WAKATIPU YOUTH TRUST

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> “Supporting and Advocating for Youth in the Wakatipu

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Wakatipu Youth Trust was formed from the amalgamation of Wakatipu District Youth Trust and Queenstown Life Trust in 2011. We are the only youth trust serving the Wakatipu basin, which stretches from Glenorchy to Arrowtown to Kingston. This is one of New Zealand's fastest growing areas; we had 22,000 residents in 2015; 25,557 by 2018 and by 2028, our population is expected to reach 32,627. This rapid growth puts stresses on all infrastructure and support services.

Wakatipu social services are also seeing changes in our community as it grows. In particular, increases in domestic and family violence, overcrowded housing, income inequality, mental health issues, poverty, isolation, youth anxiety, families working multiple jobs and gaps between families' needs and what social services provide. At the same time, the social services sector faces decreased funding and less time available from region-wide services for our district.

Youth work relies totally on fundraising and receives no government funding. Its purpose is to guide and support our young people in their personal, social and educational development to help them reach their full potential in society and make a successful transition to adult life.

Wakatipu Youth Trust achieves these ends through a variety of services from individual mentoring to our drop-in centre, holiday and extra curricular programmes, youth groups, events, weekly engagement within seven local schools as well as courses supporting life, relationship and vocational skills.

In 2018, the trust moved from downtown Queenstown to Frankton, reflecting the move of the high school and increasing concentration of local families in this area.

Our youth face a world that is ever-changing on a monumental scale - from technology to education, career structure, communication and home life. Generation Z and Alpha (those born from 2010) will require agility, confidence and different skill sets in the face of rapid and ongoing change.

Helping our youth face the manifold opportunities and challenges ahead will require similar agility from youth workers and all others involved in the social services sector. Collaboration will be key as no one group or profession will possess all the skills, knowledge, resources or capacity needed.

Wakatipu Youth Trust aims to ensure we are positioned to help lead this collaboration to ensure our youth are best equipped with the mindset, skills and behaviours they need in this dynamic, highly globalised and uncertain world.

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Trustees

We have eight Trustees who volunteer their time, expertise and skills to Wakatipu Youth Trust and are pivotal to the ongoing development of our Trust.

JOEL PEASEY - Chairperson

“I believe in building up youth to help them learn and grow and Wakatipu Youth Trust is a big part of making this happen in our local community. I see this as a privilege to be a part of”

JAN MAXWELL - Deputy Chairperson

“I have worked closely with the Wakatipu Youth Trust for the last ten years and more recently became a trustee in order to become more directly involved in the work that this trust undertakes in our community for youth. I believe the programmes undertaken by the trust youth workers are making a huge difference to the young people and the results achieved by them confirm this”

STACEY GIBBONS - Secretary

“After moving to Queenstown 5 years ago, I was invited to join the youth trust two years ago. I now serve on the trust as secretary and have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of what we can provide for the youth in the Wakatipu. I am a trained secondary school teacher and have three children of my own so appreciate the work that the trust is able to do in this area catering for the diverse needs of young people. It has been exciting to see the growth and success of the trust in its initiatives.”

CATH GILMOUR

"I've been on the Wakatipu Youth Trust for over twelve now, initially as a QLDC representative. Each year, I feel more committed to our purpose of ensuring that the amazing opportunities growing up in the Wakatipu can provide are available for all our youth. Our great team of youth workers do this - giving all-comers the chance to learn skills, to connect, to have fun, to grow, to be supported through good and rough times - and to be a valuable part of our community. "

TANYA SURREY

“I have been involved with the Wakatipu Youth Trust (and its predecessor, the Wakatipu District Youth Trust) for 15 years. I chaired the Trust for 10 years before stepping back to a trustee role. I am passionate about the work of the Trust and its efforts to make a positive difference to the lives of local youth in our community. The Trust plays a valuable role in supporting young people to make the best possible decisions in their day to day lives. “

WAYNE PARK

“I have worked in the field of youth for the last 18 years in Queenstown and became a trustee on the former Wakatipu District Youth Trust in 1999. Contributing to youth in a healthy and positive way is extremely rewarding. The young people of the Wakatipu are a great bunch and it is pleasurable watching them grow into well rounded adults. Being a trustee on the Wakatipu Youth Trust enables me to contribute to this transition.”

PENNY CLARK

Penny Clark is an experienced, retired Hotelier. Her last appointment involved a directorship on a finance company board running several hotel/tourism properties. Currently Penny runs her own consultancy mentoring accommodation entities and property units along with her role on the Queenstown Lakes District Council as a Councillor. During the past 30 years her faith in the skills and abilities of young people, if shown the passion and direction, have always produced rewards. "They need to be shown the path and given the confidence to challenge the system, be bold and go and do it! The world is an exciting place."

