support. The significance of Hugo's donation was even more than matching the other principal funder in ANZ. It activated the six other pledges and meant the whole thing could finally happen."

The Dave Gallaher soil exchange sees turf taken from Eden Park back to his birthplace in Ireland, to the place he played his last All Black test in France and to his grave in Belgium where he died in WWI. In exchange, soil is brought back from these places and put into a place of significance

at Eden Park. This process will be followed by Jude's documentary team, with the resulting documentary 'From the Field to the Front' played on Anzac Day 2026 on TVNZ.

Representatives from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, together with 3/6 Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment helped Sir Jerry Mateparae uplift the hallowed turf in September. On the other side of the world, former All Blacks Sean Fitzpatrick and Andrew Mehrrens deliver a piece of Eden Park with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. In Ireland, the locals at Ramelton in County Donegal are delighted the soil is coming to commemorate their famous resident. They are pleased Hugo Charitable Trust made the project possible given Hugh Green was also a son of Donegal who emigrated to New Zealand. The Dave Gallaher Society in Ramelton and Letterkenny Rugby Club are readying a suitably Irish reception and have great plans for the soil.

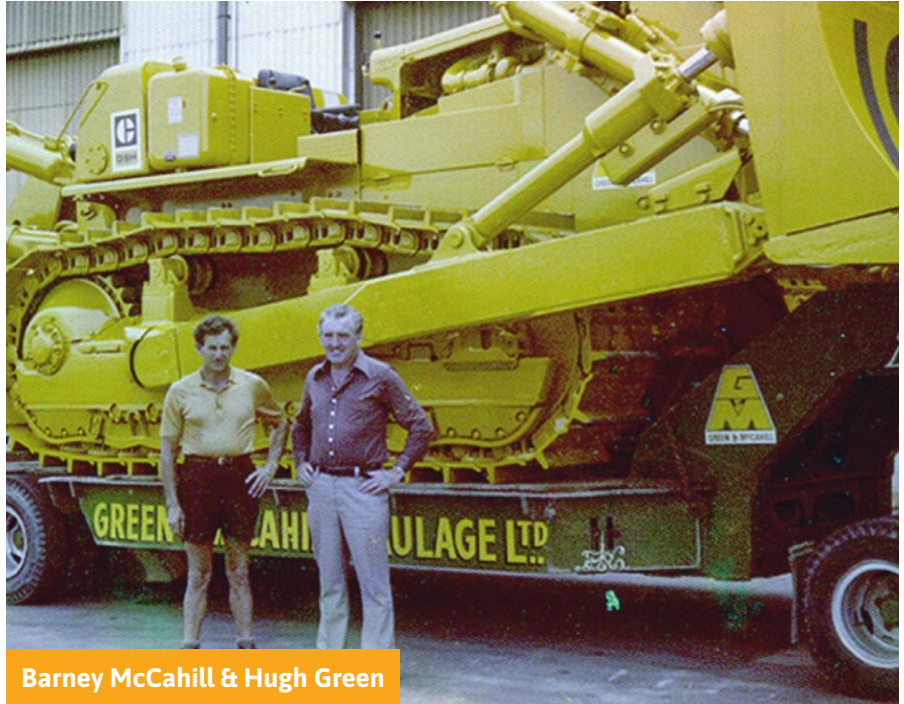
Eden Park is thrilled to be able to honour Dave Gallaher through the soil exchange as an Auckland Rugby man who went with his fellow Auckland rugby teammates to war. Many were never to return to the newly opened rugby ground that has now become woven into the fabric of New Zealand rugby success.

# Twizel Heritage Group

DONATION: \$50,000 / Twizel Heritage Machinery Display



Barney McCahill



Barney McCahill & Hugh Green

**Story supplied:** The Hugo Trust has assisted the Twizel Heritage Group with a donation of \$50,000 to renovate a D9G bulldozer for display at Twizel and add to a growing collection of machinery and equipment to create the largest outdoor display in New Zealand.

The donation enables Hugh Green and partner Barney McCahill's involvement with New Zealand's largest earthmoving project to be marked. The pair had started out earthmoving in 1960 on the Hamilton Arterial Route contract and purchased a D8 bulldozer and two scrapers.

In the mid 1960s they looked at major projects in the South Island, taking over a contract on the Haast Pass Road, and with it, the equipment and staff of Roadways New Zealand—a company which had cut its teeth on the Benmore Dam project. Between 1960 and 1970 the staff grew to 300 men.

The Upper Waitaki Power Development required the largest earthmoving fleet in the Southern Hemisphere during its construction between 1968 and 1984. Green and McCahill had 14 items of plant including 2 D9G bulldozers, and a spread of Terex S24 and Caterpillar scrapers working on roads, the Pukaki Dam and canals.



When the Upper Waitaki project wound down, Hugh and Barney obtained other large contracts, principally in the North Island, until 1987 when they moved away from earthmoving. Barney went into semi-retirement but Hugh carried on with the Hugh Green Group.

The D9G will be placed behind an S24 scraper, and other machinery funded by the Trust placed around the Heritage Precinct site.

# Te Awamutu Bible Chapel

DONATION: \$21,000 / Tamariki Tipu youth work initiative



Allysia Kraakman (Regional Coordinator for 24-7 YouthWork), Lyndon Frost (Pastor at Te Awamutu Bible Chapel), Sharon Griffiths (Principal at Te Awamutu Primary School), Meredith Stewart (Children & Families Coordinator at TA Bible Chapel)



**Story supplied:** Strong partnerships between school, whānau and community are necessary to foster wellbeing, resilience and belonging. With this in mind, youth worker Mr L, began at Te Awamutu Primary School in 2025, taking time initially to teach and play games with many students during break times.

Using sports and games as a vehicle to build relationships and to focus on skills such as taking turns, sportsmanship and resilience, he quickly became popular with the kids. The school then chose two boys for Mr L to work more closely with.

Taking them out of class to spend time one-on-one, Mr L supports them to engage with and complete schoolwork and they talk together. As a relationship-based model, the boys now know that they have someone in their corner; someone available several times per week to support them.

The gaps in their reading and maths are gradually being filled, and they know that after they have completed their hour of work with Mr L he will balance it with an hour of sports and games.

The classroom teachers who hold responsibility for these boys have noticed a lighter load and



less distraction for the whole class. The boys' caregivers are pleased and supportive of the input their sons are receiving at school.

The Deputy Principal has revealed that Mr L's input is directly linked with these boys remaining at school this year rather than being stood down.

Every child seen, valued and supported - Tamariki Tipu exists to empower tamariki to thrive, and thanks to Hugo Charitable Trust we have been able to start strong and make a difference already!

# Fairlie Museum

DONATION: \$20,000 / Museum renovations



Paul Gallagher, Brigid Fisher, Mark Owens, Maryanne Green and John Fisher at Fairlie Heritage Museum



**Story supplied:** Fairlie Mackenzie Heritage Museum Soc Inc. has been operating for many years, and are totally aware of the history and memorabilia that we have in our care. Our work is all voluntary and we have regular working bees to enhance and upgrade the keep of our beautiful old buildings and surrounds.

Over the last two years we have been fundraising to rebuild our front entrance and café. The current building is well past its use-by date and needs to be earthquake strengthened. Although it is old we are going to rebuild it in a manner that will take

us into the future - with a commercial kitchen, disabled access, mezzanine floor and retail area. This will be much more inviting! Hopefully this will entice many more visitors, tourists and school groups, plus visitors of all ages.

We are very grateful to the Hugo Charitable Trust for their generous donation, which has really boosted our funds no end! Their recent visit to our Museum highlighted the Trust and the work that it does and I think they all were surprised at what we have on show. We are very proud to be a recipient of their kindness.

# Tironui Music Trust, Auckland

DONATION: \$90,000 / Music scholarships



Moriyyah, Samaira and Patchara with their music scholarships



Samaira winning the Principal's award at Papatoetoe Central School with her violin tutor Veronica Dale

**Story supplied:** Tironui Music Trust is humbled and grateful for the support of the Hugo Charitable Trust, helping to nurture and support three young musicians to reach their potential and achieve their ambitions through music.

The Tironui Music Trust is dedicated to empowering young New Zealanders through the transformative power of music. We provide fully funded instrumental music programmes to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity, fostering diligence, confidence, and a lifelong love of music. Started by our founders Peter and Pam Hubscher, the Tironui programme has run for 18 years and supports students in Papatoetoe & Mt Wellington, South Auckland.

The generous donation of the Hugo Charitable Trust will support three talented and dedicated young musicians with the opportunity to develop their skills and reach their musical potential. The scholarships will provide individual tuition with a Tironui Music Trust tutor, access to higher level instruments, funding of external music exams, performance opportunities, mentoring opportunities with players from Auckland Philharmonia, and other chances to nurture our talented young musicians as they take their next steps on their musical journey.

Hugo Charitable Trust support will inspire increased ambition and love of music for these tamariki and their whānau. The three scholarship recipients are:

### **Patchara Khamphawa (violin)**

Patchara started learning the violin just over 2 years ago, and has made exceptional progress. He has already passed Grade 4 Violin, playing at a level equivalent to Year 12 – NCEA Level 2 at the end of primary school.

### **Samaira Ahmed (violin)**

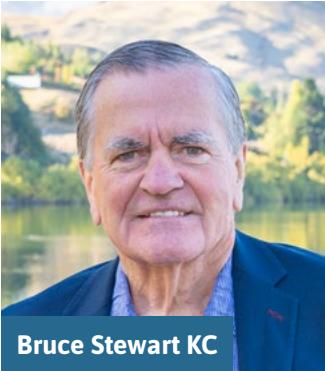
Having recently finished at Papatoetoe Central School, Samaira is a student who loves exploring the different sound world that the violin can create. She has made rapid progress on the violin, also reaching Grade 4 and is excited by the new opportunities the Hugo Charitable Trust Scholarship will bring.

### **Moriyyah Talamaivao-Tagaloamatua (viola)**

Music plays an important part in the family life of Moriyyah. She enjoys the expressive sound of the viola, and her determination to succeed will undoubtedly stand her in good stead as she takes her musicianship and playing to the next level through her scholarship.

# Dilworth School, Auckland

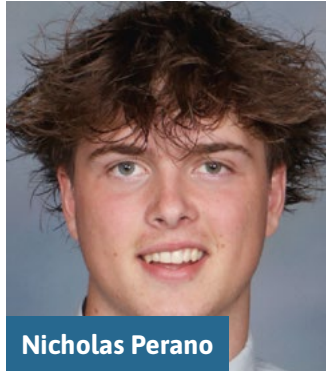
DONATION: \$70,000 / 3 Bruce Stewart KC tutorships



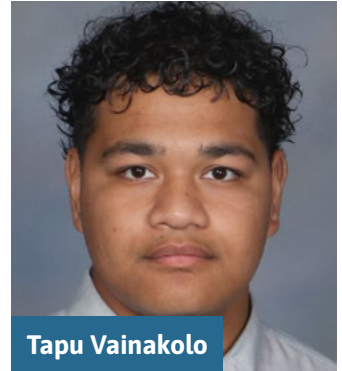
Bruce Stewart KC



Ifalame Lui



Nicholas Perano



Tapu Vainakolo

**Story supplied:** At a school tucked into the heart of Auckland, three young men are preparing to cross oceans, not just geographically, but personally. For Nicholas Perano, Ifalame Lui, and Uiekitapu (Tapu) Vainakolo, the Bruce Stewart KC Tutorships are more than a gap year. They're a rite of passage, a leap into the unknown, and a chance to give back.

Each year, Dilworth School selects three graduating students to spend a year as tutors at the Royal School of Dungannon (RSD) in Northern Ireland. It's a tradition rooted in the school's founding story. James Dilworth was himself educated at RSD before building a legacy of opportunity in New Zealand. Thanks to the Hugo Charitable Trust, this exchange continues to flourish, offering students a rare blend of cultural immersion, leadership development, and personal growth.

For Nicholas, the journey began at age 11, when he first stepped into Dilworth's boarding house. "I've been blessed with opportunities that challenged me and helped me grow," he says. Now Deputy Head Boy and Vice Captain of the 1st XV rugby team, Nicholas has learned the art of leading with purpose. "The overseas tutors I met early on made a lasting impact. I want to be that person for someone else."

Ifalame's story is one of quiet strength. Raised in a family that couldn't offer much materially, he found a second home at Dilworth. "This school gave me opportunities I never thought possible," he says. As Head of House and a Cultural Leader, he's learned to lift others up and lead with humility. He dreams of becoming a doctor, and sees the tutorship as a way to deepen his empathy and broaden his worldview. "Living overseas will

be challenging, but I'm ready. I want to serve, learn, and grow."

