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• Andrea's final report •

Tena koutou katoa, greetings to you all. I write this report with a feeling of sadness because the 17th May will be my last day at Funding Information Service. I'd never have believed when I started this organisation just over 15 years ago that from the feasibility study done for the Roy McKenzie Foundation would come three well-known and well-used databases, over 3,000 funding records, eight knowledgeable and committed staff, nearly 600 subscribers nationwide and significant changes in the community and voluntary and funding sectors.

Kevin Haunui is to be the new General Manager. I am delighted to be leaving the organisation in good health and in good hands. I'm grateful for the opportunity I was given to do this work and to work in a sector with such committed and able people.

I came to the organisation with teaching and library experience. I'd also been actively engaged in the arts and continuing education sectors and the skills,



knowledge and networks stood me in good stead. But these last 15 years have been challenging and a real learning time for me and while the work itself presented challenges so did the people I've worked with and it's from them that I've learned the most.

The staff have been almost without exception learning people, skilled, knowledgeable, principled, enthusiastic and enjoyable. I've enjoyed them tremendously and felt privileged to work with them.

Our Board members, Chairs of the Board and Maori Advisory Group are likewise people who are keen to serve their community, values based and knowledgeable. They've made a huge difference by the way they've worked with us. And I've learned that the relationship between the Chair and the General Manager is a crucial one and is worth putting time and effort into.

My colleagues from other organisations such as Philanthropy NZ, J R McKenzie, NZFWO, ANGOA, NZCOSS and Community Sector Taskforce

and from projects such as COMVoiceS have shared so much knowledge and trust. Our subscribers and users of the databases have given us brilliant feedback so that the useful databases and services you now use are the product of the input we've had over the years.

Sir Roy McKenzie, RMF trustees and staff and members of Funding Information Service incorporated should be proud of the service that their initiative, inspiration, funding and support have produced. A great outcome and one I will always be privileged and proud to have been associated with.

I wish all grantseekers well in their endeavours – you are the backbone and strength of our society. And I wish the grantmakers well – they have the privilege to support the care and growth of our society. And lastly I wish Funding Information Service well in all its future endeavours to make information about funding accessible to all.

Kia kaha, kia manawanui, kia ora.



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FundView and BreakOut Stats

FundView and BreakOut Information Collectors are constantly looking for new records to list on our databases. Recent additions are:

FUNDVIEW

There are currently 655 published records, of which 542 are active, on FundView. New schemes include: The Mazda Foundation Trust, Community Group Funding - Wellington High School, Year of the Veteran Community Grants Fund, Major Events Development Fund and the Elsie Steele Trust.

Highlight:

The Elsie Steele Trust aims to sponsor projects that enhance the lives of the elderly, infirm or needy. Applications are considered every two months.

BREAKOUT

There are 30 new records in BreakOut, bringing the database total to 2372 of which 1629 are active. The new records are from Te Wananga o Raukawa, The University of Auckland, University of Otago, IPENZ, Ministry of Social Development, University of Pittsburgh, Women in Film & Television and Resource Management Law Association.

Spotlight

The Robin Laing/WIFT Wellington Scholarship assists female students at The Film School in Wellington who are able to demonstrate potential to take a significant place in the screen production industry.

CorporateCitizens on Radio NZ

CorporateCitizens was the subject of a Radio New Zealand interview focusing on fundraising and corporate community involvement. Louise Parkin from Saints Information talked to Chris Laidlaw about her experience researching CorporateCitizens (the New Zealand Directory of Corporate Community Involvement) and the background to the joint venture with the Funding Information Service.

Her interview incorporates information about Breakout and Fundview, and is one of several in the feature. Representatives from the Fundraising Institute of New Zealand and sponsorship managers of several companies were also interviewed and it went to air on Sunday 21 May 2006. Copies available from Replay Radio.

Funder forum

Maximising outcomes: investing to build effectiveness, comprehensive impact and social capital.

This Funder Forum was held on May 2nd at St Johns, Willis St and developed the theme of effective grantmaking. With 100 participants from around the country this forum showed the effects of previous forums in getting funders to talk to each other about best practice and to develop relationships that will ultimately result in more strategic grantmaking. Funders have long talked about the need for community and voluntary organisations to amalgamate or collaborate and now there is an awareness that funders need to do the same to make best use of scarce resources.

Some of the speakers included:

Bob Wyatt of Canada's Muttart Foundation gave an inspiring talk about investing in infrastructure, leadership and core capacity to help improve the effectiveness of community and voluntary organisations including funders.