Treasurer

VICKY O'NEILL - Treasurer

“I was approached to take on the role of treasurer when I was expecting my first child. It seemed appropriate to get involved for a few years. Well - eight years later I'm still here and believe the trust to be a true asset for Wakatipu. The youth workers not only work with the youth with passion, enthusiasm and true commitment but also succeed in providing life skills and life lines to a large number of youth in our community. The projects, events and interest blocks driven by the trust are awe inspiring and continue to amaze me so that I stay involved to see what else the youth workers will come up with.”

Some of our Youth Workers and Trustees at the 2017 Jazz Festival Fundraising Ball

The Team

Our team is made up of five amazing Youth Workers

JACQUI MOIR - Manager

Jacqui originates from Auckland and has been living and working in Queenstown for the last 9 years. She has raised two children, now both in their twenties. Her passion for young people grew through training and volunteering for Youthline and during the course of studying for a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. Following these experiences and through her own personal understanding of raising a special needs child, Jacqui worked in primary and intermediate schools with special needs children who had both behavioural and learning difficulties. This led her to complete a Graduate Diploma in teaching prior to coming to Queenstown. Jacqui has embraced her role in the community as a youth worker and continues to enjoy supporting and advocating for the youth of the Wakatipu area and celebrating all that they contribute to our community.

ALICE GEE - Assistant Manager

Born and raised in Dunedin, Alice is an Otago girl through and through. She graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Otago. Alice has called Queenstown home for nearly four years. She has a passion for working with people, especially youth; believing strongly in the promotion and support of advocacy, self-determination and autonomy for youth. She brings with her a range of experience, fresh ideas and kete of skills. In her spare time, Alice enjoys getting out there being active and social, as well as training hard to achieve her personal goals.

SUZIE KELLY - Senior Youth Support Worker

Suzie was born in the west of Ireland, in a place called Galway. She graduated from College with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree in Social Studies in Social Care Work. She puts this knowledge, skill and experience into practice by supporting and advocating our youth. She hopes to encourage youth to challenge themselves and be the best they can be, believing everyone has something unique and special to offer. Suzie has experience in Ireland working with teenagers, children and young people with intellectual disabilities. Queenstown, it is a home away from home for Suzie. She loves a good laugh, skydive or bungy and the youth enjoy her Irish ways and her Irish accent.

NOAH PIERSSENE - Youth Support Worker

Noah was raised on the East Coast of Australia, in the Byron Shire. Growing up with an alternative (Steiner) education, Noah has seen first hand the benefits of focus being given to the strengths of disadvantaged youths. Studying a Diploma in Youth Work via distance, Noah moved to Queenstown at the end of 2015, volunteering with us for the full year of 2016, and then coming on board as a part time Youth Support Worker in 2017. He joined the team in 2018 as a full-time Youth Support Worker and with his skills in engaging and mentoring our local youth, his fun loving yet strict attitude have proven a great asset to our team and youth.

RICHIE HADLOW - Youth Support Worker

Richie was born and raised in Auckland but always 'wanting to explore,' he ended up travelling to the South Island five years ago and has been a Queenstown local since. Qualified as a gymnastics and boxing coach, his passion for working with youth was developed when working in with school programmes where students were encouraged to challenge themselves and build confidence through active participation. As a qualified personal trainer, he wants to continue to inspire youth to take up challenges and be positively involved in the community. Richie believes that there is something to be learnt from everyone and enjoys connecting with Queenstown’s young people.

