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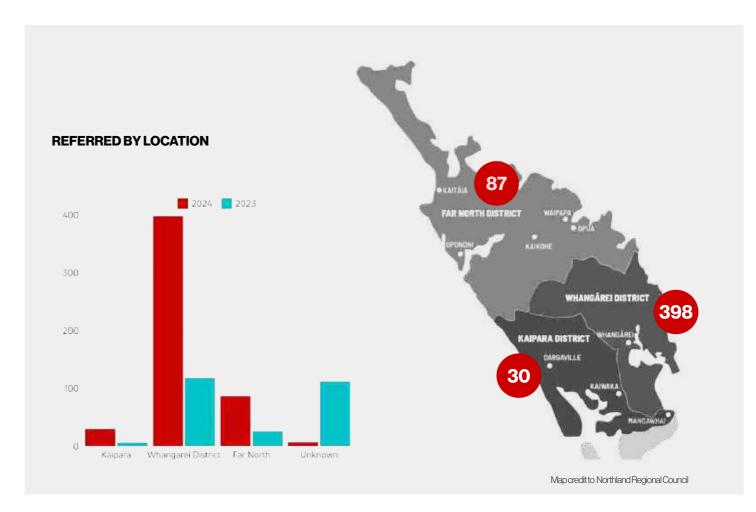


About Us

Volunteering Northland, established in 2012 as a charitable trust, is an independent volunteer centre dedicated to supporting and promoting volunteering across Te Tai Tokerau. Working collaboratively with Volunteering New Zealand and other centres around Aotearoa, we stay connected to the latest trends and best practices in volunteering.

We believe volunteers are the heart of our communities. By working closely with local not-for-profits, community groups, businesses, and individuals, we create opportunities for people to connect and make a difference. We support community groups through training, workshops, and mentoring programs, and we host events that bring together the community sector and those eager to volunteer.

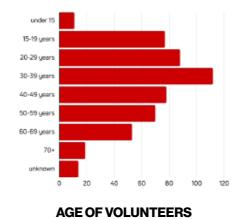


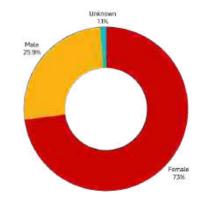


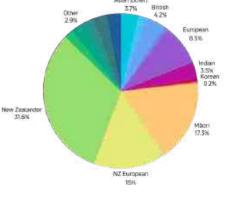












VOLUNTEERS BY GENDER VOLUNTEERS BY ETHNICITY

Vision and Values

Engaged communities connected through volunteering



OUR VALUES











Welcoming

Respect

Diversity

Flexibility

Integrity

Our Team

Staff

Jessie Manney

Manager

Verena Pschorn

Community Connections Coordinator

Patricia Santos

Community Connections Coordinator

Astrid Kelly

Marketing Administrator

Nataly Cardoso

Administrator

Nimo Ahmed

Board Secretary

Amber Brown

Project Manager, Emergency Volunteering

Board of Trustees

Teresa Hart

Chairperson

Francoise Vaughan

Treasurer

Nicholas Connop Mark Vincent Cameron Matheson Linda Marsh





Message from the Chair

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As Chair, I am incredibly proud of the achievements of Volunteering Northland over the past year. Our commitment to strengthening community bonds and increasing volunteer engagement across Te Tai Tokerau has deepened, particularly as we navigate these challenging times that call for resilience, adaptability, and aroha.

Thanks to the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, the support of our funders, and the collaboration with partner organisations, we have reached further into our communities than ever before. The energy and spirit at our events — from the Big Shout Out Volunteer Celebrations to our Volunteer Fair — demonstrate the profound impact volunteering has in fostering connection, well-being, and hope.

I acknowledge the challenges many of us face today. Volunteering Northland is dedicated to listening to our communities and adapting our services to uplift and support those we serve. Together, we are building a brighter, more connected Te Tai Tokerau.

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who contributes to this journey with us. Your generosity and commitment make a difference every day, and I look forward to continuing this important mahi together.