Hildegard Grant, General Manager of Early Start Christchurch who gave us a candid evaluation of the successes and failures of their programme development and Iain Hines of the JR McKenzie Trust and Tina Reid of the Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations had a brilliant conversation between a grantmaker and a grantseeker.

John Prendergast of Southland Community Trust summed up each of the presentations, gave us lots of laughs and kept us interested to the last. Congratulations to Robyn Scott of Philanthropy NZ for an interesting, humorous and informative day.

COGS turns 20

Community volunteering was in the spotlight as celebrations were held throughout New Zealand. Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, Luamanuvao Winnie Laban, attended events in Auckland and Wellington to mark the 20th anniversary of COGS.

"Countless hours of volunteer contribution from the community, together with investment by the Labour-led government, have supported COGS to build the cornerstone of strong sustainable communities in New Zealand," Luamanuvao Winnie Laban said.

"Social capital is built up within civil society – within our communities – and social capital is the glue that binds our communities together."

COGS is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs and provides essential support to non-profit, voluntary, and community organisations. Since its inception in 1986, more than 50,000 grants totalling almost \$200 million have been distributed throughout New Zealand.



Celebrations in Wellington

New General Manager

The Board of Funding Information Service has appointed Kevin Haunui as General Manager.

Tu Williams, Chair of the Funding Information Service Board says Kevin has been Sales and Liaison Manager for FIS since July 2004 (in Sales and Liaison since August 2002).

"In that time he has made a substantial contribution to Funding Information Service. The Board is delighted to announce Kevin's promotion to the role.



We had a considerable number of applicants which tells us that we are seen as a highly desirable organisation to work for, and to lead.

A word from Kevin

Ma te huruhuru te manu ka rere

E nga reo, e nga mana, e nga waka.

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Tuatahi ko te wehitanga ki a Ihowa, nana te timatanga me te whakamutunga. Nana nga mea katoa.

Tuarua, ki a koutou nga whanau, nga hapu, nga iwi, ko wai atu, ko wai atu, tena koutou. Ki a koutou ra mai Te Reinga tae noa mai ki te upoko o te Ika, whakawhiti atu te moana o Raukawa ki te Wai Pounamu, atu ki Rakiura ki te Whare Kauri, ki hea atu, ki hea atu, tena koutou.

Tuatoru, ki a ratou ma kua wehe atu ki te po. E kore ratou e warewaretia, na reira haere nga mate, haere. Haere ki Hawaiki nui, ki Hawaiki roa, ki Hawaiki pamamao.

Apiti hono tatai hono te hunga mate ratou ki a ratou, Apiti hono tatai hono, te hunga ora, ko tatou ma, tena koutou katoa.

Tenei te uri o Tuhoehoe ratou ko Te Whanau-a-Apanui, ko Ngati Kahungunu i te taha o toku papa, me te uri o Tuwharetoa ratou ko Ati Hau me Ngati Rangi, ki te taha o toku mama, e mihi atu ana ki a koutou katoa.

Ko Wiremu Haunui toku papa, ko Tamara Blackburn toku mama, ko Kevin Haunui toku ingoa.

Ma te huruhuru te manu ka rere – it is feathers that enable the bird to fly.

This whakatauki or saying epitomises the essence of what Funding Information Service aspires to.

That is, to provide New Zealanders with information about funding that might help with their development.

Kevin brings to this role skills and experience gained at community and corporate level. He is Treasurer of Hau Ariki Marae Committee, Martinborough and represents them as Maori Standing Committee member for South Wairarapa District Council. He also brings to this role formal qualifications in business studies, education and Maori studies.

With whakapapa links to Whanau-a-Apanui, Tuhoehoe and Ngati Kahungunu from his father, and Ati Hau – Ngati Rangi and Tuwharetoa from his mother, Kevin says "Building and establishing the products that maximise the opportunities for New Zealanders to access funding information is the fantastic legacy in Funding Information that Andrea leaves".

Andrea Goble who recently announced her resignation after 15 years in the role says that having spent a large number of years building up the organisation it's very satisfying that Kevin has been selected by the Board to lead Funding Information Service. "Kevin's strategic vision will take the organisation in new directions that will provide the best access to funding information to all sectors in our country," says Andrea. "His knowledge and relationship building skills will stand him in excellent stead in his work of leading the work of this dynamic and developing organisation."

Kevin took up this role on 19 May 2006.

It is that simple.

As the new General Manager I see exciting times ahead for Funding Information Service.

