



Quarterly Update

April 2010

Solid backing for Kiwican

Opotiki Kiwican Charitable Trust's values-based educational programme is having a positive effect on the way children in the town's primary schools deal with day-to-day issues.

Opotiki Kiwican chairperson Andrew Taylor says the programme covers a range of important life skills and involves a "high-energy" lesson each week for every child in the four local schools. "We use activities, games and role-play to develop themes such as personal responsibility, integrity, conflict resolution or consideration for others. Each theme lasts for a term, so the messages are reinforced every week and because the kids enjoy it, they really pick it up and run with it.

"The whole idea is to make kids feel good about themselves – if anyone can, a Kiwi kid can."

He says the schools are solidly behind the programme, which also has a strong community development benefit because the messages taught are being taken home and spread via family interaction.

Opotiki Kiwican has one full-time and two-part-time staff and depends entirely on donations and grants to meet its operating costs. BayTrust added its support to the organisation's funding needs in March.

"BayTrust's \$20,000 grant is a very big help, because it reduces the pressure on local businesses and organisations to keep the programme going," Mr Taylor concludes.

Kiwi Can leader Mo Hoera with Opotiki Primary students.



St Peters Care & Counselling supported

The largest single Western Bay of Plenty grant announced by BayTrust last month went to the St Peters Care and Counselling Charitable Trust to help meet the cost of rent, administration and staff supervision.

Care Co-ordinator Liz Garbutt says the Trust's staff and many volunteer workers were "absolutely delighted" by the \$15,458 contribution. "It's quite humbling really. We see it as an affirmation that we are meeting some very real community needs. It's great for all of the people involved to see that recognised through BayTrust's continuing support."

St Peters Care & Counselling was established in 1988 and provides a range of free community services, including professional counselling; a one-on-one support service; advocacy for people who have difficulty accessing the help they need from Government or other agencies; life skills educational programmes; foodbank referrals and emergency food help; the Take 2 4 U friendship group and mentoring service; a childcare service for mothers (of pre-school children) attending counselling or courses; and free Christmas dinners.

Gregg Brown

Gregg Brown was appointed to BayTrust in October 2009 and is the current Rotorua Area Chair. Gregg's professional background is in senior business management, both in NZ and overseas.

Born and bred in Rotorua, he is a self-employed business owner/operator of four local hospitality businesses - Capers Epicurean, Pig & Whistle and Lake Okareka Cottage and Loft.

Gregg is the Managing Director of RideRotorua.com a not-for-profit website promoting cycling in Rotorua. His other voluntary positions include Deputy Chair of the Rotorua Tourism Board and Advocacy Officer of the Rotorua Mountain Bike club.

Gregg is married to Susan, a physiotherapist and marriage celebrant, and they have three children.



March 2010 Grants

Baywide

Central Plateau Div. Parkinsonism Society of NZ Inc	\$8,847
Epilepsy Association of NZ Inc Rotorua Branch	\$7,903
Parent to Parent Central Lakes District ..	\$10,000
New Zealand Mountain Safety Council	\$1,750
Tangata Whenua Community and Voluntary Sector Research Centre	\$3,750
Coastguard Eastern Region Assoc. Inc..	\$15,000
Deaf Aotearoa NZ Inc BoP Branch	\$8,347
Northern Regional Branch of Muscular Dystrophy Assn of NZ	\$9,973
Parents Inc	\$10,000

Eastern Bay of Plenty

Churches Education Commission	\$2,128
Growing Through Grief	\$4,000
Whakatane District Neighbourhood Support Trust	\$10,000
Mataatua Kapa Haka Inc	\$5,000
Opotiki Kiwican Charitable Trust	\$20,000

Rotorua

ADHD (Rotorua) Association Inc	\$18,129
John Paul College	\$10,000
Age Concern Rotorua	\$13,260
Rotorua Community Youth Centre Trust	\$20,000

Taupo

Age Concern Taupo Inc	\$3,122
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Taupo	\$20,000
Growing Through Grief – Taupo	\$3,400
Lake Taupo District Sports Advisory Council	\$6,000
Life Education Trust Taupo/Ruapehu	\$10,500
Literacy Taupo Inc	\$1,262
Taupo Citizens Advice Bureau	\$19,095
Taupo Council of Social Services	\$9,000
Taupo Therapy Centre Incorporated	\$10,000

Western Bay of Plenty

Age Concern (Tga) Inc	\$13,260
Priority One - Western BoP Inc	\$10,000
St Peters Care & Counselling Charitable Trust	\$15,458
Tauranga Amateur Swimming & Life Saving Club	\$475
The Salvation Army Tauranga	\$6,720
Voice Advocacy Trust	\$10,000

NOTE:
Quarterly applications
deadline Wed 30 June.