Nāku iti nei, nā,

Teresa Hart

Chair

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Message from the Manager

Kia ora koutou.

This year, we have focused on enhancing our community connections across Te Tai Tokerau, building on our commitment to volunteer engagement, professional development, and community support. Our vision of "Engaged communities connected through volunteering" remains at the core of our efforts, empowering volunteers and creating meaningful connections that uplift our communities.

The past year was filled with vibrant initiatives and gatherings. From our festive Christmas Community Pop-Up, which spread cheer and kindness, to our impactful Volunteer Fair, each event showcased the power of community engagement. Our Volunteer Awards celebrated the remarkable contributions of dedicated individuals and teams throughout Te Tai Tokerau, highlighting the incredible generosity and resilience within our volunteer sector.

We recognise the challenges our communities are facing and the impact these times have had on all of us. Our focus is on supporting our communities by improving engagement, expanding our reach, and adapting to future needs.

A heartfelt thank you to every volunteer, our funders, supporters, and partner organisations. Your aroha and commitment make a difference every day, and I look forward to continuing this journey together.

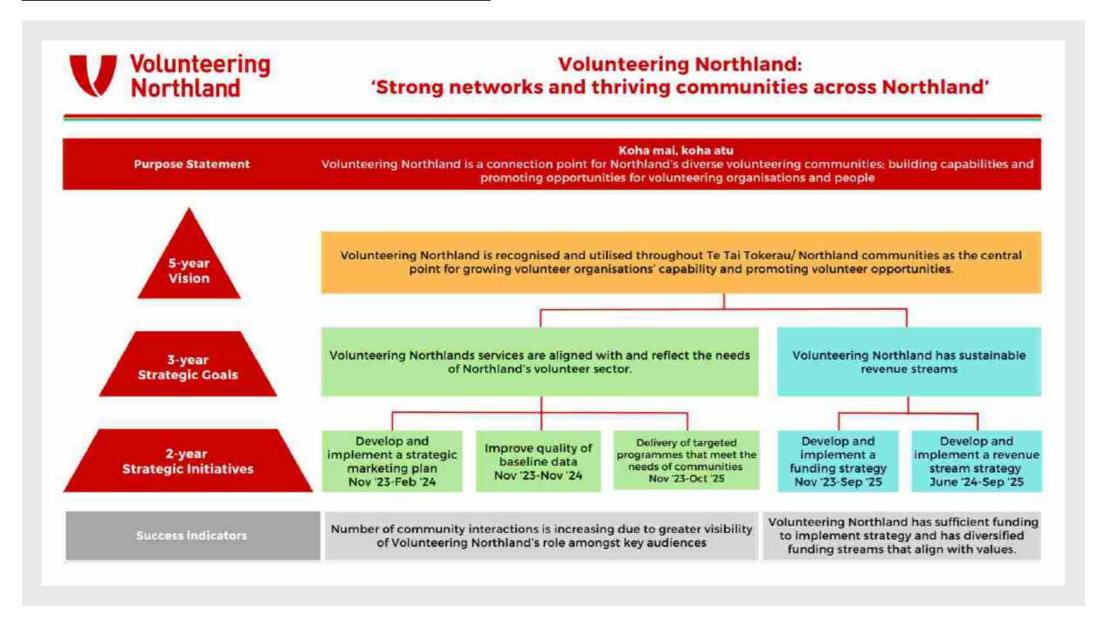
"Empowering volunteers and creating meaningful connections that uplift our communities"





Strategic Plan

Highlights



Developed a targeted funding strategy for sustainable growth, diversified income through new revenue streams, and implemented a refreshed marketing plan to broaden community reach and engagement.

Supported the community sector with tailored capacity-building workshops to strengthen organisations and equip them for success.

Expanded our connections through community events, presentations, and networking opportunities.

Developed and provided ongoing support for a Youth Action Group to empower young leaders and foster youth engagement in the community.