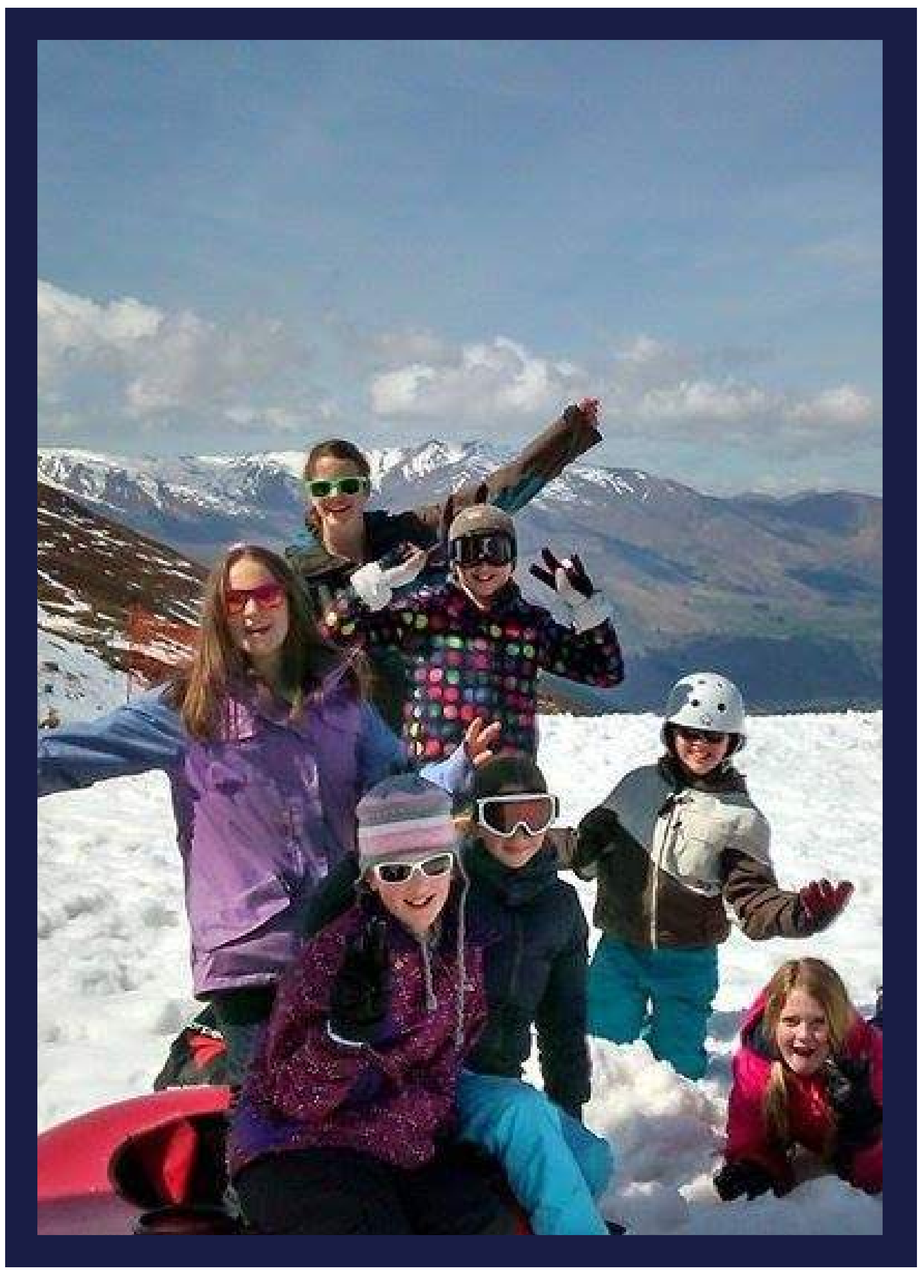
Vision, Mission and Objectives

VISION

A community that values and actively supports the safety, development, well-being and self-worth of every young person.

MISSION

To empower our youth to grow their strengths, resilience and abilities to live a positive and healthy life.



OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE ONE:
Support the emotional, physical, psychological, social and cultural well-being of young people.

OBJECTIVE TWO:
Create opportunities for young people to discover their true identity and develop caring, authentic relationships within a safe and supportive environment.

OBJECTIVE THREE:
Advocate for and support our young people.

OBJECTIVE FOUR:
Encourage community attitudes and social structures that positively impact on young people.

OBJECTIVE FIVE
Achieve long term financial sustainability for the Trust.

Values and Best Practice

QUALITY SERVICE
Continually pursue organisational excellence with best safe practices.

TEAM WORK AND COLLABORATION
Collaborate with our youth, team, trustees, communities, supporters, funders and partner agencies.

STRENGTHS-BASED PRINCIPLES
Develop the strengths of our youth to help them achieve their goals and overcome obstacles.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
Respect the uniqueness, privacy and dignity of each individual.

CULTURE
Reflect and celebrate the heritage and values of our bi-cultural country and multi cultural communities.

Best Practice

Wakatipu Youth Trust is a registered member of Ara Taiohi and applies best practice by commitment to the Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa (YDSA) and the Code of Ethics (COE). Our work is underpinned by holistic, strengths-based youth development models, The Circle of Courage and Te Whare Tapa Wha.

Overview

The Wakatipu Youth Trust continues to be a vital part of our youth community and also the wider community, with a focus on developing and enhancing a wide range of initiatives, opportunities and engagement that aim to grow our young people (taiohi) into thriving, self assured, contributing citizens.

This report identifies key areas of work that have been continued, introduced or developed over the 2017-2018 financial year to encourage youth to become active participants in life.

