

ASB Community Trust provided a grant of \$15,732 to assist the group with equipment and programme costs.

THE PACIFICA ARTS CENTRE

At the Pacifica Arts Centre in West Auckland the matriarchs, guardians of Pacific culture, join together to exchange stories and share the skills of traditional arts such as weaving, lei making, and tapa making. The centre also offers popular carving, weaving and tivaevae workshops and delivers a school education programme across the Auckland region. The cultures of the Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Niue, Fiji, Tokelau, Tuvalu, Tahiti and Hawaii are all represented.

“Our focus is connecting, engaging and creating access to Pacific arts and culture,” says manager Jarcinda Stowers-Ama.

“Through the Pacifica Arts Centre we have created a cultural home, open to all in the community, that truly celebrates Pacific culture.”

www.pacificarts.org

ASB Community Trust provided a grant of \$4,680 to assist the group with venue hire costs.

CHINESE SENIOR CITIZENS EXERCISE HEALTH GROUP

Gentle and slow is the secret to better health according to local Tai Chi enthusiasts. The Chinese Senior Citizens Health Exercises Group in Three Kings in Auckland, runs classes three mornings each week, all free of charge, to its 150 registered members.

“We run these classes because they are good for people. Tai Chi will give them much better health, prevent falls and save on ACC claims. It will also enable them to learn the culture as well,” says Chairman Justin Sew Hoy. “It’s slow movement that allows for good energy to flow.”

ASB Community Trust provided a grant of \$150,000 over three years to assist Panacea Arts toward their operating costs.

PANACEA ARTS TRUST

Therapeutic art is the heart and soul of the Panacea Arts Trust. And it shows. Their Spark Centre offers innovative visual arts and art therapy programmes, with particular provision for people living with disabilities. Specialist programmes are provided for very high need youth, adults who’ve experienced a stroke, children and teens with autism and other related disabilities. It’s no surprise then that the Spark Centre were the winners of the 2013 ‘Big A’ Creative Space Award from Arts Access Aotearoa. “We have recently completed a pilot delivering into the deaf community,” says director Suzanne Vesty.

“Spark Centre constantly seeks to develop new areas of creative work that bring about life enhancement, growth and learning for people living with disability.”

www.sparkcentre.org.nz

“The combination of strategic grant making and skilled support for social programmes will ensure the Trust delivers an even greater benefit to the region over the next five years.”
— Jennifer Gill, CEO, ASB Community Trust

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Highlights 2014

“Over the last financial year, the Trust has granted \$34.9 million to community organisations, a significant increase from \$21.1 million in the previous year.”

— Ken Whitney, Chair, ASB Community Trust



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ASB Community Trust provided a grant of \$6,752 to assist Tawharanui Open Sanctuary Society to support the Council’s weed management programme.

TAWHARANUI OPEN SANCTUARY SOCIETY INC

Tawharanui Open Sanctuary (TOSSI) blends conservation, recreation and sustainable farming within Tawharanui Regional Park. TOSSI is helping Auckland Council restore a coastal landscape where wetlands and forests are regenerating and treasured native species thrive. The Society’s volunteers and donors support pest control, a nursery programme planting 20,000 trees each year and the re-introduction of kiwi, pateke, forest and green gecko, bellbird, robin, kaka, whitehead, kakariki, grey-faced petrel and saddleback.

“Last year saw consolidation of the saddleback population, discovery of further nesting seabirds, and the announcement of the imminent arrival of takahē,” says Committee member Alison Stanes.

www.tossi.org.nz



ASB Community Trust granted \$280,659 of funding towards the marae development and project management costs.

WAIKARAKA MARAE

The Māori heritage of the community in Kaihu is receiving an exciting update. The 100 year old Waikaraka Marae, 25 kilometres north of Dargaville, is being redeveloped. A new wharenui (house) and ablution block has been built to meet cultural and sustainable environmental practices, including an eco-wastewater sewerage system and solar water heating system. These innovations will also deliver long term cost efficiencies.

“Watching the project progress over recent months has been exciting for all involved,” says treasurer Darren Beatty. “The new facilities will provide a venue for whānau, hapū, iwi and groups to celebrate and partake in the normal ceremonies and functions of a marae.”

HOME INSULATION

Since 2007 we have provided grants to insulate more than 15,000 homes across Auckland, Great Barrier Island and Northland. That helped more people in our region get the benefits of home insulation and created employment opportunities.

“Many families who might not otherwise have been able to afford to insulate, now have much warmer homes,” says ASB Community Trust CEO Jennifer Gill.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) estimates that the insulation work the Trust helped to fund is likely to provide around \$80 million in benefits — such as a reduction in illnesses caused by cold and damp living conditions — over the expected lifetime of the insulation.

ASB Community Trust has granted more than \$14 million to complement funding available through the Government’s insulation and heating programme over the past seven years.

www.eeca.govt.nz

ASB Community Trust has granted \$800,000 to GAAAP since 2011.

GREATER AUCKLAND AQUATIC ACTION PLAN (GAAAP)

Our regional water safety record is poor. That's why ASB Community Trust facilitated and funded the Greater Auckland Aquatic Action Plan (GAAAP). GAAAP, launched by Sport Auckland, works through local Regional Sports Trusts (RSTs) to coordinate swimming lessons for primary school children in the greater Auckland region. The aim is for children to acquire basic swimming and water safety skills. GAAAP targets children in years 3 to 6, in decile 1 to 6 schools. Since 2011 more than 50,000 kids from almost 150 schools have received a minimum of eight lessons each year. The result is a 500% increase in children swimming 200 metres, the benchmark for being able to swim and survive. In 2014 GAAAP celebrated its 400,000th lesson.