16,700

website visits

3,200

social media followers

18
events hosted

85

presentations, community events, and networking forum attendance

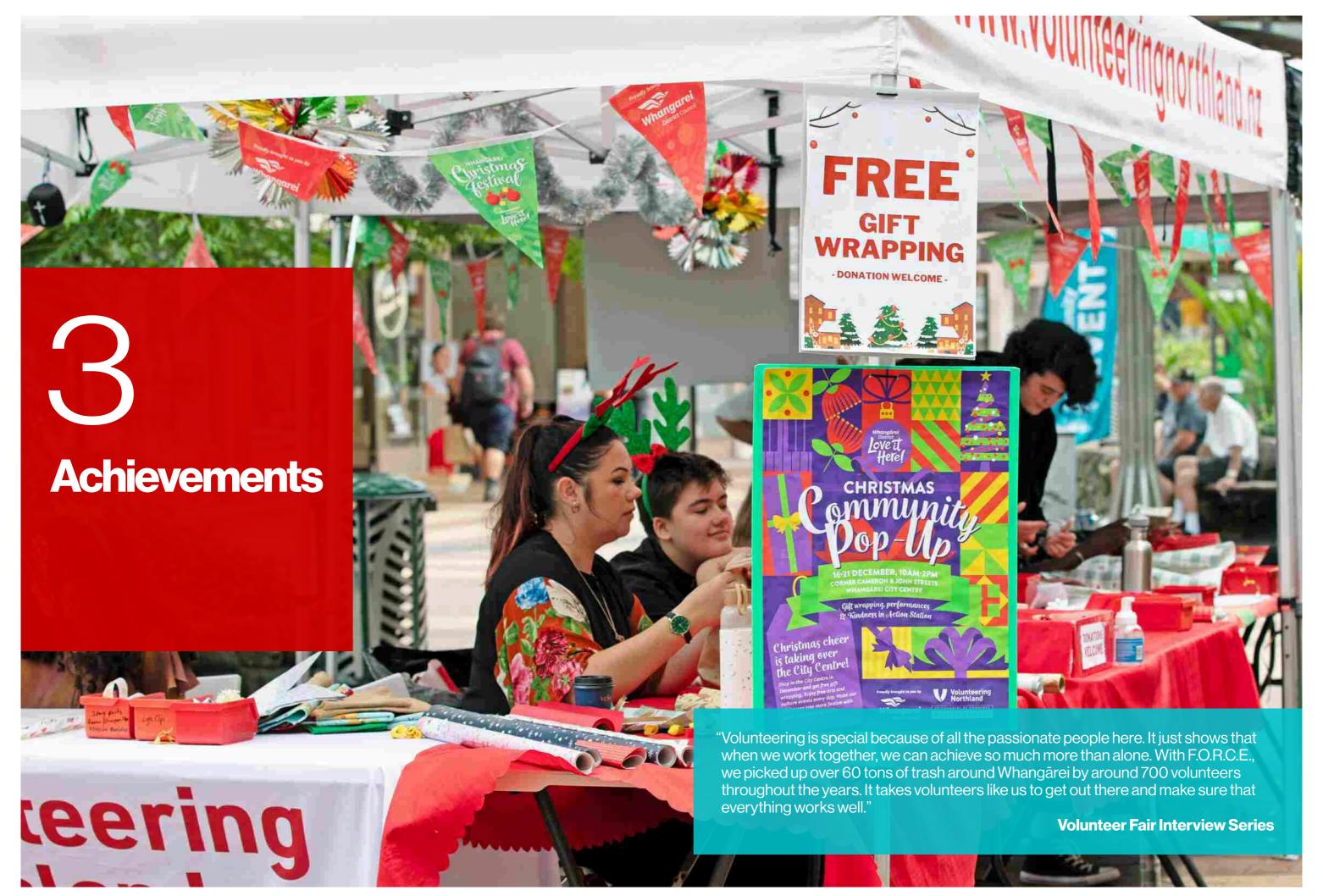




Looking to the Future

Looking ahead, we are committed to fostering sustainable growth and innovation within Volunteering Northland. Building on our new strategies, we aim to increase our impact, expand our reach, and enhance our support for volunteers and the communities we serve. With a clear vision and collaborative efforts, we are ready to navigate future challenges and continue thriving as a vital resource for Northland.