Local community sponsorship and support, help create well-run and supported programmes that promote our aims and produce positive youth development outcomes.

We have worked consistently with the year levels seven and eight across six primary schools, plus all year levels in Wakatipu High School and are continuing to build valuable relationships with youth, their families, whanau and school staff as a result.

Youth participation across the many and varied programmes, activities and events Wakatipu Youth Trust delivers slightly decreased in 2017. We attribute this to our families living predominantly outside of the town centre, where our organisation was based, and the resultant issue of difficult and sometimes costly access for our programmes and drop in centre. In February this year, we relocated to Frankton, which is a more central location for youth and their whanau. Our move aligned with Queenstown's only high school's shift to Frankton.

As a result of this move, our numbers have increased across all our initiatives and programmes, which will be reflected in next year's statistics. There have been changes to our 'Drop In' programme, which is now high school age upwards. Our year level seven and eight now have their very own weekly youth group that sees taiohi from many of the six primary schools coming together to enjoy both onsite and offsite activities.

Another new initiative we have developed is 'Soul Sofa', catering for 18 - 24 year olds who are part of our local or seasonal communities. Soul Sofa provides an alcohol-free safe space where people can drop by for a chat, support, soup and to meet others when they may be feeling a long way from home and their normal support networks.

Our Youth Workers In Schools (YWIS) initiative successfully introduced our Mōrehurehu Programme through which our youth workers engage year level seven and eight students across five schools each term in a series of exciting challenges. Tribes battle it out to earn Mana Points that are given based on competition results, behaviour, respect, leadership, teamwork, communication, key values and the incorporation or use of tikanga and te reo. This programme was piloted last year and has proven to be valued by both the schools and the youth.

There have been a number of issues arise in the youth community throughout the year as a result of wider economic and social factors that are having a negative impact on family and flatting households. These include, but are not limited to, increased family dysfunction, stress-related mental health issues, drug and alcohol abuse and family breakdowns. Also by factors affecting general health and wellbeing, such as low wages, high living costs and high levels of continued population growth. These elements have been having a significant level of impact for some time and unfortunately look set to continue.

We have been involved with assisting schools and social services in dealing with some of these concerns and are increasingly being recognised as a community resource that can support other agencies with creating a multi-faceted, strengths-based approach to assisting youth with different situations. We have also had an increase in referrals for mentoring, with a wide array of needs being met by our youth workers, through working one to one with individual youth.

Other new initiatives that Wakatipu Youth Trust delivered were:

- 'Love Me Not' programme in conjunction with NZ Police. This sees all year level 12 students learn about healthy relationships, effective bystanding, sex and consent and available support. This is delivered to all Central Lakes and Central Otago high schools.
- Three 'Mental health and Wellbeing' workshops delivered to NZ Ski Managers, Team Leaders and all staff. These workshops have had a Queenstown focus and covered youth, mental health, alcohol and drugs, relationship violence, sex and consent and support services. Wakatipu Youth Trust developed a support service resource alongside this. These workshops evaluated extremely well, and have since been delivered to two local hotel groups.

Wakatipu Youth Trust was thrilled to have been reviewed and accepted as a Ministry of Social Development (MSD) Approved Provider for Day activity/Life-skills programmes for children/adolescents (Level 3). The application to become an approved provider was a highly rigorous one, including being audited to ensure our organisation is robust in meeting every required standard to deliver quality programmes to our young people. This now allows us to receive much valued funding to support our youth being able to actively engage in our many and varied activities during our holiday programmes.

The last year has seen our highly motivated, passionate and hard working team working to our collective strengths to ensure youth throughout the Wakatipu are having their developmental needs met, This has resulted in a successful combination of well-developed opportunities and initiatives that increase our community profile, presence and accessibility by youth, their family, whanau and our wider community.

Areas of Engagement

In order to achieve the objectives as laid out in the Wakatipu Youth Trust deed in alignment with the Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa (YDSA), over the past year we took part in the following areas of engagement with Wakatipu youth:

EVENTS
- Summer Beach Party
- Morehurehu Beach Party
- Youth Week
- Battle of the Musos
- Big Break
- Fundraising events
- Youth Nights
- Youth Week
- Ballet Pop-up
- Drive To Survive
- CV Workshop
- Eco Fair
- Christmas Picnic
- Sport Analytic
- Love Simon

SCHOOL PROGRAMMES
- Wakatipu High School
- Queenstown Primary School
- Arrowtown School
- Remarkables Primary School
- St Joseph's Queenstown
- Glenorchy School
- Shotover School
- Life skill programmes
- Sexual Consent Work Shop
- Field / sports / Swimming trips
- Educational Expos
- WHS Participation Day
- School events / break time
- Arts and cultural events
- Alternative education
- International students
- Love Me Not WHS
- Love Me Not MAC
- WHS Youth Committees