Tapu, too, has walked a long road. Born in Tonga and raised in New Zealand, he arrived at Dilworth in 2017 searching for a place to belong. He found it in leadership roles, cultural groups, and the rugby squad. "Dilworth nurtured me," he says. "Now I want to share my heritage and build genuine connections in Northern Ireland." Tapu leads a wellbeing class for younger students, teaching values and leadership. He sees the tutorship as a continuation of that mission, but on a global scale.

What unites these three young men is not just their achievements, but their heart. Each speaks with gratitude for the school that shaped them, for the mentors who guided them, and for the Hugo Charitable Trust that makes this journey possible. "It's not just about travel," Ifalame says. "It's about living out the values we've learned."

These tutorships are a bridge between past and future, New Zealand and Northern Ireland, tradition and transformation. They honour the legacy of Bruce Stewart KC, a distinguished Dilworth Old Boy, and reflect the enduring vision of Hugh Green and Maryanne Green: to uplift others, to give back, and to never forget where you came from.

As Nicholas, Ifalame, and Tapu prepare to board their flights, they carry more than luggage. They carry stories, hopes, and the quiet confidence that comes from knowing they are part of something bigger. Their journey is just beginning, but already, we feel it's a story worth telling.

# Wesley Intermediate School, Auckland

**DONATION: \$70,000 / New school van**



The new school van

**Story supplied:** Wesley Intermediate School is celebrating the incredibly generous donation of a brand new school van from the Hugo Charitable Trust. The gift comes at the perfect time. Our previous van had reached the end of its life and was no longer safe or reliable, which placed real limits on our ability to get ākonga out into

the community for sport, education outside the classroom and local learning experiences.

Tumuaki Rachel Ward-McCarten says the impact will be immediate. “Our ākonga thrive when they can get out and experience the wider world. This van means more opportunities to take part in sport, support local events and participate fully in the rich learning we offer here at Wesley. We are deeply grateful to the Hugo Charitable Trust for this incredible koha. Their generosity will make a genuine difference to our learners and our community.”

The Hugo Charitable Trust supports initiatives that increase wellbeing, strengthen communities and remove barriers for tamariki. Their donation ensures that Wesley Intermediate can continue providing experiences that help ākonga belong, learn and thrive.

“Our school whānau is absolutely thrilled,” says Ward-McCarten. “It is heart-warming to see organisations investing in our rangatahi and believing in their potential.”

# Pauwels Flying Scholarship

**DONATION: \$10,000 / 1 flying scholarship**

Dear Maryanne and the Trustees of the Hugo Charitable Trust, I am writing to express my heartfelt thanks for your generous donation towards my flight training. Your support means a lot to my Mum and I as the financial hardship was a factor which held a burden over my studies.

According to my family, I first dreamed of flying when I was about three years old, though I became truly aware of that dream around the age of ten. Becoming a pilot has always been my dream. The idea that such a large aircraft can lift into the sky has fascinated me for as long as I can remember, and your donation brings me one step closer to making that lifelong dream a reality.

Please know how grateful I am. Your contribution will make a real difference, and I assure you the



Carly Sherriff with Air Milford CEO Hank Sproull

funds will be put towards a good cause. I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

**Kind regards, Carly Sherriff**

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# Pauwels Flying Scholarship

**DONATION: \$10,000 / 1 flying scholarship**



Carly Sherriff

**Story supplied:** Carly Sherriff is a Queenstown gal – a local lass for The Hugo Charitable Trust. Born, raised and educated in Queenstown, Carly is well regarded by the locals she has worked for over the last five years, as she raised money to fund her dream to become an airline pilot.

Many people equate Queenstown with millionaires and consider the town to be Dollars Central. But Queenstown functions as well as it does by the myriad of normal everyday families who live and work there – and wealth is far from their plate. Like the rest of us, they do their best to get by; and Carly's family is no different.

But Carly, herself, is different. We see Carly in our own selves, here at the Pauwels Flying Scholarship. She confesses to being a person who, when she spots a plane in the sky, stops everything to watch it pass overhead - working out what it is and where it's going and where it's come from. We feel it takes a special type of aviator to be so in love with flying that your world temporarily stops spinning as a plane flies overhead.

Carly is someone who lives life in vivid colour. Her multiple character references all talk about

a bubbly and helpful personality. Knowing that she doesn't come from a monied background like some of her Queenstown peers, Carly has been working hard for the last five years both in part time and, latterly, full time work to support herself and raise funds for her training.

And speaking of school, across her three senior years at Wakatipu High she received 18 awards and commendations for both academic and sporting prowess.

Carly discovered her passion for flight when she was only 10 years old, though her parents say she was quite enamoured with the concept of aviation from the age of three. She is fortunate to live in a town with a strong aviation influence, with the local economy heavily reliant on the aviation industry.

A family friend introduced her to flight and paid for a trial flight; then followed up with a flight simulator experience. She was hooked. In 2022 she won the Lewis Day Scholarship (\$3,000), awarded by Brian Day from Napier to help towards her training costs.

She began volunteering at Air Milford when she was 15 years old so she could be in the aviation environment. This became paid part time work in 2023 as a Flight Co-ordinator. The company were so impressed with her work ethic and ability to do the job, she was offered full time employment in the role last summer and worked there until she had to resign late in June to prepare for her move to Christchurch to train to be a pilot.

Today, Carly is currently in training to become an airline pilot at the International Aviation Academy of New Zealand. Having been selected as a short finalist for the Pauwels Flying Scholarship Special Award, Carly had to undergo a rigorous multi step assessment programme. She passed all steps and became the 16th winner of Special Award. Carly's \$10,000 Scholarship is generously sponsored by the Hugo Charitable Trust.

Carly, and ourselves, here at Pauwels Flying Scholarship, thank the Hugo Charitable Trust for their ongoing support of the Special Awards.

# Cherish & Travis Barrett, Christchurch

**DONATION: \$25,000 / Scholarship & Family Support**

**Story supplied:** My name is Cherish Barrett and my husband is Travis. Our story is one of many families who have had to walk the exact same road we did. We were both born and raised in the religious community at Gloriavale. At 21, Travis at 17; were one of many arranged marriages, but we learned to love each other despite the differences, and ours turned into a love story, which isn't the case for many of Gloriavale's arranged marriages.

I grew up on my own with my mother. When I was older, I found out I had a dad and five other siblings who lived out of Gloriavale, but I was never allowed to meet them or have anything to do with them.

Despite the hardships, trauma and abuse we both faced, God blessed us with six beautiful children who mean the world to us. As a mother who was abused in Gloriavale I was determined I was going to protect my children at all costs. After seeing that so many little children at Gloriavale were getting abused, we would lie in bed at night discussing ways to keep ours safe, terrified it was going to one day be ours.

I started having a lot of health issues, so Travis had to decide fast; was he going to sit back and watch his children lose their mother, or did they need to get out of Gloriavale. That decision alone was terrifying, to leave with no money, six kids and a wife. Never having a credit card or even knowing how one works, never having lived or rented a house, it was mind blowing and a huge cultural shock. What other choice did we have?

We took the step and looking back now, it is the hardest road we have ever walked and would never want to walk again. For the last two years we have worked hard trying to provide for our six kids, having nothing when we left and trying to start raising six kids on nothing was hard. But we still have a strong faith in God, and he has never left our side.

I had a huge desire to help people after being abused and treated terribly my whole childhood, I never wanted to see anyone experience pain or hardship without a friend by their side or someone



**Aoibheann Monaghan, Travis and Cherish Barrett and Maryanne Green**

lending a shoulder to cry on. I decided I wanted to be a Doula, I wanted to support women through one of life's biggest journeys, motherhood.

I never wanted a mother to experience what I did through my pregnancy/birthing journey at Gloriavale, but we decided it was a dream we would have to put on the shelf for now. But one day a miracle happened, Hugo Charitable Trust came to our doorstep because they had heard stories about Gloriavale families needing help. They were so kind, loving and took the time to listen to our deepest hurts and pain. They offered me a scholarship to become a Doula, my husband and I were speechless.

After they left, I said to him, "pinch me, I can't believe that just happened, this is going to change our family's life", and we broke down into tears, overwhelmed by that gift - now we could provide a life for our kids.

Thank you, Hugo,

**Cherish and Travis Barrett**

# Sacred Heart College – Alimaifiti Ono

**DONATION: \$5,000 / University Scholarship**



Alimaifiti Ono in 2018 and in 2025

**Hugo:** *It has been a pleasure for everyone at the Hugo Charitable Trust to watch Ali grow and develop into the impressive young man now heading off to university. We first met Ali in 2018, when he was awarded a scholarship for Years 7–13 at Sacred Heart College, and have been delighted to see him flourish throughout his time there. We are excited to see how this next chapter unfolds for Ali, and Hugo is pleased to award him a university scholarship. I am sure you will enjoy reading Ali's letter below. **Story supplied:***

Alas, my education at one of Auckland's prestigious colleges comes to a close. I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to the Hugo Charitable Trust for all they have done for me over these 7 years. During my time at the College, I have made lifelong memories, lifetime friendships and most importantly made a forever lasting connection with my faith. My experience at the College has been one I will never forget, and I will forever be grateful for what Hugo has done for my family and I.

Growing up in one of Auckland's lowest decile communities, I never knew that I would be where I am today. Coming from a school in Otara where resources for a well-set future are scarce, I was fortunate enough to be selected as a recipient of the scholarship through Sistema Aotearoa. From being awarded the scholarship I knew that whatever the future held ahead of me, I was ready to make the most of every bit of this opportunity.

Walking through the gates with my socks yay high I always wondered if I would find my place in such a society as that of Sacred Heart College. Slowly but surely, I managed to navigate my way through

what lay behind the gates of the College.

Finding my place in such a society that I was not used to, I was encouraged to make the most of my time from day one of 2019 all the way to my last day of 2025 as a year 13 student. The education I have received from the beginning has been nothing short of perfection. Staff go beyond class time to answer questions, to mark work and to make sure that I am able to execute examinations when the time comes and for that I am forever grateful.

In my first letter to the Hugo Charitable Trust it reads - 'It would be amazing if I could continue my music and be part of an orchestra when I am older'. Although the Orchestra ended in 2021, I did manage to continue my cello playing and still do to this day. Alongside solo playing, I also met two other musicians which made up my chamber music trio - Triosica. Triosica has won multiple school music competitions and performed at many events here at the College as well as making it to the Northern-regional finals of the New Zealand Chamber Competition.

Next year I hope to continue playing cello and will hold music close to my heart for eternity. My love for music wouldn't be where it is today if I was not given the opportunity to attend such a College with such a well-grounded music department.

Another thing to mention; my first letter of 2018 to the Hugo Charitable Trust reads - 'now I am a year six I hope to be a leader in the Samoan group'. This year I was made the Samoan Cultural Prefect of 2025 and my role in the Samoan Group of 2025 was to make sure everyone else was doing their part. Music has always been within me and this year I had the privilege of working with the Samoan mentors to teach and arrange the singing of the group for the annual ASB Polyfest competition. No matter what I do nor where I am, music will always be there.

Now, as my college time comes to an end, I reflect on my time at Sacred Heart College and come to terms that I have taken every opportunity, and I have not wasted a single moment.

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# Sacred Heart College – Alimaifiti Ono

**DONATION: \$5,000 / University Scholarship**

Music related or not, I gave everything a go because I knew that I only had one shot of College and this shot was a once in a lifetime shot, I did not want to miss nor fail to fulfil. Legacy is one of those things many people talk about leaving when they leave a school, however legacy is not what I care about but rather what I will do to give back to those who helped me live that legacy, especially Hugo Charitable Trust.

I absorbed every single moment at the College whether it was good or bad because I will never be able to relive those years again. These 7 years have not

been an easy ride, but it sure has been a fun one filled with joy. I hope to give back to my community of South Auckland, more specifically Otara as a way of showing that I really did make the most of my time at the College making sure to do good in return for what I have been blessed with. I am a big believer in 'passing it on' and for that, I will give back to make up for what was given to me. I sure will never forget what the Hugo Charitable Trust has done for me and my family and I am forever thankful for this opportunity of a lifetime.

**Alimaifiti Ono**



Alimaifiti Ono when we first met him in 2018

# Amelia Hitchcock, Auckland

**DONATION: \$5,000 / NZ soccer team trip sponsorship**

**Hugo:** *Amelia Hitchcock is the current recipient of a scholarship at Baradene College, donated by Hugo.*

**Story supplied:** Amelia has been playing football, since she was 3 years old. It started out in the backyard, playing with her 3 brothers, and now, 13 years later - she is representing her country.