How can we innovate the accessibility of funding information on FundView, BreakOut or CorporateCitizens so that it is truly accessible to all New Zealanders?

To whom should we be advocating improvements to the access of funding information for all New Zealanders? Central or Local Government? Grant makers? Communities?

With such an enormous amount of information available to Funding Information Service, how can we customise this to add value to sectors in the community like environment and conservation, ethnic communities, Pasifika, Maori and farming?

This is a fantastic time to be leading Funding Information Service. We have a dedicated Board and Maori Advisory Group and a talented team. We also have a wonderful group of customers, without whom Funding Information Service would not exist.

I look forward to your continued and valued support and I welcome your feedback.

On behalf of us all, I wish Andrea every success at Social Services Waikato and for both her and I, it is apt to conclude with our whakatauki ma te huruhuru te manu ka rere - it is feathers that enable the bird to fly.

Noho ora mai

Naku noa, na Kevin

Pukehou Pouto Scholarship Winner Announced - Funding for silvicultural science research

Whangarei post-graduate student, Ian Hanmore, has been awarded the Pukehou Pouto Scholarship it was announced recently by the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee (NZVCC). The scholarship is worth \$10,000 a year.

Ian Hanmore is studying for his Masters degree in applied science (MAppSci) at Massey University. His thesis investigates the effects of riparian management in plantation forests in Northland including tree topple/windthrow effects and the environmental impacts of clear felling.

The Pukehou Pouto Scholarship was established from a bequest from the estate of Edith Fraser and is managed on behalf of the estate by Public Trust. Miss Fraser, who died in 1980, wished that the scholarship be used to fund studies in agricultural or silvicultural sciences. Awarded annually, the scholarship is available for post-graduate students at any New Zealand university.

The Pukehou Pouto Scholarship is one of over 40 scholarships awarded each year by the NZVCC. These include graduate awards such as the Claude McCarthy Fellowship, Commonwealth Scholarships, the New Zealand Law Foundation Ethel Benjamin Prize, William Georgetti Scholarship and the Woolf Fisher Scholarships. Undergraduate awards managed by NZVCC include the Douglas Myers Scholarship, Girdlers' Scholarship and the Kitchener Memorial Scholarship.

The Pukehou Pouto Scholarship is one of over 400 charitable trusts (including a number of scholarships) managed by Public Trust. These trusts and scholarship include interests as diverse as science, medicine, disability and agriculture. Collectively, the trusts provide the means for many people to live better lives, enhance their skills or enjoy better community facilities.

"The NZVCC and Public Trust are very pleased the Pukehou Pouto Scholarship has been awarded to such an outstanding student. Ian Hanmore was chosen from several impressive applications. We wish him well in his studies and look forward to following his progress," said Kiri Manuera, Scholarships Manager for NZVCC.

Applications for next year's Pukehou Pouto Scholarship should be made by 1 October 2006. Application details can be found on www.nzvcc.ac.nz.

Susannah is moving on.

Our FundView Information Collector, Susannah, will be completing her university studies in June. She finishes with a BA in criminology and a BSc in geography from Victoria University of Wellington. In the future she hopes to move into a position that will use her skills in these areas. "I'm really excited about finishing my degrees and all the future possibilities that are out there".

Sales and Liaison - Funding Expo season

During the April Sales and Liaison trip I visited and spoke about our products and services to the following stakeholders;

Dunedin

Will Croft and 8-9 staff of the Library and Council CARS unit,

Eddy van De Pol at the University of Otago, Advisors at DIA Local Govt & Community

Queenstown 30-40 people at the Central Lakes Trust Funders Forum, including 7 funders, Sharon and Nadine at Queenstown Library

Invercargill Mary Napper at Invercargill City Council, Garry Lay at DIA Local Govt & Community, Wanaka, Central Lakes Trust Funders Forum 15-20 people

Cromwell Central Lakes Trust Funders Forum 25-30 people

Alexandra Central Lakes Trust Funders Forum 35-45 people

Wanaka Cromwell and Alexandra libraries

Not only was it good to get valuable comments and raise recognition of our products and services with the community and customers, but our profile and networking ability with funders and capacity building organisations was significantly increased. These included Rhonda Poon, Jane Robertson and Beth Wilson from Central Lakes Trust, Deborah Walker from the Charities Commission, Carol Melville and Marie Jackson from the Community Trust of Otago, Ian Bainbridge from MSD Works and Income Dunedin, Judy Cook from DIA Local Govt & Community Dunedin, Pat Cook, CYF, Judith Whyte Central Otago Creative Communities, Alan Nicholls Sport Otago.