"We know that we're arming our little ones to be more confident and skilled when it comes to water safety," says CEO Auckland Sport, Sarah Sandley.



The development of Mutukaroa was supported by ASB Community Trust with a grant of \$726,700 over five years.

SYLVIA PARK

Mutukaroa is a home/school partnership to support children's learning in years 1 to 3. Created by Barbara Alaalatoa, principal of decile two Sylvia Park Primary School in Mt Wellington, Mutukaroa gives parents the tools and knowledge they need to support the development of core skills in their children. This funded a full-time role for a teacher to spend time with parents at home and in the workplace to discuss their children's learning. As parents gained a better understanding of learning objectives, and how they could support their children, student achievement started to grow — for example, from just 57% of year 3 students reaching national norms in 2009 for reading comprehension to 97% in 2012.

Barbara and the Sylvia Park team are now helping the Ministry of Education to take Mutukaroa to over 100 schools across the country.



www.sylviapark.school.nz

The Leadership Academy has been supported by ASB Community Trust with grants totalling \$5 million since 2009.

HE PUNA MARAMA

The Leadership Academy of A Company in Whangarei aspires to 'build Māori leaders' who can contribute to and benefit from the wider world. Founded by He Puna Marama Trust the academy provides a structured boarding environment during the school week for boys attending local high schools. Out of school hours, the academy immerses the boys in a curriculum framed around three concepts: Be Māori, Be Rangatira, Be Educated. The approach has proven successful. To date 82% of Year 11 boys enrolled in the academy successfully achieved NCEA Level 1, compared with a national rate of 55.3% for all NZ Māori in Year 11. In Year 12, 11 out of 13 of the academy's students successfully achieved NCEA Level 2, compared with national Māori rates of achievement of 62% for NCEA Level 2 in 2013. "We're creating authentic Māori leaders. Their success is our motivation," says He Puna Marama CEO Raewyn Tipene.



www.mokonkz.co.nz

MĀORI AND PACIFIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE — MPEI

ASB Community Trust launched its Māori and Pacific Education Initiative in 2006. The Trust set aside \$20 million to support proactive interventions to improve educational outcomes for Māori and Pacific students in Auckland and Northland.

Throughout the MPEI process ASB Community Trust has been guided by the vision created by the project's reference group; Maa taatou ano taatou e korero. This concept, 'we speak for ourselves,' reflects the confidence that the community holds the solutions to its own problems.

Sylvia Park School's Mutukaroa project, and He Puna Marama's Leadership Academy illustrate that vision in practice.

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KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Trust works in partnership with a number of organisations where there is a shared vision for positive outcomes for our communities. Our support for the Greater Auckland Aquatic Action Plan is an example of a key community partnership in action.

CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE

ASB Community Trust's Catalysts for Change programme provides multi-year funding and support to organisations providing innovative solutions to complex social issues. In 2013, the Catalysts for Change programme supported Auckland's Lifewise, a not-for-profit agency that provides critical services to vulnerable and at-risk people of all ages, Rodney district's Springboard programme for youth at risk, and Whangarei Youth Space which provides a range of youth services.



ASB Community Trust approved a grant of \$2 million over five years to help Lifewise further develop its approach to end homelessness.

LIFEWISE

Street homelessness is one of Auckland's most visible social issues. It is estimated that on most nights over 100 people rough sleep in the central city. The Lifewise Trust aims to address the causes of street homelessness, prevent young people entering life on the street, and help existing street homeless towards independence. Through its Merge Café, the Lifewise Trust provides affordable food, opportunities for training and employment, and a hub for wrap-around support services.

"Homeless people want to be housed and can be housed, given the right support," says Lifewise fundraising director Lesley Mynett-Johnson.

Since Lifewise opened its cafe and support hub in 2010, more than 169 people have been housed in permanent accommodation, of whom close to 80% are still housed today. Fifty nine people have found employment or training.

www.lifewise.org.nz



ASB Community Trust granted Springboard Community Works \$2 million over the next five years to strengthen similar programmes in other communities across the region.

SPRINGBOARD

Springboard Community Works targets at-risk families and youth to empower them to improve their lives and connection to their community. Springboard offers prevention and youth offender intervention programmes, alternative education, mentoring, family support services and work transition programmes for youth with few opportunities.

The success of Springboard's GO180° Youth Offender programme, for 14-16 year olds who continually reoffend, has attracted praise from a Youth Court judge as being "probably the most effective community intervention programme" he has seen.

www.springboard.org.nz



A grant of \$2,079,503 from the ASB Community Trust is helping bring together operational programmes of social and recreational activities, youth development, and youth health and support services.

WHANGAREI YOUTH SPACE

Whangarei Youth Space is helping address the multiple needs of young people in and around Whangarei. Located in the former Whangarei Art Museum in Cafler Park, Youth Space will lead a number of youth initiatives and work collaboratively with agencies and employers to assist young people into education, training and employment.

"This is a place youth can have ownership, where they can come, hang out with friends and get engaged with activities. They can also access support to link up with education, training and jobs, and health services through our nurse-led clinic," says WYS executive officer Beth Cooper.

www.whangareiyouthspace.co.nz