Last year, Amelia played for New Zealand, (and was captain of the team) in Samoa, for the OFC qualifiers championship, which the team won, qualifying them for the U17 World Cup, held in Morocco, in October, this year. It is an exciting year ahead for Amelia, with many opportunities. Some opportunities are funded by New Zealand Football, but most aren't.

We are so grateful for the support of Amelia, from The Hugo Charitable Trust, which will contribute towards her getting to Thailand in April, for a NZ secondary schools U19 international World Cup. Our family has significant health challenges, with a child who is frequently in Starship due to life



Amelia Hitchcock shown holding trophy

threatening lung disease, and I (Amelia's mum) am on the list for a double lung transplant, so facing months in hospital, myself. This puts incredible financial strain on our family, and so, affording such opportunities, is limited, at best.

We are endlessly grateful to Hugo, for contributing to Amelia's football journey and enabling these opportunities for her. All our love and gratitude to all at Hugo!

# Baradene College – Carolyn Fangupo

**DONATION: \$5,000 / University Scholarship**

**Hugo:** Carolyn is one of our very first scholarship recipients to complete her entire schooling journey with Hugo’s support, and we are incredibly proud of her achievements. We were thrilled to learn that she has chosen to pursue a degree in Midwifery, and the Hugo Charitable Trust is delighted to continue supporting her as she takes this exciting next step in her education.

**Story supplied:** To the Trustees of the Hugo Charitable Trust, I would like to sincerely give the Hugo Charitable Trust Scholarship a thank you. My schooling and personal development have been impacted greatly from your generosity and the opportunities it has given me.

The Hugo Scholarship has meant much more than financial support. It has given me confidence to gain skills, inspired me to work hard and has given me a sense of being valued. My family also benefited greatly from it, as it helped my mother with some of the financial strain she has faced due to the passing of my dad when I was 7. We are truly grateful for your support.

Baradene College has helped me to become the person I am today. Baradene’s Focus Goals, which include building community, a personal and active faith in God, a social awareness that impels to action and a deep respect for intellectual values, have taught me to act with compassion, resilience, honesty, to put my trust in God, become more independent as a person, and develop leadership skills.

I am grateful to the teachers at Baradene who have helped me discover my potential and widen my aspirations. Baradene has helped me discover what kind of person I want to be in the future.

Next year I want to study to become a midwife at Auckland University of Technology (AUT). I am passionate about working in an area where I am able to help individuals, because helping other individuals gives me a sense of purpose. Being able to help someone who is in a vulnerable or important moment encourages me and reinforces why I would like to study midwifery.



Scholarship recipient - Carolyn Fangupo



Baradene College, Auckland

I want to use the knowledge and values I have gained at Baradene to help others, with compassion and dedication. I am excited to begin this new chapter of life and use the principles Baradene has taught me.

Once again, I appreciate the support that the Hugo Charitable Trust has given to me. It has been a great honour to be the recipient of a Hugo Charitable Trust Scholarship.

Yours sincerely,  
**Carolyn Fangupo**

# Leia Bentley, Hamilton

**DONATION: \$5,000 / Music scholarship**



Scholarship recipient - Leia Bentley



Leia Bentley and Broadway star Natalie Weiss

**Story supplied:** I am a 15-year-old musical theatre performer and vocalist. Since the age of 11, I have been committed to vocal and performance training, and nothing brings me more joy—both to my face and to my heart—than performing. It is my passion and what I plan to dedicate my life to. I had the incredible privilege of attending a masterclass and workshop with Broadway star Natalie Weiss, all the way from New York, presented by Little Joke Productions. I was fortunate enough to meet her and sing in front of her, and shortly after, I was one

of only two participants chosen to open for her in concert—an experience I worked very hard for and will never forget. While performing, the Hugo Charitable Trust noticed me in the audience and acknowledged my performance, offering me an amazing scholarship. I am deeply grateful, as this will support my weekly vocal and performance lessons and contribute to a sponsorship for the new musical I am in. I feel extremely lucky to receive support toward something I am endlessly passionate about.

# Zoe Parr, New Plymouth

**DONATION: \$5,000 / International ski racing programme sponsorship**

**Story supplied:** My name is Zoe Parr, I am 19 and currently self-funding a gap year from Canterbury University to compete in International Alpine Ski Racing in Canada and New Zealand. I live in New Plymouth and have been part of the Queenstown Alpine Ski team for the last 6 years and have hosted multiple international athletes for the team, sharing our culture.

At the 2025 New Zealand National Championships I podiumed with 3rd in Slalom and hope to have a similar success in Canada where I have the opportunity to compete in speed events that are not available in New Zealand. I am the only female Kiwi competing in Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G and Downhill races in Canada. At a recent downhill race in Kimberley, British Columbia I finished 5th and 4th, just 0.07 seconds off 3rd place. With my ongoing training I am looking to improve on this result over the next three months.



Zoe Parr competing

I am very grateful to the Hugo Charitable Trust for their generous donation and support which has allowed me to continue racing and focus on achieving my goals. Thank you Hugo, your gift is truly appreciated.



# TOTAL DONATIONS 2025-2026

Ronan Piper (Hugh's great-grandson)  
and friend of Hugo, Raymond Dufton  
at the Hugo House

# TOTAL DONATIONS 2025-2026



Access To Adventure



BrainTree Wellness Centre, Christchurch

CHARITY	PURPOSE	DONATION
Abilities Group, Auckland	New collection truck	\$134,000
Access To Adventure, Northland and Auckland	New accessible bathroom for Northland's first fully accessible fishing boat	\$10,000
Alimaifiti Ono, Auckland	University Scholarship - Past Hugo scholarship recipient at Sacred Heart College	\$5,000
Altus Pacific Aid	Shipping of disability equipment to Samoa and Tonga	\$5,000
Alzheimers NZ, Marlborough	Referred Charity	\$5,000
Amber Nyhon, Alexandra	Breast cancer	\$10,000
Amelia Hitchcock, Auckland	NZ Soccer Team trip	\$5,000
Amelia Turner, Hamilton	Multiple abdominal vascular compressions	\$20,000
Baskets of Blessing, Queenstown	Referred Charity - Food packages for people struggling	\$6,500
BrainTree Wellness Centre, Christchurch	Referred Charity - Supports people living with neurological conditions	\$10,000
Breast Cancer Foundation	Referred Charity	\$2,000
Briar Dawson, Clinton - South Otago	23 year old with stage 4 colon cancer	\$5,000
Buller Budget Advisory Service, Westport	Support and education on budgeting and reducing debt	\$5,000
Bush Creek Ice Rink, Arrowtown	Referred Charity	\$2,500
Callum Flett, Dunedin	New Wheelchair accessible van	\$96,500
Cancer Society Southern, Christchurch	\$400k Hugo Lounge - \$15k Referred Charity	\$415,000
Cancer Society Southern, Otago and Southland	Invercargill Fundraising Ball	\$17,500



CHARITY	PURPOSE	DONATION
Carolyn Fangupo, Auckland	University Scholarship - Past Hugo scholarship recipient at Baradene College	\$5,000
Catholic Women's League, Hamilton	Catholic Women's League National Conference	\$5,000
Catholic Women's League, Te Awamutu	Greatest needs in the Te Awamutu community	\$20,000
CCS Disability Action, Arrowtown	Swing for holiday home (Gilmore Lodge) for people with disabilities	\$1,200
Champion Centre, Christchurch	Early Intervention Educator's 21 Chromebooks	\$7,500
Cherish and Travis Barrett, Christchurch	Gloriavale Leavers - Scholarship for birth doula course and family support	\$25,000
Child Cancer Foundation	Referred Charity	\$5,000
Chris Ruth Centre, Christchurch	1 new minibus and 2 new wheelchair vans	\$210,000
Cleft Of The Rock Trust, Te Awamutu	Referred Charity - Food Rescue	\$2,500
Coastguard Queenstown	Referred Charity - Rick Murrell RIP	\$10,000
Crux News, Queenstown	Queenstown Mayoral Debate	\$10,000
Cure Kids	Referred Charity	\$20,000
Cystic Fibrosis NZ	Referred Charity	\$2,500
De Paul House, Auckland	Referred Charity - Housing and family support	\$3,000
Dementia New Zealand	Referred Charity	\$5,000
Dilworth School, Auckland	3 Bruce Stewart KC Tutorships	\$70,000
Disabled Citizens Society, Auckland	Second hand truck for workshop that employs people with disabilities	\$36,000
End of Life Doula Alliance NZ	Support through the end of life experience	\$10,000
Epilepsy NZ	Referred Charity	\$5,000
Evolve Wellington Youth Service	Youth Support service	\$5,000



Friends of Rotoiti, Nelson



Full Bellies, Christchurch

CHARITY	PURPOSE	DONATION
Fairlie Museum Trust	Referred Charity - Museum renovations	\$20,000
Fairlie Volunteer Fire Brigade	Referred Charity	\$2,500
First Foundation	Referred Charity - University scholarships	\$5,000
Friends of Rotoiti, Nelson	Referred Charity - Conservation & pest control in Nelson Lakes National Park	\$10,000
From the Field to the Front	Dave Gallaher Documentary & Eden Park Memorial	\$100,000
Full Bellies, Christchurch	Referred Charity - Provide children in need with nutritional food delivered into schools	\$15,000
Give a Kid a Blanket Trust, Auckland	Providing kids in need with support	\$5,000
Glen Innes Food Bank	Referred Charity	\$5,000
Happiness House, Queenstown	Referred Charity - Community support centre	\$6,000
Hearts4Kids Trust	NZ volunteer medical team performing life saving surgery in Fiji	\$5,000
Hei Whakapiki Mauri, Christchurch	Referred Charity - Supporting Māori people with disabilities and their families	\$10,000
Hollyford Conservation Trust	Stage 3 Kaipo Trapping Project	\$80,000
Hospice - Queenstown	Referred Charity - Grief support for children	\$10,000
Hospice - Tōtara Hospice, South Auckland	Hugo Living Well Suite & Hugo Community Learning Centre	\$400,000
Hugo Donaldson, Auckland	11-year-old with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma	\$20,000
Indie Todd, Timaru	3-year-old with ETMR - Embryonal tumour with multilayered rosettes (brain cancer)	\$5,000
Janie Bennett RIP, Rotorua	15-year-old with bone cancer	\$2,000
Jonah-Lui Lilo, Millers Flat, Otago	Xia-Gibbs syndrome	\$4,500
Justin McMillan, Ashburton	Referred Charity - Motor Neurone Disease	\$5,000
Kelan's Gift, Central Otago	Street Smart defensive driving programmes for youth in Central Otago	\$10,000



Kids with Arthritis NZ



Lakes District Air Rescue Trust

CHARITY	PURPOSE	DONATION
<b>Kenzie's Gift</b>	Therapy for young people experiencing grief	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>Kids with Arthritis NZ</b>	Christmas parties in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Kio Kio School, Otorohanga</b>	Structured Literacy Programme	<b>\$9,500</b>
<b>Ko Wai Au Trust, Te Awamutu</b>	Referred Charity - Empower young people to strive for a better future	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Lakes District Air Rescue Trust</b>	Referred Charity - Supports Helicopter air ambulance services and search and rescue	<b>\$10,500</b>
<b>Leia Bentley, Hamilton</b>	Music scholarship	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Life Education Trust, Otago &amp; Southland</b>	Referred Charity - Health and wellbeing for young people	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Lifewise, Auckland</b>	Big Sleepout fundraiser - Sarah Trotman participant	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Lincoln Rotary Club</b>	Referred Charity - Greatest needs in the Lincoln community	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Little Sisters of the Poor, Dunedin</b>	Independent living units for elderly living in poverty	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Living Options, Arrowtown</b>	New 8-seater vehicle	<b>\$53,000</b>
<b>Make a Wish Foundation</b>	Referred Charity - Creates wishes for Kiwi children with critical illnesses	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Marcia Collier, Auckland</b>	Respiratory failure and Cerebellum Degeneration	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Marist College, Mount Albert - Auckland</b>	Marist Primary & Marist College Golf Fundraiser	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Marist Primary School, Mount Albert - Auckland</b>	New playground for school and community	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>Mary Valintine, Whangarei</b>	Brain Cancer	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Merton Park Playground, Queenstown</b>	Referred Charity	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Mint Charitable Trust, Wanaka</b>	Camp for people with disabilities	<b>\$14,000</b>
<b>Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust, Christchurch</b>	Mobility Dog for Leigh Montford	<b>\$10,000</b>