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The Christmas Community Pop-Up ran from 16-21 December 2023, featuring free gift-wrapping, eco-friendly wrapping options, live performances from local groups, and a 'Kindness in Action' station encouraging microvolunteering.









GIFTS WRAPPED

AUDIENCE FOR PERFORMANCES

VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER HOURS

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS / GROUPS INVOLVED

In collaboration with Whangārei District Council and the Northland Chamber of Commerce.







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The Big Shout Out

We tiki toured across Te Tai Tokerau to celebrate volunteers throughout the region. It was a privilege to meet these compassionate individuals, whose hard work strengthens and uplifts our communities. We heard inspiring stories of courage and resilience, which provided valuable insights to help us better support volunteers and the communities they serve.



MANGAWHAI









KAITĀIA













KERIKERI

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Ray Eyre

Carole Ruaware

Nate Gardan

Ciara Elliot

Stella Moreton

Frankie Johns

Jodie Rata Rameka

re Wairere Tepania

Bradley Spraggon

Neville Reo

Mel Garrett

VOLUNTEER / KAI MAHI AROHA AWARDS

Harley Marsh

Rina Schmid

Anne Leitch

Jacqui Croft

Nikki Hawes

Rebecca Rowsell

Nimo Adam Ahmed

Suzzette Monroe

David Wheatley

Tearani Cooper

Maureen Atkinson

Kathleen Selby

Patrina Hardy

Jan Fisher

Deirdre Nicholls

Pierre Jombart

Alice Williams

Kim Skovland

Pompallier College Students

Owen Saunders

Marie Stafford

Sheryl Andrews

Joan Livingstone

Anne Hazelwood

Carol Pomfrett

Jo Dyer

Hannah Harding

Daryl Cathro

Whakaora Kai Food Rescue Moerewa

Mangawhai Fire Brigade, esp. Noeline mallam

Tom Hunter and the Grey Warblers

Lavern Brady Barghchi, Mehdi Barghchi, Steph Turley

Louraine Goulton and the Kauri Lodge Op Shop Team



Frankie Johns Northland Youth Theatre

Bradley Spraggon RainbowYOUTH

Te Wairere Tepania I Have a Dream Charitable Trust

North Haven Hospice Inc. Jodie Rata Rameka Volunteering Northland Ciara Elliot, Stella Moreton

Volunteering Northland

Nate Gardam

Volunteer/

Kaimahi Aroha Awards

At our Awards Night, we celebrated the incredible volunteers, their whānau, and volunteer managers across Te Tai Tokerau. These volunteers exemplify the generosity and community spirit that enrich Aotearoa, inspiring others through their dedication.



Mangawhai Heads Volunteer Lifeguard

Rebecca Rowsell Oneonesix

Nikki Hawes

Oneonesix

Open Category

Innovation

Long Service

Tearani Cooper

North Haven Hospice Inc. Maureen Atkinson

North Haven Hospice Inc

Nimo Adam Ahmed Volunteering Northland, WINGS,

Multicultural Whangarei

Suzette Manroe Women's International Newcomers

Group Social

Jacqui Croft

Citizens Advice Bureau

Bay of Islands Vintage Railway

Harley Marsh

Tai Tokerau Timebank in Whangarei

Rina Schmid

Te Hau Ora O Ngaapuhi

Mel Garrett North Haven Hospice Inc

Neville Rep

Habitat for Humanity

Kathleen Selby

Cancer Society Auckland-Northland

Cancer Society Auckland-Northland

Jan Fisher

Oneonesix

Deirdre Nicholls

Women's International Newcomers Group Social

Carole Ruawhare

Habitat for Humanity

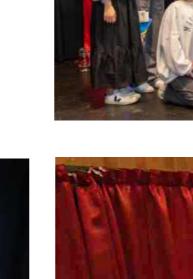
Ray Eyre

Habitat for Humanity











Dynamite Dancers Workshop Volunteers -Pierre Jombart, Alice Williams, Kim Skovland StarJam Northland

