



Community Good Report 2023

Our Mission

We offer a unique venue for gatherings, exploration, learning and adventure, one that acknowledges, encompasses, and gives back to our diverse multicultural community.

Our trust, its facilities and its programmes support the uninhibited sharing of knowledge, culture and optimism – within our walls and throughout our community.

We understand the mana inherent in our South Auckland location;



we celebrate this, we learn from it everyday, and we contribute to it in any way we can.

Our campus is more than the sum of its facilities and greater than any single activity it enables, a versatile space that allows the entire community to benefit from the transformative nature of experience.

Our belief in the concept of shared betterment helps us to make sure our venue is a place where horizons are expanded,

adventures are enabled, and relentless curiosity is always encouraged.

Thank you for your support as this enables a platform for long term financial stability. It is this sustainability that creates subsidised access to the facilities and programmes which are designed to engage with our community inspiring them to set a goal, follow through and achieve.



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It is a great pleasure to present to you our Community Good Report for year ended 31 December 2022. Despite obvious uncertainty, we have seen a remarkable resurgence in both commercial and community/schools activity.

This strong interest in Due Drop Events Centre and Vector Wero Whitewater Park has enabled the Trust to provide discounted or free programmes for over 90,000 children through the year. Our total community support is valued at some \$1,127,071.

In April, we rebranded from Second Nature Charitable Trust to Waka Pacific Trust. The new brand keeps the essence of our mission while simultaneously refocussing our dedication to our iwi and the local community. Waka Pacific takes us back to our roots and commitment to our multicultural community, recognising Auckland as the largest Polynesian city in the world.

The naming rights sponsorship for our Events Centre matured at

the end of June allowing us to partner with the Due Drop Foundation as they become our partners and foundation funders for our schools programme. This strategic partnership will better position us to accomplish our vision and mission of serving our clients and our community. Together Due Drop Foundation and Waka Pacific Trust aim to grow the Trust's meaningful work in the community, instilling a culture of goal setting, following through, and achieving within our youth. These are values that will be taken beyond the programme, opening up opportunities for success throughout life.

The Due Drop Events Centre continues to be the largest venue-based schools and community programme provider for the creative arts and cultural events. This past year has seen 77,082 children use this facility through access to heavily subsidised workshops and activities as well as events and venue spaces.

Our Programme partners namely the Royal New Zealand Ballet,

Atamira Dance Company, Glow Show Productions and Tim Bray Theatre Company were better than ever and provided captivating experiences to students outside the classroom.

Vector Wero Whitewater Park aspires to be the largest schools programme provider in the world and this year we had 16,944 students participating in our unique moving-water safety sessions. Drowning prevention training is our focus, we are unique in that we are the only man-made facility in New Zealand with controlled moving water. We continue to hold fast to our promise to the community that our subsidised water safety programme will be made available to every student of South Auckland at some time during their school education.

Between Due Drop Events Centre and Vector Whitewater Park we were able to reach 94,026 children with our schools and community programme. We have exceeded our targets for 2022 and in 2023 we continue to work towards our challenge of reaching 100,000 youth through our

Schools programme by 2025.

A warm thank you to all our supporters and sponsors, with Special mention to Due Drop Foundation and Vector Limited as our esteemed naming rights sponsors. Without this support, and that of many other entities, we would not be able to make such a great difference in our community.



John Bongard ONZM CRSNZ
Chairman



David Comery
Chief Executive



Due Drop Events Centre Schools Programme



In 2022, the schools and community programme enabled by Due Drop Foundation provided **77,082 children** and youth access to subsidised or fully sponsored creative arts events.

We are pleased with this result and after a couple of years of online learning we are delighted to have provided experiences outside the classroom giving students a sense of normalcy.

While still mitigating covid associated risk we were able to collaborate with the Royal New Zealand Ballet, The Glow Show, Tim Bray Theatre Company, Pacifica Arts, APO, Māori Myths by the Sandman and various schools with their Dance Concerts providing students a wide variety of experiences.