CHARITY	PURPOSE	DONATION
Motor Neurone Disease NZ	Referred Charity	\$9,000
New Zealand Spinal Trust	Peer and whānau support programme	\$100,000
North Canterbury Rural Support Trust	Referred Charity	\$5,000
North Shore Bridge Club	Defibrillator	\$3,700
Nurturing Families, Auckland & Taranaki	Milford Foundation Christmas Appeal	\$5,000
NZSAS Trust	New playground at Papakura Military Camp - Early Learning Centre	\$250,000
Orange Sky Laundry, Tauranga	New Tauranga laundry pod	\$30,000
Otago Rescue Helicopter Trust	Referred Charity	\$2,500
Parafed Canterbury	3 shooting tables to allow wheelchair users to compete in target shooting	\$12,500
Parafed Otago	Sponsorship of 8 athletes to compete in Halberg Games 2025	\$9,500
Parafed Waikato	Adaptive boxing sessions for people with disabilities	\$4,000
Pauwels Flying Scholarship Trust	1 Flying scholarship	\$10,000
Pet Refuge, Auckland	Milford Foundation Christmas Appeal	\$5,000
Peter Ottley, Kingston	PTSD - Queenstown volunteer firefighter	\$10,000
Pillars	Milford Foundation Christmas Appeal	\$5,000
Queenstown Lakes Baby Box	Referred Charity - Baby Box Bag to any new-born in the Queenstown Lakes District	\$7,000
RAD Community Trust, Wanaka	Referred Charity - Skate school	\$10,000
Recreate NZ	Referred Charity - Providing experiences for young people with disabilities	\$10,000
Reel Recovery NZ	Referred Charity - Free fly-fishing retreats for men living with cancer	\$5,000
Ronald McDonald House	Referred Charity - Accommodation and support for families with a hospitalised child	\$25,000



Sailability Wellington



Surfers Healing NZ

CHARITY	PURPOSE	DONATION
Rosmini College, Auckland	School fundraiser	\$5,000
Sailability Wellington	New accessible boats	\$20,000
Sisters of Compassion, Wellington	Referred Charity - Compassion Soup Kitchen	\$3,000
So They Can	Referred Charity - Empowering African communities through education	\$5,000
Southern Lakes Sanctuary Trust	Referred Charity - Protecting nature in the Southern Lakes	\$6,750
Special Friends Sports Trust, Canterbury	Sports mentoring for children at risk or in care	\$10,000
St George's Cancer Institute, Christchurch	Surface Guided Radiation Therapy Equipment	\$615,000
St Mary's Catholic Church, Tairua - Coromandel	Referred Charity - Car park maintenance	\$10,000
St Peter's Catholic Church, Wairoa - Hawkes Bay	Referred Charity - Church maintenance and repairs	\$10,000
St Vincent de Paul - Auckland North (Takapuna)	Referred Charity	\$3,000
St Vincent de Paul - Auckland South	Referred Charity	\$4,000
Surfers Healing NZ	Surfing camps in Waipu Cove and Mount Maunganui for young people with autism	\$10,000
Tamariki Tipu, Te Awamutu	Youth Work initiative	\$21,000
Teddy Foundation, Queenstown	Referred Charity - Supporting rural parents and families	\$2,500
Tironui Music Trust, Auckland	Referred Charity - Music lessons for children of all skill levels	\$90,000
Tri-Star Gymnastics Club, Auckland	Diverse-ability gymnastics programme for people with disabilities	\$5,000
Turn Up The Music Trust, Queenstown	Referred Charity - Music lessons for children of all skill levels	\$2,500



Waiheke Health Trust



Wakatipu Search and Rescue

CHARITY	PURPOSE	DONATION
Twizel Heritage Group	Twizel Heritage Machinery Display	\$50,000
Waiheke Health Trust	Referred Charity - Community healthcare	\$10,000
Wakatipu High School Foundation - Awhina Fund	Referred Charity - Support fund to ensure students face no financial barriers	\$10,000
Wakatipu Search and Rescue	Referred Charity	\$9,750
Wesley Intermediate School, Auckland	New school van	\$70,000
Whakatipu Wildlife Trust	Referred Charity	\$5,000
Women's Refuge, Palmerston North	Referred Charity	\$10,000
Women's Refuge, Wellington	Referred Charity	\$10,000
Zoe Parr, New Plymouth	International Ski Racing programme	\$5,000



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- Motor Neurone Disease NZ
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- Ronald McDonald House Charities

## **Mark Simpson & Jacqui Holt**

- Hospice - Queenstown
- Turn Up The Music
- Arrowtown Community Ice Rink

## **McCulloch & Partners, Queenstown**

- Breast Cancer Foundation
- Lakes District Air Rescue Trust
- Motor Neurone Disease NZ

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- Compassion Soup Kitchen, Wellington
- Wakatipu Search and Rescue Team

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- End of Life Doula Alliance of Aotearoa

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The Hugo Trustees are sincerely grateful to Maryanne and Alice, and to the Trustees of the Hugh Green Family Trust, for this exceptional support. It has enabled Hugo to operate without drawing on its own funds for administration, ensuring that all income earned has been either distributed to

charitable causes or retained to strengthen the Trust's capital base.

The Trustees also acknowledge, with appreciation, the Hugh Green Family Trust's ongoing generosity and continued support provided through donations.

From 1 April 2026, Hugo will meet its own operating costs – an important milestone made possible by this sustained support.



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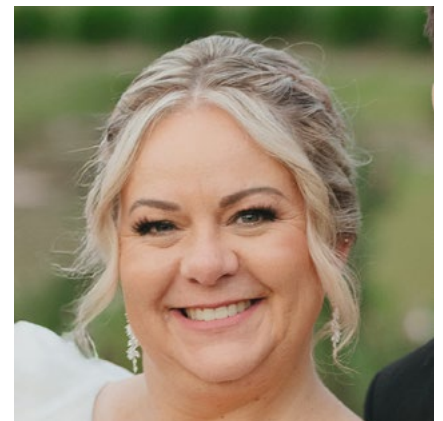
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Hugo Bridge opening, Glenorchy

Hugo is in the fortunate position of having a strong capital base. Investment returns support our charitable giving and from 1 April 2026, will also fully cover Hugo's operating costs. This means that Hugo does not have to raise money from the public. While we do not actively seek donations from the public, we have had some interest regarding donations to Hugo, so have provided the Hugo Charitable Trust's bank account:

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If you would like to make a donation please email [aveen@hugocharitabletrust.nz](mailto:aveen@hugocharitabletrust.nz) and she will be able to assist you.

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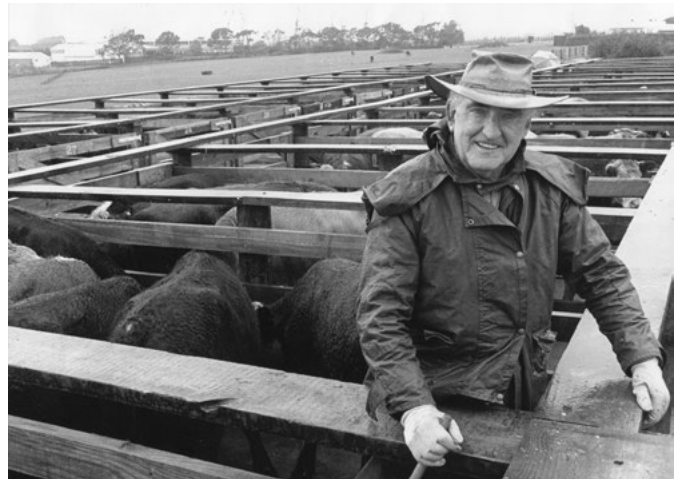
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HUGH GREEN (1931-2012)

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# New laundry pod opens for Tauranga's homeless

NZ Herald / June 2025 / By Tom Eley

Orange Sky senior impact manager Kat Doughty shows launch attendees the new laundry pod at Under the Stars. Photo / Claire Elizabeth Photography NZ

A permanent laundry pod has opened in central Tauranga, offering those experiencing homelessness and hardship a place to wash clothes, have a shower, and connect with others, all free of charge.

Orange Sky Aotearoa, a not-for-profit organisation known for its distinctive orange vans, has partnered with Tauranga-based charity Under the Stars to install the new laundry facility at the Cliff Rd community hall.

The pod will operate during Under the Stars' regular meal services on Thursdays and Saturdays, providing guests with access to laundry, hot showers, towels, toiletries, clean clothing, and haircuts, alongside a warm meal.

The Tauranga pod is Orange Sky's third permanent facility and sixth service nationwide.

It was made possible by a \$30,000 donation from the Hugo Charitable Trust and additional support from the Awhero Nui Charitable Trust.

Orange Sky senior impact manager Kat Doughty said the pod would help address a real need in Tauranga.

"Tauranga has one of the highest rates of housing deprivation in Aotearoa. We've heard clearly from the community that access to clean clothes and connection is a real need," she said.

"Launching this laundry pod is about responding to that



need with manaaki [kindness] and dignity, and backing the incredible kaupapa already being led by local organisations."

Under the Stars provided healthy, home-cooked meals to more than 100 people each week. Its strategic partnership and funding manager Ani Stace played a key role in bringing Orange Sky to the city.

"We've talked about the possibility of a permanent laundry facility at Under the Stars for years, so having Orange Sky offer this on-site now is truly magical," Stace said.

"I used the service myself during the COVID-19 lockdowns when I lived in a remote community. The experience really stuck with me."

The initiative comes as Tauranga grapples with high levels of housing deprivation.

According to Tauranga City Council data, around 4300 people – 2.8% of the population – experienced homelessness in some form. In the wider Bay of Plenty, the figure rose to 5.7%.

Doughty said services like

Orange Sky provided more than just clean clothes.

"Sometimes, it's not about the washing – it's about the kōrero. When someone feels listened to and welcomed without judgment, that moment of connection can shift a whole day."

The organisation, which operates in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch, and Hawke's Bay, has completed more than 31,500 loads of laundry, provided nearly 15,000 showers, and spent over 46,500 hours engaging in meaningful conversations with people who are doing it tough.

Orange Sky aimed to expand its services in the Bay of Plenty by introducing a hybrid laundry and shower van, enabling it to reach more remote or underserved communities.

To sustain and grow the Tauranga pod, Orange Sky is seeking public support through donations, volunteering, and raising awareness of its work. More information is available on its website.

# A fairytale ending after a challenging chapter for the Chris Ruth Centre Trust

NZ Herald / June 2025 / By Tom Eley



Maryanne Green, Aoibheann Monaghan, Amy Pawson (Fundraising Manager, Chris Ruth Centre), Marilyn Paston (CEO, Chris Ruth Centre), Kathryn Roberts, Mark Owens and Phillipah Muyani (Executive Leader of Sockburn)

What began as an exceptionally difficult period for The Chris Ruth Centre Trust has found a heartwarming and hopeful conclusion.

After the devastating theft of five mobility vans in just seven months during 2023, the organisation is celebrating a major boost—thanks to the incredible generosity of the Hugo Charitable Trust, which has donated three brand-new vans.

The Chris Ruth Centre, which supports adults with complex physical and intellectual disabilities across seven centres in Christchurch, one in Kaiapoi, and another in Ashburton, was left reeling from the loss.

The thefts severely limited their ability to provide essential community access and engagement for those they support. While the Trust managed to replace the stolen

vans with second-hand vehicles, they faced a funding shortfall of around \$30,000—money that could have been spent enhancing services.

Now, thanks to the support from Hugo Charitable Trust, the Chris Ruth Centre has welcomed a 12-seater minivan, and one of two wheelchair-accessible vans, the third currently being sourced for the Trust. This is a timely gift that restores not just transportation, but also dignity, inclusion, and joy.

“The arrival of these new vans is a mana-enhancing moment for the people we support,” said Marilyn Paston, CEO of The Chris Ruth Centre Trust.

“As a charitable organisation, we’ve never had the means to purchase brand-new vehicles. This is a dream come true.”

The Hugo Charitable Trust,

founded in 2017 by Maryanne Green to carry on the legacy of her father Hugh Green, has become a powerful force in New Zealand’s charitable sector. With over \$85 million in capital and more than \$19 million in donations distributed to date, the Trust continues to make tangible, lasting differences in communities across the country.

The Chris Ruth Centre Trust extends its deepest thanks to the Hugo Charitable Trust for their life-changing support—not just for the donation of the vans, but for believing in the power of inclusion and mobility.