Owen Saunders and Marie Stafford Citizens Advice Bureau

Sheryl Andrews, Joan Livingstone, Anne. Hazelwood, Carol Pomfrett, Jo Dyer Citizens Advice Bureau

Hannah Harding and Daryl Cathro

Whakaora Kai Food Rescue Moerewa Burnice Barnett

Noeline Mallam Mangawhai Fire Brigade

Tom Hunter and the Grey Warblers Whangaroa Health Services Trust

Louraine Goulton and the Kauri Lodge Op Shop Team Whangaroa Health Services Trust

Lavern Brady-Barghchi, Mehdi Barghchi, Steph Turley The Teaching Garden Team Whangaroa Health Services Trust

Pompallier College I Have a Dream Student Volunteers I Have a Dream Charitable Trust

Teams

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Volunteer Fair

The Volunteer Fair was a vibrant celebration of community spirit, bringing together around 300 visitors, 20 community organisations, and local performers. The fair offered a space for organisations and community members to connect, engage, and share their passion for the work they do.







Volunteer Feedback

"I love the collecting stamps idea as a means to get people more engaged."

"Your young media people were super friendly and enthusiastic, it was lovely talking with them about our organisation."











20 ORGANISATIONS PARTICIPATED



ORGANISATION HIGHLIGHTS

"Sharing our organisation with so many people, seeing the joy on children's faces while decorating and eating their cupcake."

"Being able to visit other organisations doing work in the community all in one place. The organisers were very accommodating, very good communication and well organised and prepared."

"Meeting more people in the community who are interested in the work we do that we had not met yet."



To better understand what motivates youth to volunteer and strengthen their connection to community organisations, Volunteering Northland developed a youth volunteer initiative with lasting impact.

Through outreach at career shows, open days, and targeted networking with schools and youth organisations, we gathered insights into what young volunteers seek, enabling us to create more relevant and engaging opportunities.



As a lasting positive outcome, a group of enterprising and enthusiastic young people formed Volunteering Northland's Whangārei Youth Action Group to make a meaningful impact in the Whangārei community.

The Youth Action Group co-led the planning, organisation, and management of two major events:

The Amazing Youth Volunteer Race
The Puāwai Youth Wellbeing Festival









ACHIEVEMENTS

- youth volunteer newsletter (audience100+)
- development of a 'Youth Into to Volunteering' toolkit'
- development of volunteering lesson plans
- development and delivery of 'Youth into Volunteering' workshop for organisations

AMAZING VOLUNTEER RACE

30 youth

community organsiations

PUĀWEI YOUTH WELLBEING FESTIVAL

visitors

12 community organisations

youth stall holders

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Training and Workshops

We provide workshops to equip volunteers and community organisations with essential skills and knowledge, empowering them to make a greater impact. These workshops foster growth, resilience, and connection, helping communities to thrive together.

Working with Youth Volunteers

Focused on creating youth-friendly policies and environments, welcoming young volunteers, and developing suitable volunteer roles.

Delivery Partners

Strategic Grants

Woven Collaboration

Red Cross

Best Practice Grant Writing

Aimed at helping organisations improve their chances of securing funding for their projects and initiatives.

Participant Feedback

"The most useful part of this workshop was that we went through the whole process end to end rather than just being about the writing."

"This workshop gave me confidence to think I can design and submit a relevant, concise grant application."







Strategic Planning

Tailored for boards of trustees and managers to develop a clear, one-page strategic plan for their organisation.









Participant Feedback

"It was a great experience today, put a very different perspective on our current strategic plan and gave us some real positives to work towards. Thank you so much."

"The whole workshop was valuable. Breaking everything down step by step, vision, good, action, evidence."

Best Practice Guidelines

Introduced Best Practice Guidelines for effectively engaging volunteers.

Essential First Aid

Equipped community organisations with important skills to ensure health and safety, empowering volunteers and staff to respond effectively to emergencies and create a safer environment.



290

participants

24

workshops



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Our Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who have given their time, expertise, and aroha to contribute to the capacity and capability of Volunteering Northland.