As I assume a new role within Funding Information Service, the Sales and Liaison role will operate at a lesser capacity for the next couple of months. Natasha McDougall (Marketing Manager) and I will share this role during these months.

June 13-16 Marton, Wanganui, Fielding, Palmerston North, Tararua, Horowhenua, Masterton, Carterton, South Wairarapa

July 3-6 Far North, Whangarei, Dargaville, Rodney, Waitemata, North Shore

August No planned visits

I will miss being Sales and Liaison Manager. I have met some wonderful people throughout the country but I am comforted that our paths will definitely meet again.

Thank you to all.



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Charities Commission update

Full steam ahead with education

Carol Cunningham joined the team earlier this month as Education Advisor. Carol has already been busy preparing educational resources (e.g. the registration checklist), and is in the midst of planning a series of registration workshops throughout the country.

Carol has had a long and fond connection with the charitable sector, having volunteered for Plunket and her children's kindergartens and schools, and formerly a paid employee for Barnardos, WWF, Victim Support and the Marsden School Development Office. She also has a strong training background, working most recently at the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, where she co-ordinated the veterinary nursing programme and tutored Business Studies and veterinary nursing courses. Carol understands what it's like to be at the coalface in the not-for-profit sector. She aims to provide the support that organisations like yours may need to better understand the registration process, making it as easy and as accessible as possible.

Group registration – where are we at?

Two consistent messages emerged during targeted discussions last month with several charities considering group registration. The first was a call for further information on how the group registration process will work. The second was a desire to learn the benefits of group registration, particularly in terms of reporting obligations.

These issues will be addressed over the course of two pilot projects on group registration – one with a national church and another with a large health-related charity. These projects are both underway and will form the basis for final determination on how the group registration process will work in practice.

Your questions

Q: Do we need to include a copy of our original IRD letter of confirmation with our application?

A: No, but if you have a formal binding ruling from Inland Revenue that has not yet expired (not a letter with a disclaimer saying that you have a charitable purpose), you may wish to include a copy with your application. It means that your organisation will be deemed to have a charitable purpose and we will only need to consider the qualification of your officers and your organisation's name.

Q: Who decides whether my organisation gets tax exemption?

A: While registration with the Charities Commission is a prerequisite for tax exemptions on the grounds of charitable purpose, Inland Revenue remains responsible for administering the Income Tax Acts. Inland Revenue will publish guidelines for charities to help you understand the interaction between registration as a charity and the various tax exemptions available

For more information visit www.charities.govt.nz.

Socio-economic impacts of ICT's

In April Dylan Packman and I attended a collaborative Waikato and Canterbury University symposium on the socio-economic impacts of ICTs (Information and Communication Technologies). For half a day we listened to ten presentations on the different findings and conclusions discovered from a current research program being performed on the analysis of current initiatives in the workplace and communities and the impacts they have on them.

Of the ten presentations some stood out as particular interest to us. Stuart Locke of the Waikato Management School presented a seminar on the use of ICTs in the farming rural sector. It was interesting to see that the research found that Internet adoption is very low. Further studies indicated that there are misperceptions of the usefulness of ICTs in the management of farms and small businesses, and also the prices and availability of services to them.

Another presentation demonstrated uses in the immigrant sector of New Zealand. Although the use of ICTs differed across different cultural groups, overall there was a strong use as a tool for education and means of communicating with friends and families overseas. There was also a strong tendency for use in public places such as libraries and tertiary education centres where we have, or aim to have Funding Information Service products available.

Of most relevance to the Funding Information Service was the presentation of a survey of Community and Voluntary sector use of ICTs. Of the 3000 charitable trusts and incorporated societies interviewed 64% did not have a website, and those that did lacked the staff or know how to manage these websites thus decreasing the overall effectiveness of these organisations in the Community and Voluntary sector.

The Funding Information Service provides much of its information through emerging ICT technologies like the Internet and we need to understand how the community groups are, or are not picking up on the ICTs services we provide. Research which looks to find the current use, future use or lack of use of ICTs by all New Zealand people is very useful to us. This symposium offered the Funding Information Service some clear ideas on shaping our ICT strategy to target and assist as many community groups and individuals we may have missed or previously neglected. More info at www.mngt.waikato.ac.nz/ICT
Christian Palmer

Below: Professor Ted Zorn is the 'Principal Investigator' for the 'Impacts of ICTs on work and communities'



Farewell Andrea



Farewell drinks for Andrea at the James Cook Grand Chancellor, Wellington.