“This truly is a fairytale ending,” said Paston. “And we’re so grateful to be part of the Hugo Charitable Trust’s story of generosity.”

# New Buckler Burn bridge opens in Glenorchy

Otago Daily Times / August 2025 / By Tracey Roxburgh



Mark Owens, Aoibheann Monaghan, Sharon Aitken and Glenorchy Trails Trust chairman Steve Hewland



A five-year project in Glenorchy has finally been completed.

On Saturday a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the new 48m-long Buckler Burn Hugo Bridge, which is part of the Buckler Burn Trail, connecting the township to the Whakaari Conservation Area.

Hugo Charitable Trust granted \$175,000 towards the suspension bridge, which provides safer passage over the Buckler Burn, with other funding from NZ Lotteries, Central Lakes Trust, Community Trust South, Alexander McMillan Trust,

Glenorchy Community Trust, the Queenstown Lakes District Council and individual donors.

Trails trust chairman Steve Hewland said the trail design was done by Southern Civil, M3 Contracting handled construction and the bridge was built by Abseil Access — combined, the project reflected Glenorchy’s values of resilience, sustainability and manaakitanga.

Interpretive panels, developed in collaboration with the Glenorchy Museum and Kat Bulk, with support from Queenstown Trails Trust, will be installed near the bridge to tell

the story of the place, from early Maori presence to modern-day trail development.

The trust is already planning its next project in conjunction with the Queenstown Trails Trust, Queenstown Mountain Bike Club, Southern Eco Trails Trust and Te Araroa — a 50km trail linking Queenstown and Glenorchy.

The alliance is working on technical studies and funding for the trail, estimated to cost about \$15million, which has been part of the trust’s vision since it was established in 2017.

# A soaring ambition

Mountain Scene / November 2025 / By Tracey Roxburgh

A young Queenstown aviator has just been awarded a prestigious scholarship to help make her dream come true.

Carly Sherriff, 19, has been obsessed with planes since she was tiny — she recalls being a toddler and spending time with her grandparents, Lyn and Paul Sherriff, at their Stewart St house.

“Grandad worked at the airport... and grandma would push me up in the stroller and we’d go and watch the planes and wait for grandad.”

About a decade ago, her mum’s partner, Gavin Hawke, helped foster her passion, first by introducing her to Air Milford, then later paying for her to have a trial flight, and then a flight simulator experience.

And when she was 15, he organised work experience at Air Milford, with highly-respected local aviators Hank and Antony Sproull.

She’s never looked back.

Carly worked multiple jobs, including as a babysitter, dog walker and kitchenhand, to fund her training while at Wakatipu High School, where she received 18 awards for academic and sporting prowess during her three senior years.

In 2022, she won a \$3000 Lewis Day Scholarship, to help with her flight training costs, and the following year she was offered part-time work at Air Milford as a flight coordinator.

She took that job on fulltime last summer, and continued there till June, when she moved to Christchurch to attend the International Aviation Academy of New Zealand.

That wouldn’t have been



Queenstowner Carly Sherriff, who’s just been awarded a Pauwels Flying Scholarship, pictured with benefactor John Pauwels

possible, she says, without receiving one of this year’s Pauwels Flying Scholarships, worth \$13,000, established by retired Air NZ pilot Captain John Pauwels in 2018 to foster future generations of pilots.

Initially targeted towards students at his alma mater, Christchurch’s Hillmorton High, a ‘special award’ was created in 2019, which is open to any Kiwi citizen or permanent resident aged between 15 and 20, and available, primarily, to disadvantaged young people, young women, and others who are under-represented in society.

Pauwels says Carly’s already shown “utter devotion” to her chosen career for years, noting when she sees a plane pass overhead she stops everything she’s doing to study it.

“We feel it takes a special type of aviator to be so in love with flying that your world temporarily stops spinning as a plane is flying overhead,” he says.

Her scholarship, supported by the Queenstown-based Hugo Charitable Trust, is going toward the cost of her two-year level

5 diploma in aviation, which comes with a \$146,000 price-tag — “and it’s predicted to probably go up”, she says.

“It’s an incredible help to both me and my mum because, without it, I would have had to have worked a few more years [before] pursuing my dream.”

Hugo chair Mark Owens says Carly’s story’s one of “determination, perseverance and passion”, and the trust’s “delighted” it’s been awarded to a Queenstowner.

“Aviation requires commitment, resilience and heart, all qualities that Carly has shown in abundance.”

Carly says once she graduates, she’d like to become a GA pilot for a couple of years before eventually heading to the airlines, possibly following in Pauwels’ footsteps. As to where she’ll start her career, she’s hoping its back in Queenstown with Air Milford. “They’ve just helped me so much with... little bits of advice that have helped me get to where I am. “No one in my family flies, so without them in my corner I’d be so lost.”

# ‘Fitting way to honour’ much-loved Southlander

Otago Daily Times / November 2025 / By Tracey Roxburgh



Rick Murrell RIP



Coastguard Queenstown president Johnny Quinn, left, with Central Otago Motor Group co-owner Emma Billman, and Coastguard’s Mark Adams, Phil Blakely and Steve Jarvis.

A donation to Coastguard Queenstown has been made in memory of a much-loved Southlander who died unexpectedly earlier this year.

Coastguard has received \$10,000 from the Hugo Charitable Trust, established by Maryanne Green in memory of her father, philanthropist Hugh Green, thanks to a nomination by Central Otago Motor Group owners Scotty and Emma Billman.

To recognise the trust’s strong relationship with the Billmans, they invited them to choose a local charity to support — and as longtime advocates for community safety and service, they selected Coastguard Queenstown.

And they decided to make the donation in honour of Rick Murrell, a close friend of the couple, who died on a fishing trip on July 20 in Fiordland.

“Rick was a great friend and someone we admired deeply,”

Scotty says.

“Choosing Coastguard felt like a fitting way to honour him — he loved the water and valued community service.

“We’re proud to support an organisation that plays such an important role in keeping people safe on the lake.”

Outgoing Coastguard president Johnny Quinn says the donation will support the organisation’s ongoing mission to keep local waterways safe and ensure volunteers have the resources they need to respond when help’s needed most.

“We’re incredibly grateful for this generous contribution and deeply touched that Scotty and Emma chose Coastguard Queenstown in honour of Rick.”

Coastguard Queenstown’s now got a voice around the national table.

Johnny Quinn, pictured far left, outgoing president of the local organisation, has been elected to the Coastguard New

Zealand board, taking on a national role to help shape the future of maritime safety across New Zealand.

He’ll be replaced locally by Phil Blakely, right, who says he’s “honoured” to take on the job.

“I look forward to working with our dedicated volunteers and the wider community to continue keeping our waterways safe by having a highly-skilled group of volunteers and promoting water safety in our region.”

Quinn says it’s been an “incredible privilege” to lead Coastguard Queenstown, and he’s excited to bring the experience and insights from the region to the national stage.

# The Hugo Charitable Trust Supports Three New Scholarships At Tironui Music Trust

SCOOP / December 2025 / Tironui Music Trust

Tironui Music Trust is thrilled to announce the creation of three new 'Hugo Charitable Trust Scholarships' to support young musicians from South Auckland achieve their ambitions through music.

The Tironui Music Trust is dedicated to empowering young New Zealanders through the transformative power of music. We provide fully funded instrumental music programmes to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity, fostering a lifelong love of music, diligence and confidence. Started by our founders Peter and Pam Hubscher, the Tironui programme has run for 18 years and supports students in Papatoetoe & Mt Wellington, South Auckland. It provides fully-funded opportunities for young New Zealanders to learn a string or concert band instrument, and the outcomes that ensemble music-making brings. The Trust offers comprehensive year long programmes, in-school and after-school ensemble and scholarship opportunities, and holiday programmes for our ākongā. We partner with 7 primary schools, and continue to support students at Intermediate and High School.

We are thrilled by the generous donation of \$90,000 from the Hugo Charitable Trust to support three of our young musicians, and the opportunities that this will provide as they continue on their musical journey all the way to the end of Year 13. By identifying and nurturing talent early, we aim to help our scholars reach their

full potential, and the Hugo Charitable Trust support will inspire increased ambition and love of music for these tamariki and their whānau.

The three scholarship recipients, who are all finishing Year 6 and heading into Year 7 are:

- Patchara Khamphawa (Violin), Bailey Road School
- Samaira Ahmed (Violin), Papatoetoe Central School
- Moriyah Talamaivao-Tagaloamatua (Viola), Papatoetoe East School

The scholarships will provide individual tuition with a Tironui Music Trust tutor, access to higher level instruments, funding of external music exams, performance opportunities, mentoring opportunities with players from Auckland Philharmonia, and other chances to nurture our talented young musicians as they take their next steps on their musical journey. Each scholarship is valued at \$30,000 over the term of their schooling, and by identifying and supporting talented students early, we aim to help them reach their full potential.

The three recipients have already achieved success in external Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) examinations, with Patchara and Samaira both reaching Grade 4 violin, and Moriyah Grade 3 Viola. These are tremendous achievements for students still in Primary School, and equivalent to the expected levels in NCEA Level 1 – Year 11 music.

General Manager of the Tironui Music Trust Rod Skipp



Scholarship recipient Moriyah Talamaivao-Tagaloamatua

says “We are so excited by this endorsement of the potential of our young musicians by the Hugo Charitable Trust, which makes an incredible difference to the lives of people across Aotearoa New Zealand through their generous philanthropy. With this support, we look forward to seeing our scholarship recipients thrive and flourish, enriching their lives through the beautiful gift of music.”

Tironui Music Trust Board Chair Barbara Glaser says “This is an incredible opportunity to give these young people recognition of their achievements so far, and inspiration to continue their musical journey.”

Tironui Music Trust is passionate about supporting musical progress and pathways within Tāmaki Makaurau, which can often be challenging to navigate for our students and whānau. Our enormous thanks goes to the Hugo Charitable Trust for recognising the role that music education and learning an instrument can play in building both musical and life skills for young people in New Zealand. With this amazing opportunity, the future is bright for our talented tamariki.

A black rectangular sign with the word "Hugo" in a green cursive font and "Bridge" in a green sans-serif font below it. The sign is mounted on a wooden structure.

Hugo  
Bridge

A close-up of a blue bicycle handlebar with several bright yellow sunflowers attached to it. The background is slightly blurred, showing people walking on a path.

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People crossing the newly opened  
Hugo Bridge in Glenorchy



Zoe Parr, international ski racer

# Approval of Consolidated Financial Statements

Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The Trustees are pleased to present the Consolidated Financial Statements of Hugo Charitable Trust Group, as at and for the year ended 31 March 2026.



Mark Owens, Trustee

11 May 2026

Date



Aoibheann Monaghan, Trustee

11 May 2026

Date

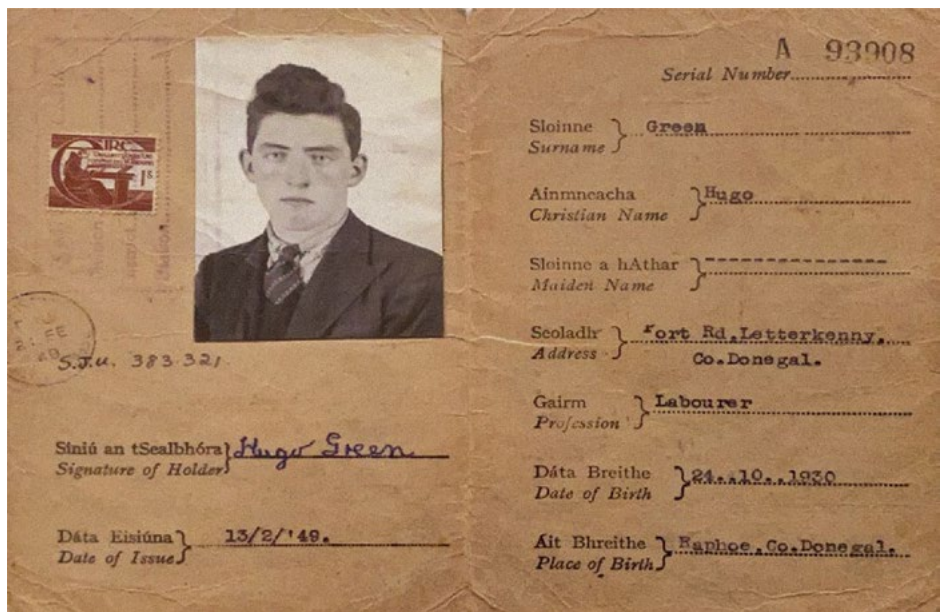
# Directory

Nature of Entity: Charitable Trust

Purpose:

Maryanne Green as the Settlor, established the Hugo Charitable Trust ("Hugo") to continue the legacy of helping others started by her father, Hugh Green.