Current and former Board of Trustees

Teresa Hart - Chairperson Francoise Vaughan - Treasurer Nicholas Connop Mark Vincent Cameron Matheson Linda Marsh Stephen Wood Megan Wills

Matua Fred Tito

Administration Support

Brent Copeman Marissa Hutchinson Rachel Villegas

Whangarei Youth Action Group

Cay Leggett Ciara Elliott Frankie Johns Jodie Rameka Stella Moreton

Connect & Website

Tim Wylie

Writers/Reporters

Janine Duncan

Videographer & Editor

Grayson Sutherland

Events

Alan Squires Anabelle Tuato'o (ALOFAU)

Bella Ginty Bernice Collins

Brenna Misilei

Calista Munro

Cameron Matheson

Carolyn Smith

Charlene van der Merwe

Clarissa van der Westhuizen

Corinne Kornetzky

Danielle Iwashita

Erin Van der Heuven

Ethan Worthington (Cloud Refinery)

Isabella Manney-McConnell

Jené van der Merwe

Kathrine Rice

Larissa Matheson

Mason Lash

Muriel Munro

Nimo Ahmed

Rae Saul

Suzzette Monroe

Xandri van der Westhuizen

Yolandi van der Westhuizen





Funders and Supporters

























NORTH















Member Organisations

155 Whare Āwhina

1st Dargaville Girls' Brigade 57 Squadron ATC Dargaville

Abbeyfield Whangarei

Achieve 2B

Alzheimers Northland

Bald Angels Charitable Trust

Bay of Islands Community Centre

Bay of Islands Districts Foodbank

Bay of Islands Riding for the Disabled

Bay of Islands Vintage Railway

Bay of Islands Waldorf Education Trust

Baylys Beach Society Incorporated

Baysport Inc. Be Free Youth

Beagle Radio
Bike Northland Incorporated

Blind Low Vision NZ

Blue Club

BOI Animal Rescue

Botanica Gardens

Bowls Northland Inc.

Brain Injury Association Northland

Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust Bream Head Conservation Trust

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ

Bushland Trust

Cancer Society Northland

Carbon Neutral NZ Trust

CCS Disability Action Northland

Citizens Advice Bureau Far North Inc.

Citizens Advice Bureau Whangārei

City Cricket Club

Claud Switzer Residential Care

Coastguard North Kaipara

CollaboratioNZ

Creative Northland

Dargaville Arts Association Inc

Dargaville Community Development Board Incorporated

Dargaville Museum

Department of Conservation

Department of Corrections

Doubtless Bay Information Centre

Doubtless Bay Sea Scout Group

Dragonfly Springs Wetland Sanctuary Dress for Success Northland

Dyslexia PLUS

EcoCentre Kaitāia

English Language Partners Northland

Far North Community Foodbank Far North Community Hospice Far North Radio and Sea Rescue Inc

Far North Search and Rescue

Fire and Emergency

Food Rescue Northland

Forget Me Not Adult Day Centre

Friends of Matakohe / Limestone Island

Friends of Maunu Cemetery

Friends of Rangikapiti Reserve Society Incorporated

 $Girl Guiding \, New \, Zeal and \,$

Good Bitches Trust

Green Drinks Whangārei

Greenways Trust

Grow Paparoa Inc, Whakatipu Paparoa

Habitat for Humanity Northland

Hare Krishna Food for Life Charitable Trust

Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga

Hokianga Harbor Care / Tiaki Nga Wai o Hokianga

Hospice Kaipara Inc

Hospice Mid-Northland

House of Science NZ

I Have A Dream

Insight Endometriosis

Inspiring Stories

Jam Tse Dhargyey Ling Buddhist Centre

Jigsaw North Family Services

Kaipara Budgeting Service

Kerikeri Basin Weed busters

Kerikeri Community Patrol

Kerikeri Retirement Village

Kiwi Coast Trust

Kumarani Productions Trust Life Education Trust Far North

Lions Club of Ruawai

Love Whangarei Monthly Clean up aka F.O.R.C.E.