The Trust with the support of Due Drop Foundation was able to support schools and community events by covering artists fees, venue

hire, labour and AV technical costs. In addition, where the need was greatest free access and transport to and from the venue has been provided

Along with our ongoing programme partners we are delighted to extend our schools programme to Manukau Symphony Orchestra and one of Auckland's premier musical theatre company; National Youth Theatre has been added to our already varied and successful 2023 line up.

We are excited to be building upon our schools programme and believe these opportunities will enrich lives.

Royal New Zealand Ballet

DANCEwithME



In August, the Royal New Zealand Ballet showcased their *DANCEwithME* programme. After cancelling the pilot due to a snap lockdown the year prior we were finally able to debut the programme with three schools participating, Prospect School, Redoubt School, and Stanhope School.

For eight weeks leading up to the performance an RNZB Dance Educator worked with each school to create a dance, culminating in a performance on stage at Due Drop Events Centre in front of all schools participating in the programme.

This was a fantastic day as students stepped outside of their

comfort zone to perform in front of their peers with enthusiastic students sitting in the audience cheering each other on.

As part of the programme and collaboration between Waka Pacific Trust and The Royal New Zealand Ballet, we provide free transportation to all schools involved to minimise any barrier blocking a school from registering and being a part of this programme.

After such a successful pilot we are very excited to continue offering this programme with schools already registered for *DANCEwithME 2023!*



Waka Pacific Trust
sponsored Roscommon
School transportation to
attend The Royal New
Zealand Ballet show, Ballet
in a Box.

Experience Pacifica

The Mamas and the Papas from Pacifica Arts Centre hosted Experience Pacifica workshops over three days with five schools from around the South Auckland area participating.

This is an annual event and one we will continue to provide to the schools as an opportunity for school students to learn, share and experience Pacifica arts and culture.

Pacifica Legends serve as inspiration for students to create woven works of art, learn basic drum beat patterns and dance movements.



Clendon Park, Howick Primary, Sancta Maria College, Finlayson Park and Manurewa Central School participated in the Experience Pacifica Workshops held over three days in the BNZ Theatre.





Each year the Trust provides sponsorship for the Beautification Trust’s “Eye on nature Wearable Arts Fashion Show and Awards.”

This annual event showcases students’ creativity in championing the environment through art and fashion.

Due Drop Events Centre Statistics 2022



77,082

children and youth engaged in
school and community events



\$350,967

Total Community good value



155 Schools

Participated in LEOTC
programmes



17,457

students registered for online
educational resources

Momentum Hub Moments



One new organisation was welcomed at the Momentum Hub. Our new fully sponsored tenant is Outward Bound NZ.

Outward Bound is one of New Zealand's leading organisations for showing people their full potential through outdoor challenge and adventure.



Our other partners at Momentum Hub:

- John Walker Find your Field of Dreams
- Hillary Outdoors
- YMCA North
- Swimming NZ
- Life Education Trust
- Canoe Slalom New Zealand
- Navigate Performance
- Tāwai Takapiri Connect Futures NZ





Vector Wero Whitewater Park

Teaching water safety and drowning prevention to children and youth is our top priority and in 2022 with support and sponsorship from Vector Ltd, Four Winds, John Walker Find your field of Dreams, Grassroots and Trillian Trust we were able to provide our schools programme to 16,944 students exceeding our 2019 target of 14,138.

We are pleased to see growth within our programme especially after a challenging couple of years working with covid and abiding to the Traffic light system.

Fully sponsored or subsidising our programmes for children and youth takes away the cost barrier enabling all to learn survival skills in moving water. Activities such as river crossing, river safety, kayaking, stand up

paddleboarding, and rafting are all popular school activities but most importantly they teach important lifesaving skills while giving students a fantastic and memorable experience.

Vector Wero Whitewater Park will continue to exceed our targets and strive to make our water safety programme available to every student of South Auckland during their school education.