Hugh Green, born in 1931 in County Donegal in Ireland, was the fifth of eight children. Hugh endured great hardship through his early life before moving to New Zealand as a young man, where he worked hard and lived by strong Catholic values, which he encouraged his children to follow. As he went on to earn business success, he set about establishing a pattern of philanthropic giving to those less fortunate than himself. Hugh's eldest daughter, Maryanne Green, established this Trust in his name to continue his generous giving and in his memory.



"My travel documents - note I had to "adjust" my age to be eligible"  
Caption and image from: Green, H. (2011). *Hugh Green: The Story of an Irish Emigrant Who Never Left Home*

## Directory (cont.)

Purpose (continued):	<p>Hugo is established for the following charitable purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the relief of poverty;</li> <li>(b) to advance education, health and other charitable purposes to support family, social and community welfare;</li> <li>(c) the care, support and assistance of those with physical or mental health care needs;</li> <li>(d) the support of religious groups which provide support and help to people in the community, particularly but not limited to Catholic groups such as (by way of example only) the Society of St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand, the Hospice and St Patricks' Cathedral;</li> <li>(e) the care, support and assistance of the disadvantaged or marginalised;</li> <li>(f) the furtherance of education and learning;</li> <li>(g) the support of teaching and social programmes, to benefit the economically disadvantaged, including music programmes having regard to the opportunities music offers to build self-esteem and encourage achievement;</li> <li>(h) the funding of medical research and medical care to improve health outcomes;</li> <li>(i) the support of charitable organisations that further the above purposes; and</li> <li>(j) any other purposes within New Zealand which are charitable according to the law of New Zealand.</li> </ul>
Settlor & Founder:	Maryanne Green
Trustees:	<p>Mark Owens            Kathryn Roberts            Robert ("Bruce") Stewart (Deceased 4 June 2025)            Aoibheann Monaghan</p>
Date of establishment:	20 April 2017
Date of registration:	4 May 2017
Registration number:	CC54425
Location of business:	<p>93 Arrowtown-Lake Hayes Road            RD 1            Queenstown 9371</p>
Website:	<a href="http://www.hugocharitabletrust.nz">www.hugocharitabletrust.nz</a>
Auditors:	<p>BDO Invercargill            136 Spey Street            Invercargill</p>

# Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue & Expense

for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>Revenue from exchange transactions</b>			
Rental Income Received	9	1,391,865	832,009
Tenancy Operating Costs (Recovery 100%)		117,864	120,965
<b>Revenue from non-exchange transactions</b>			
Distributions Received from Hugh Green Family Trust	2	1,000,000	500,000
Donations Received	2	38,660	41,150
<b>Other Income</b>			
Interest Received	6/7	1,314,298	2,366,267
Dividends & Portfolio Income Received – JBWere & Milford		351,389	334,023
Gain on Investments – JBWere & Milford	6/7	1,344,633	167,142
Foreign Exchange Gain – JBWere & Milford		922,985	187,972
Fair value increase on investment property – Bascik, Bayleys & NZ Couriers Buildings	8	1,160,000	380,000
<b>Total Revenue and Other Income</b>		<b>7,641,694</b>	<b>4,929,528</b>
<b>Donations and expenses</b>			
Donations made by Hugo	3	(4,201,400)	(2,526,500)
Tenancy Operating Costs (Recovered 100%)		(117,558)	(112,514)
Salaries	2	(189,944)	-
Operating Expenses	4	(29,639)	-
<b>Total Donations and Expenses</b>		<b>(4,538,541)</b>	<b>(2,639,014)</b>
<b>Surplus for the Year</b>		<b>3,103,153</b>	<b>2,290,514</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the Year</b>		<b>3,103,153</b>	<b>2,290,514</b>

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5/6	7,424,193	1,851,664
Receivables (from exchange transactions)	6	24,732	942
Prepayments and Other Assets		25,691	26,056
Term Deposits	6	19,350,000	35,500,000
Investment Property Deposit - Bascik Building		-	1,740,000
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Investment Portfolios	7	30,047,092	27,304,967
Investment Property – Bascik Building	8	11,890,000	-
Investment Property – Bayleys Building	8	11,600,000	11,180,000
Investment Property – NZ Couriers Building	8	7,950,000	7,500,000
<b>Total Investment Property</b>		<b>31,440,000</b>	<b>18,680,000</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>88,311,708</b>	<b>85,103,629</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Payables	6	66,644	21,464
Employee Benefit Liabilities	2	24,175	-
Income Received in Advance		61,627	26,056
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>152,446</b>	<b>47,520</b>
<b>Net Assets / Equity</b>		<b>88,159,262</b>	<b>85,056,109</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated Comprehensive Revenue and Expense		88,159,162	85,056,009
Trust Capital		100	100
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>88,159,262</b>	<b>85,056,109</b>

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Trust Funds

for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Trust Capital	Accumulated Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	Total Equity
<b>Opening Balance at 1 April 2025</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>85,056,009</b>	<b>85,056,109</b>
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year	-	3,103,153	3,103,153
<b>Closing Balance at 31 March 2026</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>88,159,162</b>	<b>88,159,262</b>
<b>Opening Balance at 1 April 2024</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>82,765,495</b>	<b>82,765,595</b>
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year	-	2,290,514	2,290,514
<b>Closing Balance at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>85,056,009</b>	<b>85,056,109</b>

# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Distributions received		1,000,000	500,000
Donations made		(4,201,400)	(2,526,500)
Interest received		1,199,335	2,239,263
Donations received		38,660	41,150
Rental income		1,531,760	947,515
Tenancy operating costs (100% Recovered)		(117,558)	(112,514)
Salaries		(165,769)	-
Operating expenses		(2,499)	-
<b>Net Cash inflow / (outflow) from operating activities</b>		<b>(717,471)</b>	<b>1,088,914</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Funds received from term deposits		42,000,000	42,500,000
Funds invested in term deposits		(25,850,000)	(39,000,000)
Deposit paid for investment property		-	(1,740,000)
Funds contributed to investment property		(9,860,000)	-
Funds contributed to investment portfolios		-	(2,000,000)
Funds withdrawn from investment portfolios		-	800,000
<b>Net Cash inflow from investing activities</b>		<b>6,290,000</b>	<b>560,000</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>5,572,529</b>	<b>1,648,914</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,851,664	202,750
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7,424,193</b>	<b>1,851,664</b>

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2026

## 1. General Overview

### a Reporting Entity

Hugo Charitable Trust is a public benefit entity for the purpose of financial reporting in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act (2013).

Hugo Charitable Trust is established and domiciled in New Zealand and is a registered charity under the Charities Act 2005.

The purpose of Hugo is to continue the legacy of helping others started by Hugh Green.

The consolidated financial statements presented are for Hugo Charitable Trust and its controlled entities, Hugo Charitable Trust Limited and Hugo Limited (“the Group”) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

### b Basis of Preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (“NZ GAAP”). They comply with the Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (“PBE Standards RDR”) as appropriate for Tier 2 not-for-profit public benefit entities, and disclosure concessions have been applied where considered appropriate.

The Group has elected to report in accordance with PBE Accounting Standards Not-For-Profit Tier 2 on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of less than \$33 million in the current and prior year.

The consolidated financial statements are presented rounded to the nearest New Zealand dollar (NZ\$), which is the Group’s functional currency.

The Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows has been prepared using the direct method.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position has been presented in order of liquidity as the Trustees judge this provides the most relevant and reliable information to the users of the consolidated financial statements.

#### Measurement Basis

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following material items in the statement of financial position, which are measured at fair value:

- Investment Property
- Investment Portfolio

The consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Trustees on 11 May 2026.

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## c Basis of Consolidation

A listing of the Group's significant controlled entities is presented below:

	Ownership Interest	
	2026	2025
Hugo Limited	100%	100%
Hugo Charitable Trust Limited	100%	100%

All controlled entities have the same reporting date as the controlling entity.

There are no significant restrictions regarding to the transfer of dividends, loan repayments, and other funds from controlled entities.

There are no significant restrictions on Hugo Charitable Trust's ability to access or use assets, and settle liabilities, of the group's controlled entities.

### Use of Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with PBE Standards RDR requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

There are no significant estimates used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements other than the determination of the fair value of the investment property. Refer to Note 8 that outlines the key estimates and judgements made in relation to fair value of the investment property.

## d Taxes

All entities in the Group are registered charities under the Charities Act 2005 and have an income tax exemption on the grounds of charitable purpose under Section CW41 of the Income Tax Act 2007. Hugo Charitable Trust and Hugo Limited are not registered for GST purposes. Hugo Charitable Trust Limited is registered for GST. The consolidated financial statements are prepared on a GST inclusive basis except for revenue and expense transactions relating to Hugo Charitable Trust Limited. These transactions are stated on a GST exclusive basis.

## e Receivables and Prepayments

Receivables comprise of accrued interest on term deposits and bank accounts, prepayments and other investment property receivables.

## f Payables, Employee Benefit Liabilities and Income Received in Advance

Payables comprise of trade payables and GST payable. Employee Benefit Liabilities comprise of employee remuneration and holiday pay. Income received in advance is for rental income received in advance.

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## **g Revenue**

### **Revenue from exchange transactions**

#### *i Rental income*

Rental income from investment property is recognised in surplus or deficit on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives granted are recognised as an integral part of the total rental income, over the term of the lease.

### **Revenue from non-exchange transactions**

#### *i Distributions received*

Distributions received are recognised on receipt or when the economic flow can be reliably estimated as revenue in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

#### *ii Donations received*

Donations received are recognised on receipt in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

Non-exchange transactions are those where the Group receives an inflow of resources (i.e. cash and other tangible or intangible items) but provides no (or nominal) direct consideration in return.

The inflows of resources from non-exchange transactions are only recognised as assets where both it is probable that the associated future economic benefit or service potential will flow to the entity, and fair value is reliably measurable.

### **Other income**

#### *i Interest income*

Interest income is earned on term investments and bank accounts, and is recognised net of withholding tax in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense as it is earned. Interest income is accrued using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount. The method applies this rate to the principal outstanding to determine interest revenue each period.

#### *ii Dividends and PIE Income received*

Dividend income is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense when the Group's right to receive payment is established, and the amount can be reliably measured. Dividend income is recognised net of any imputation credits and dividend withholding tax.

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## **h Foreign exchange gain or losses**

Foreign exchange gain or losses are recognised on portfolio investments when:

- i. foreign bank accounts are revalued; and
- ii. when share, currency or bond trades occur in a currency other than New Zealand Dollars.

The foreign exchange gain or loss is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses at:

- i. year end revaluation date; or
- ii. the time the share or bond trade occurs.

## **i Changes in accounting policy**

The accounting policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.

## **2. Related Parties**

### **Key management personnel**

Key management personnel of the Group comprise the settlor and founder, Maryanne Green, and the Trustees: Mark Owens, Kathryn Roberts, Robert Stewart (deceased 4 June 2025), together with Trustee and Chief Executive Officer, Aoibheann Monaghan.

### **Key management personnel compensation**

The key management did not receive any remuneration from the Group in the current year (2025: \$Nil) apart from Aoibheann Monaghan, who received Employee Remuneration for CEO services of \$189,944 (2025: \$Nil) during the year. At the balance date, accrued employee benefits were owing to Aoibheann Monaghan of \$24,175 (2025: \$Nil).

### **Related party transactions**

During the year, income and capital distributions of \$1,000,000 (2025: \$500,000) were received from the Hugh Green Family Trust. The Trustees of the Hugh Green Family Trust are Mark Owens, Kathryn Roberts, Kerry Ludlam and Peter Fanning.

Donations received during the year totalled \$38,660 (2025: \$41,150), of which \$22,000 was received from Maryanne Green and Mark Owens (2025: \$22,000).

### **Funding of operating expenses**

In prior periods, the Group's operating expenses were supported through external funding from related parties, including Owens Properties Limited and distributions from the Hugh Green Family Trust. Since 1 April 2025, the Trustees have begun transitioning towards the Trust meeting its own operating expenses.

Other than those disclosed above, there were no related party balances outstanding at balance date (2025: \$Nil).