Mahitahi Hauora

Mangawhai Daring Trust

Mangawhai Heads Volunteer Lifeguard Service Inc

Mangawhai Museum and Historical Society

Mangawhai Tracks Charitable Trust

Mangawhai's Helping Hands

Maungatapere Mountain Trust

Maunu Gardens Project Charitable Trust Inc

Mid North Māori Wardens Est. 2012

Mid North Women's Aid and Refuge

Momentum Charitable Trust

Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust

Multicultural Whangārei

 $New\,Zeal and\,Red\,Cross$

North Haven Hospice

North Kaipara Agricultural Association

 $North\,Rodney\,Blue\,Light\,Ventures\,Inc.$

NorthAble Matapuna Hauora

Northern Wairoa Agricultural And Pastoral Association

Northland Arts Centre

Northland Community Foundation

Northland Craft Trust / Quarry Arts Centre

Northland Health Consumer Council

Northland Indian Association

Northland Multiple Sclerosis Society

Northland Road Safety Trust

Northland Society of Arts Inc

Northland Youth Theatre

NZ Native Forest Restoration Trust

NZ Police Northland District Headquarters Octagon Theatre

ONEONESIX

Onerahi Community Association

Onerahi Weeds Group

Otamatea Harbour Care Society

Our Kerikeri

Parihaka Community Landcare

Parkinson's New Zealand

Pasifika Festival Far North

Pehiāweri Marae

Pioneer Village Kaikohe

Project Island Song

Puke Kopipi Restoration Group Pukenui Western Hills Forest Charitable Trust

Questionable Research Labs

Radio Lollipop NZ

Raumanga Community Garden

Repair Cafe Kaikohe

Royal Forest And Bird Protection Society Of New

Zealand - Northern Branch

Royal NZ Plunket Trust - Northland Area

Devel Occasion to Trace to North lead and

Rural Support Trust - Northland

Rural Youth and Adult Literacy Trust Sail Northland Charitable Trust

Sistema Whangārei

Skills For Life

Soul Food What's Cooking Whangarei

SPCA Northland

Special Olympics Whangarei

Sport Northland

St John New Zealand | Hato Hone Aotearoa

StarJam Charitable Trust

Taimahi Trust

Taonga Oranga Charitable Trust

Te Ahu Museum

Te Houtaewa Māori Charitable Trust

Te Kopuru Amateur Swimming Club Inc Te Kowhai Print Trust Te Ora Hou Northland

Te Ropu Putanga Ora/ Community Health Partnership Trust

Te Wairua O Te Moananui - Ocean Spirit

The Best Dog Trust

The Blue Goose Papermill Charitable Trust

The Dargaville Gardens Trust

The Kauri Museum

The New Zealand Howard League for Penal Reform

The Northland Pacific Islands Charitable Trust -

Fale Pasifika Te Tai Tokerau

The Packard Motor Museum
The Salvation Army

The Scout Association of New Zealand

The Shutter Room

Tiaho Trust

Tiaki Taonga Trust Tiakina Whangārei

Tiki Pride

Tutukaka Landcare
Tutukaka Twilight Markets

Victim Support Wai A Ariki Food Forest Onerahirahi

Waipoua Forest Trust

 $\hbox{Waipu Business and Community Incorporated}$

Waipu Caledonian Society
Weed Action Native Habitat Restoration Trust

Whānau Focus Centre

Whangārei Agricultural & Pastoral Society Whangārei Art Trust

Whangarei Cat Rescue Trust

Whangarei Community Patrol

Whangārei District Council

Whangārei District Libraries Whangārei Lions Club

Whangarei Mens Shed Inc.

Whangarei Museum and Heritage Trust T/A Kiwi North

Whangārei PROUD

Whangārei Quarry Gardens Trust Whangārei Rape Crisis Group Incorporated

Whangārei Riding for the Disabled Whangārei Saloon & Stock Car Club

Whangārei South Rotary

Whangārei Steam and Model Railway Club (Inc) Whangārei Youth Music

Whangaroa Community Trust

Whare Bike Wild Side Charitable Trust - Arapohue Rural Retreat

Women's International Newcomers Social Network (WINGS)

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