Vector Wero Schools Programme statistics 2023



154

Number of schools



16,944

Students attended free or
subsidised programmes



\$776,104

Total Community Good
Value



Highlights

Due Drop Events Centre

- 77,082 children and young people attended or participated in events, programmes, competitions, concerts, graduations, and other activities held at the venue.
- We provided customised experiences for children and adults with autistic spectrum disorders and special needs.
- **Community Good Value is \$350,967.**

Vector Wero Whitewater Park

- 16,944 students from 154 schools have joined our white water and water safety programmes delivered in partnership with many organisations.
- Customised activities put on for children and youth to learn survival skills in moving water.
- Customised activities for paraplegic/disabled people are always on offer.
- **Community Good Value is \$776,104.**

Momentum Hub

- The trust hosted and co-sponsored alongside the Joyce Fisher Trust the Momentum Hub Leadership Academy. This unique and insightful programme ran across three terms and provided mentorship to 18 students from 6 schools within our community.
- Professional Development for Momentum Hub partners again hosted and co-sponsored with the Joyce Fisher Trust.



\$1,127,071

Total Community
Good Value

The Future

We are currently raising funding so we can open Waka Pacific Climb in Early 2025.

Waka Pacific Climb is a proprietary climbing system developed in Germany by Kristallturm (a world leader in the design and production of high ropes courses) with uncompromised safety.

The galvanised steel structure will rise 16 meters and comprise 78 climbing elements ranging in difficulty levels and design. Ten individual activities on the climbing frame will be themed in Māori mythological stories designed in consultation with local Tainui iwi representatives. It will include a giant swing, trust jump, pole walk staircase and a “walk the plank” confidence course all of which will be accomplished while the participant is safely double harnessed to guide wires.

The activities, being intertwined with the cultural elements, will make Waka Pacific Climb truly unique.

Youth will learn the stories of those before us and the challenges that our predecessors accepted and conquered while they too accept challenge and conquer it. All ages and fitness levels will be able to participate in this attraction.

Waka Pacific Climb will complement the current attractions within the Vector Wero Whitewater Park allowing participants to transition from water-based activities through to the climbing frame challenges or to simply participate in one or the other.



Why?

Outdoor education is an essential element for youth development.



Learning to take the right risks in life and gaining self-confidence is something many are missing out on due to cost of travel, health and safety and accommodation. We are bringing the outdoors to an accessible, controlled urban location in the middle of New Zealand's largest city.



The Challenge

In 2022, we had a record performance for our schools and community programme with 94,026 students and youth engaging in our creative arts and water safety programmes.

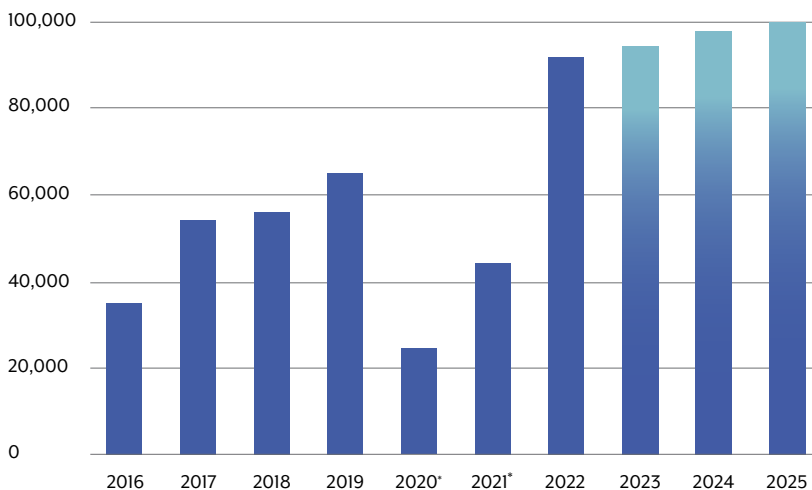
Our challenge is 100,000 students and youth by 2025 and we are confident that this is achievable after this record breaking year.

We look forward to seeing our schools programme continue to grow and develop by adding new

programmes and fields providing opportunities for students to experience real world events and workshops.

The Trust is focussed and committed to annually serving 100,000 children and young people by 2025 through events, the creative arts, white water and outdoor activities, water safety programmes, leadership development and sports.

Join our trust, whanau and communities and take the challenge!



** Participation decreased due to covid-19*



Thank you to our Sponsors





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Proud custodians of Due Drop Events Centre and Vector Whitewater Park on behalf of the community

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Every time you use our facilities you help support our youth through our water safety and creative arts programmes.

ONE of yours will make a difference FOR ONE of ours.