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 3. Donations

Donations are recognised as expenses once the donation is approved by the Trustees of the Hugo Charitable Trust and paid out to recipients. These have been approved by the Trustees up until balance date. Donations approved from the current year's operating surplus have been recognised as an expense in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

The donations paid during the year total \$4,201,400 (2025: \$2,526,500) and were made to the following organisations:

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Abilities Group, Auckland	134,000	-
Access To Adventure, Northland & Auckland	10,000	-
Acorn Autism Charitable Trust, Auckland	-	2,500
Adaptive Snowsports Whakatipu Charitable Trust	-	30,000
Alimaifiti Ono, Auckland	5,000	-
Altus Pacific Aid (formerly Altus Resource Trust)	5,000	19,000
Alzheimers NZ, Marlborough	5,000	-
Amber Nyhon, Alexandra	10,000	-
Amelia Hitchcock, Auckland	5,000	-
Amelia Turner, Hamilton	20,000	-
Arrowtown Choppers	-	7,000
Arrowtown Primary School	-	2,000
Aspiring Gymsports, Wanaka	-	10,000
Auckland Refugee Council	-	25,000
Baskets of Blessing, Queenstown	6,500	5,000
Bayleys Foundation	-	15,000
Bell Block School, New Plymouth	-	5,000
BrainTree Wellness Centre, Christchurch	10,000	-
Breast Cancer Foundation	2,000	-
Briar Dawson, Clinton	5,000	-
Buller Budget Advisory Service, Westport	5,000	-
Bush Creek Ice Rink, Arrowtown	2,500	-
Callum Flett, Dunedin	96,500	-
Camp Quality	-	10,000
Cancer Society Southern, Christchurch	415,000	-
Cancer Society Southern, Otago & Southland	17,500	20,000
Cancer Society, Wellington	-	6,000
Carolyn Fangupo, Auckland	5,000	-
Catholic Women's League, Hamilton	5,000	-

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 3. Donations (continued)

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Catholic Women's League, Te Awamutu	20,000	20,000
Catwalk Spinal Cord Injury Trust	-	5,000
CCS Disability Action, Arrowtown	1,200	-
Champion Centre, Christchurch	7,500	-
Cherish and Travis Barrett, Christchurch	25,000	-
Child Cancer Foundation	5,000	15,000
Cholmondeley Children's Centre, Christchurch	-	10,000
Chris Ruth Centre, Christchurch	210,000	-
Chris Tynan RIP, Waikato	-	10,000
Cleft of the Rock Trust, Te Awamutu	2,500	-
Coastguard, Queenstown	10,000	-
Crux News, Queenstown	10,000	-
Cure Kids	20,000	-
Cystic Fibrosis NZ	2,500	15,000
De Paul House, Auckland	3,000	2,500
Dementia New Zealand	5,000	-
Dilworth School, Auckland	70,000	65,000
Disabled Citizens Society, Auckland	36,000	-
End of Life Doula Alliance Aotearoa	10,000	10,000
Epilepsy New Zealand	5,000	26,000
Evolve Wellington Youth Service	5,000	-
Fairlie Museum Trust	20,000	-
Fairlie Volunteer Fire Brigade	2,500	-
Ferg Martin, Queenstown	-	5,000
First Foundation	5,000	5,000
Forest & Bird, Central Otago	-	3,750
Frankton Volunteer Fire Brigade	-	20,000
Friends of Rotoiti, Nelson	10,000	-
From the Field to the Front	100,000	-
Full Bellies, Christchurch	15,000	-
Give a Kid a Blanket Trust, Auckland	5,000	-
Glen Innes Foodbank	5,000	5,000
Glenorchy Trails Trust	-	175,000
Hamilton City Gymsports Inc	-	2,100
Happiness House, Queenstown	6,000	-
Hearts4Kids Trust	5,000	-

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 3. Donations (continued)

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Hei Whakapiki Mauri, Christchurch	10,000	-
Hollyford Conservation Trust	80,000	40,000
Hospice – South Canterbury, Timaru	-	3,500
Hospice – Queenstown	10,000	-
Hospice – Tōtara Hospice, South Auckland	400,000	-
Hugo Donaldson, Auckland	20,000	-
I Am Hope Foundation	-	3,750
Indie Todd, Timaru	5,000	-
Innes family, Mangawhai Heads	-	3,000
InZone Education Trust, Auckland	-	100,000
Janie Bennett RIP, Rotorua	2,000	-
Jonah-Lui Lilo, Millers Flat, Otago	4,500	7,500
Justin McMillan, Ashburton	5,000	-
Kākano Youth Arts Collective, Auckland	-	4,000
Kelan's Gift, Central Otago	10,000	-
Kenzie's Gift	40,000	40,000
Kids with Arthritis NZ	9,000	9,000
Kindness Collective – Donation in memory of Jimmy Kirkpatrick	-	10,000
Kio Kio School, Otorohanga	9,500	-
KiwiHarvest, Auckland	-	100,000
Koru Care, Southland	-	6,000
Ko Wai Au Trust, Te Awamutu	2,500	-
Kowhai Valley Crèche Trust, Glenorchy	-	3,000
Lakes District Air Rescue Trust	10,500	3,000
Leia Bentley, Hamilton	5,000	-
Levi Vallance, Queenstown	-	9,000
Life Education Trust, Otago & Southland	4,000	5,000
Lifewise, Auckland	1,500	-
Lincoln Rotary Club	10,000	7,500
Lions Club, Wanaka	-	10,000
Little Sisters of the Poor, Dunedin	300,000	-
Living Options, Arrowtown	53,000	-
Loburn Primary School, North Canterbury	-	2,000
Louise Scott RIP, Queenstown	-	15,000
Mackenzie Menzshed, Fairlie	-	5,000
Mahalia Williamson RIP, Gore	-	10,000

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 3. Donations (continued)

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Make-A-Wish Foundation	5,000	-
Mandy Grantley, Auckland	-	5,000
Marcia Collier, Auckland	5,000	-
Marist College – Mount Albert, Auckland	5,000	-
Marist Primary School – Mount Albert, Auckland	250,000	-
Markéta Strnadlová, Queenstown	-	6,900
Mary Valintine, Whangarei	5,000	-
McCahon House Trust, Auckland	-	11,500
Meila Davis RIP, Queenstown	-	10,000
Merton Park Playground, Queenstown	10,000	-
Millie Hardiman, Dunedin	-	5,000
Mint Charitable Trust, Wanaka	14,000	10,000
Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust, Queenstown	10,000	50,000
Monte Cecilia Housing Trust, Auckland	-	2,500
Motor Neurone Disease NZ	9,000	5,000
Motueka Aero Club	-	2,000
Music Therapy NZ	-	5,000
New Zealand Spinal Trust	100,000	5,000
North Canterbury Rural Support Trust	5,000	-
North Shore Bridge Club	3,700	-
Nurturing Families, Auckland & Taranaki	5,000	5,000
NZSAS Trust, Auckland	250,000	-
Orange Sky Laundry, Tauranga	30,000	-
Otago Rescue Helicopter Trust	2,500	-
Parafed Canterbury	12,500	-
Parafed Otago	9,500	-
Parafed Waikato	4,000	-
Pauwels Flying Scholarship Trust	10,000	10,000
Pet Refuge, Auckland	5,000	5,000
Petter Ottley, Kingston	10,000	-
Pillars	5,000	5,000
Portia Swan, Auckland	-	5,000
Presbyterian Support Southland, Invercargill	-	50,000
Project Jonah	-	5,000
Prostate Cancer NZ	-	2,500
Queenstown Alpine Cliff Rescue Team	-	5,000

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 3. Donations (continued)

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Queenstown Lakes Baby Box	7,000	-
Queenstown Childcare Centre	-	2,500
Queenstown Mountain Bike Club	-	3,750
Queenstown Trails Trust	-	738,750
RAD Community Trust, Wanaka	10,000	10,000
Rare Disorders NZ	-	5,000
Recreate NZ	10,000	10,000
Reel Recovery NZ	5,000	5,000
Ronald McDonald House	25,000	7,500
Rosmini College, Auckland	5,000	5,000
Sailability Auckland	-	10,000
Sailability Wellington	20,000	-
Sisters of Compassion, Wellington	3,000	-
So They Can	5,000	-
Southern Lakes Sanctuary Trust	6,750	75,000
Southland Charity Hospital	-	2,000
Special Friends Sports Trust, Canterbury	10,000	10,000
Special Olympics, Auckland	-	10,000
St Bernadette's Catholic School, Dunedin	-	63,000
St George's Cancer Institute, Christchurch	615,000	-
St Joseph's School, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay	-	10,000
St Mary's Catholic Church, Tairua, Coromandel	10,000	7,500
St Patrick's School, Te Awamutu	-	5,000
St Peter's Catholic Church, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay	10,000	-
St Vincent de Paul – Auckland North (Takapuna)	3,000	2,500
St Vincent de Paul – Auckland South	4,000	12,500
Starship Foundation	-	2,500
Starship Hospital National Air Ambulances	-	5,000
Surfers Healing NZ	10,000	-
Tamariki Tipu, Te Awamutu	21,000	-
Te Awamutu Youth Development Academy	-	5,000
Te Whakaora Tangata Trust, South Auckland & Far North	-	50,000
Teddy Foundation, Queenstown	2,500	-
Tironui Music Trust, Auckland	90,000	-
Tri-Star Gymnastic Club Auckland	5,000	-
Tucker Beach Wildlife Trust, Queenstown	-	5,000

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 3. Donations (continued)

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Turn Up The Music Trust, Queenstown	2,500	-
Twizel Heritage Group	50,000	-
Up-Cycles Charitable Trust, Alexandra	-	42,000
Upside Downs Education Trust	-	5,000
Waiheke Health Trust	10,000	5,000
Wakatipu High School Foundation – Awhina Fund	10,000	-
Wakatipu Mini Muscles	-	2,500
Wakatipu Search and Rescue	9,750	3,500
Well Foundation, Auckland	-	230,000
Wesley Intermediate School, Auckland	70,000	-
Whakatipu Wildlife Trust	5,000	3,500
Women's Refuge, Palmerston North	10,000	-
Women's Refuge, Wellington	10,000	10,000
WoolOn Creative Fashion Society, Alexandra	-	5,000
Zoe Parr, New Plymouth	5,000	-
	<b>4,201,400</b>	<b>2,526,500</b>

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 4. Operating Expenses

The Hugo Charitable Trust is very grateful for the external funding of operational expenses by:

- a. Owens Properties Limited – up until 1 April 2025.
- b. Maryanne Green and Alice Hurndell from distributions from the Hugh Green Family Trust.

As a result of this funding, operating expenses directly payable by the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2026 were limited to \$29,639. Since 1 April 2025, the Trustees have begun transitioning towards the Trust meeting its own operating expenses. From 1 April 2026, following nine years of external funding (as outlined in 4a and 4b), the Trust will fully cover all operating expenses.

### Audit Fee

The audit fee for the 31 March 2026 Financial Statements of \$27,140 incl GST, will be paid to BDO Invercargill by the Trust after the completion of the audit and has been recorded as a payable at balance date. The operating expenses funded by Maryanne Green and Alice Hurndell included the audit fee of the prior year 31 March 2025 financial statements paid to BDO Invercargill of \$23,575 incl GST. BDO Invercargill performed no other services for the Group (2025: \$Nil).

## 5. Cash and cash equivalents

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Current accounts	7,424,193	1,851,664
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statement of cash flows</b>	<b>7,424,193</b>	<b>1,851,664</b>

## 6. Financial instruments

	Carrying amount (\$)			
	2026		2025	
	Amortised Cost	Fair value through surplus or deficit	Amortised Cost	Fair value through surplus or deficit
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	7,424,193	-	1,851,664	-
Receivables	24,732	-	942	-
Term deposits	19,350,000	-	35,500,000	-
Investment portfolios	-	30,047,092	-	27,304,967
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Payables	66,644	-	21,464	-

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 6. Financial instruments (continued)

The Group initially recognises financial instruments when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Group is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled, or expire. The Group also derecognises financial assets and financial liabilities when there has been significant changes to the terms and/or the amount of contractual payments to be received/paid.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position when, and only when, the Group has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The Group classifies financial assets into the following categories:

### **Financial assets Classification and subsequent measurement**

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost, or fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense (FVOCRE); or fair value through surplus or deficit (FVTSD).

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTSD:

- i. it is held within a management model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- ii. its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost as described above are measured at FVTSD. This includes the investment portfolios (see Note 7).

### **Financial assets – Management model assessment**

The Group makes an assessment of the objective of the management model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed, and information is provided to management.

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 6. Financial instruments (continued)

The information considered includes:

- i. the stated policies and objectives of the portfolio.
- ii. how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Group's management.
- iii. the risks that affect the performance of the management model (and the financial assets held within that management model) and how those risks are managed; and
- iv. the frequency, volume and timing of sales of financial assets in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity.

Financial assets that are held for trading or are managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTSD.

### Financial assets – Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at FVTSD - These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in surplus or deficit.

Financial assets at amortised cost - These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in surplus or deficit. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in surplus or deficit.

### Financial liabilities – Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTSD. A financial liability is classified as at FVTSD if it is classified as held-for-trading, it is a derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition. The Group classifies all its financial liabilities at amortised cost. These financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in surplus or deficit. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in surplus or deficit.

### Impairment of non-derivative financial assets

The Group recognises loss allowances for expected credit losses (ECLs) on financial assets measured at amortised cost.

The Group measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:

- i. bonds and term deposits that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- ii. other bonds and term deposits and bank balances for which credit risk (i.e., the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 6. Financial instruments (continued)

The Group considers bonds and term deposits to have low credit risk when its credit risk rating is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade'.

### Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred. Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets. The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the Group has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof.

## 7. Investment portfolios

	2026	2025	2026	2025
	Interest rate	Interest rate	\$	\$
Bonds	4.33%-6.78%	4.33%-6.78%	1,841,771	1,810,367
PIE Funds			14,245,250	13,286,580
New Zealand Equities			4,523,124	3,837,045
Global Equities			3,984,053	4,811,129
Australian Equities			3,439,811	3,263,676
Cash Accounts			2,013,083	296,170
			<b>30,047,092</b>	<b>27,304,967</b>

Investment portfolios are held at market value as at 31 March and are revalued on a yearly basis. Any revaluation gain or loss is recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

Dividends, Interest and PIE income received from investment portfolios is recorded in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense. Refer to note 6 for further detail on the financial instruments policies.

Quoted market prices prevailing for each equity or debt instrument included within the investment portfolio are used to determine the fair value of the investment portfolio.

Portfolio management fees, levies by the portfolio providers of \$106,592 (2025: \$98,513) have been included within the Gain/Loss on Investments amount in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses.

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 8. Investment Property

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
<b>Opening fair value</b>	<b>18,680,000</b>	<b>18,300,000</b>
Purchase - Bascik Building	11,600,000	-
Revaluation gains – Bayleys Building	420,000	330,000
Revaluation gains – NZ Couriers Building	450,000	50,000
Revaluation gains – Bascik Building	290,000	-
<b>Closing fair value</b>	<b>31,440,000</b>	<b>18,680,000</b>

Investment property consists of commercial rental properties located at 311 Hawthorne Drive, Frankton, Queenstown, 48 Grant Road, Frankton, Queenstown, and 30a McNulty Road, Cromwell (the Properties). The Properties are recorded as investment property under the fair value model as the Properties are held to earn rental income and are fully tenanted at 31 March 2026.

Any gains or losses on yearly property Revaluation for the Properties, if any, will be recorded in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses.

Investment property is property held either to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or for both, but not for sale in the ordinary course of business, used in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes.

The below sets out the valuation methodology for each property included within Investment Property:

### 311 Hawthorne Drive, Frankton, Queenstown (Bayleys Building)

As at 31 March 2026, it has been determined by the Trustees that the current capitalisation rate of 4.43% (based on actual rent) (2025: 4.50%) is at market value, and therefore at fair value, and the valuation within the consolidated financial statements of \$11,600,000 is the market value for 311 Hawthorne Drive as at 31 March 2026 (2025: \$11,180,000).

The Trustees conclude that there has been a change in the fair value of 311 Hawthorne Drive in the current year of \$420,000 (2025: \$330,000) based on rental income, current leasing arrangements and available market data at balance date. The investment property has not been valued by an independent valuer this year or in the prior year.

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 8. Investment Property (continued)

### 48 Grant Road, Frankton, Queenstown (NZ Couriers Building)

As at 31 March 2026, it has been determined by the Trustees that the current capitalisation rate of 4.50% (based on actual rent) (2025: 4.35%) is at market value, and therefore at fair value, and the valuation within the consolidated financial statements of \$7,950,000 is the market value for 48 Grant Road as at 31 March 2026 (2025: \$7,500,000).

The Trustees conclude that there has been a change in the fair value of 48 Grant Road in the current year of \$450,000 (2025: \$50,000) based on rental income, current leasing arrangements and available market data at balance date. The investment property has not been valued by an independent valuer this year or in the prior year.

### 30a McNulty Road, Cromwell (Bascik Building)

Settlement date for 30a McNulty Road Cromwell was 30 April 2025. Total purchase price was \$11,600,000, the deposit of \$1,740,000 paid in December 2024 and the balance of \$9,860,000 was paid on Settlement date.

As at 31 March 2026, it has been determined by the Trustees that the current capitalisation rate of 5.00% (based on rent reviewed at 30 April 2026) is at market value, and therefore at fair value, and the valuation within the consolidated financial statements of \$11,890,000 is the market value for 30a McNulty Road as at 31 March 2026.

The Trustees conclude that there has been a change in the fair value of 30 McNulty Road in the current year of \$290,000 based on rental income, current leasing arrangements and available market data at balance date. The investment property has not been valued by an independent valuer this year.

#### i) *Recognition and Measurement*

Investment property is initially measured at cost. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the investment property. Investment properties are subsequently measured at fair value.

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (cont.)

## 9. Operating lease

The Group owns and leases two commercial buildings in Queenstown and one in Cromwell from which it derives rental income. All commercial buildings are held as Investment Property as outlined in Note 8. The future minimum lease payments due under the terms of the rental agreements for both commercial buildings are as follows:

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
<b>Not later than one year</b>	1,465,605	846,314
<b>Later than one year and not later than five years</b>	4,967,401	3,040,177
<b>Later than 5 years</b>	6,682,021	131,902

	Expiry date	Rights of renewal	Lease incentives
<u>311 Hawthorne Drive</u>			
Partners in the Law Firm Cruickshank Pryde (Tenancy 2, Level 1)	23-Jul-27	One (1) right of six (6) years, four (4) rights of five (5) years each	Nil
Queenstown and Southern NZ Realty Limited (Ground Floor)	01-Jul-30	Two (2) rights of six (6) years each	Nil
Rothbury Insurance Brokers Limited (Tenancy 3, Level 1)	01-Oct-30	Two (2) rights of three (3) years each	Nil
<u>48 Grant Road</u>			
New Zealand Couriers Limited (Entire Building)	20-Jan-30	Two (2) rights of five (5) years each	Nil
<u>30a McNulty Road</u>			
Bascik Transport Limited (Entire Building)	30-Apr-40	Two (2) rights of five (5) years each	Nil

## 10. Contingencies and Commitments

There are no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at balance date (2025: \$11,600,000).

## 11. Subsequent events

There are no events subsequent to the balance date which materially affect the consolidated financial statements.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HUGO CHARITABLE TRUST GROUP

### Opinion

We have audited the annual report of Hugo Charitable Trust (“the Trust”) and its controlled entities (together, “the Group”), which comprises the consolidated financial statements on pages 97 to 117 and the consolidated statement of service performance on pages 9 to 24. The complete set of consolidated financial statements comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2026, the consolidated statement of comprehensive revenue & expense, consolidated statement of changes in trust funds, consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion the accompanying annual report presents fairly, in all material respects:

- the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 March 2026 and its consolidated financial performance, and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the consolidated statement of service performance for the year ended 31 March 2026, in that the service performance information is appropriate and meaningful and prepared in accordance with the Group’s measurement bases or evaluation methods,

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (“PBE Standards RDR”) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)) and the audit of the consolidated statement of service performance in accordance with the ISAs (NZ) and New Zealand Auditing Standard 1 (NZ AS 1) (Revised) *The Audit of Service Performance Information (NZ)*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Report section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Trust or any of its controlled entities.

### Other Information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor’s report comprises the information on pages 1 to 8; 25 to 96; and 120 contained in the annual report, but does not include the consolidated statement of service performance and the consolidated financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated statement of service performance and consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated statement of service performance and consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated statement of service performance and the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor’s report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



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### The Trustees' Responsibilities for the Annual Report

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Group for:

- (a) the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements and consolidated statement of service performance in accordance PBE Standards RDR;
- (b) the selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods that present a statement of service performance that is appropriate and meaningful in accordance with PBE Standards RDR;
- (c) the preparation and fair presentation of the statement of service performance in accordance with the Group's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with PBE Standards RDR;
- (d) the overall presentation, structure and content of the statement of service performance in accordance with PBE Standards RDR; and
- (e) such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and consolidated statement of service performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual report the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and the consolidated statement of service performance are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate or collectively, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this annual report.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the annual report is located at the XRB's website at:

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### Who we Report to

This report is made solely to the Trust's Trustees, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trust's Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

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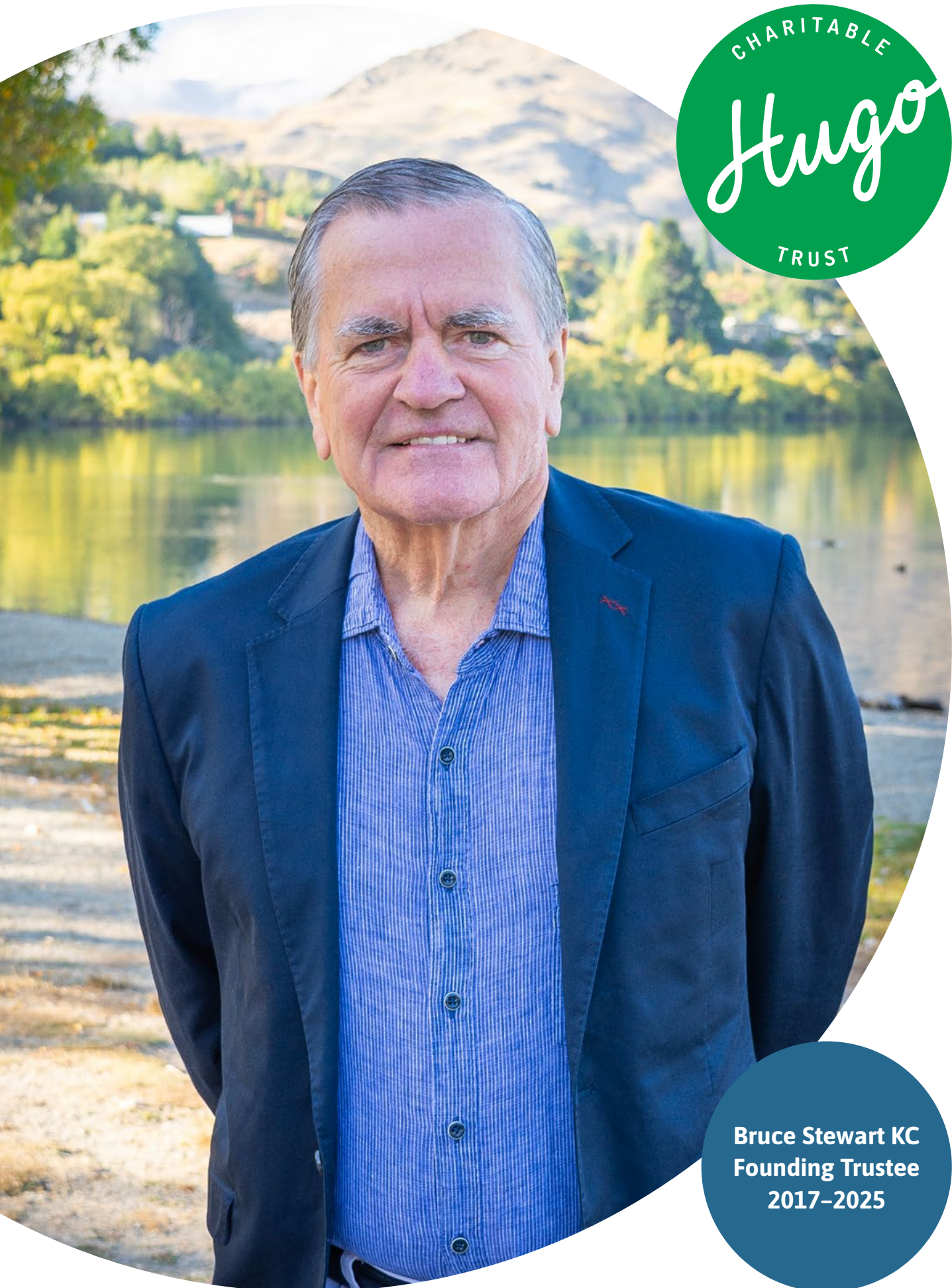
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