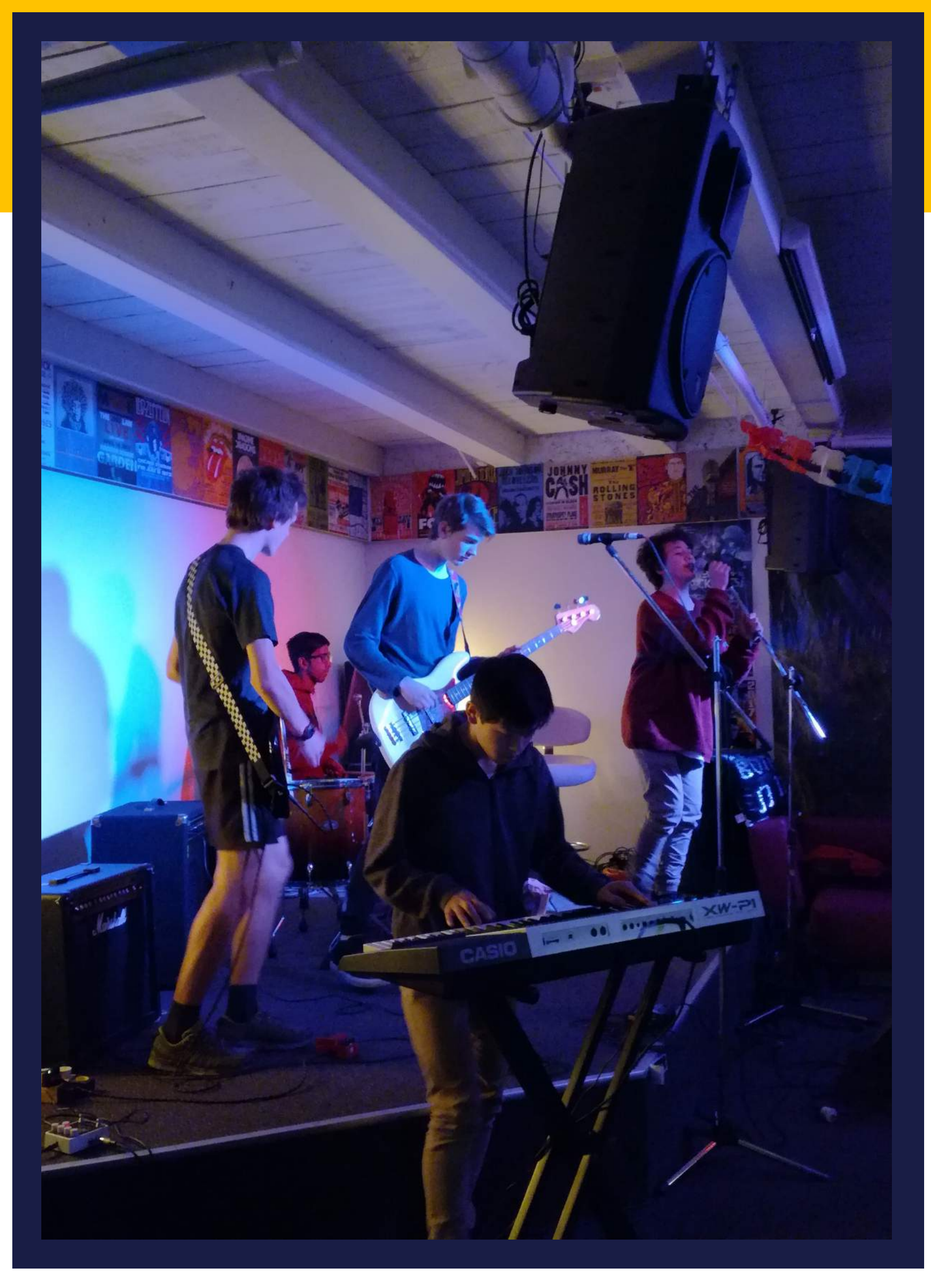
EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMMES
- Open house programme
- Vocational training courses
- Interest block groups
- Pop Up Workshops
- Holiday Programme
- LGBTQIA+ support group (rainbow youth)
- Glenorchy Satellite Youth Group
- International Cultural Experience Programme

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- External and internal supervision
- Child Protection Training
- Ignite training

- First Aid Refresher courses
- Jigsaw National Family Violence and Abuse Conference
- Love Me Not training
- Child-centred and Trauma-informed Practice workshop
- Information sharing - integrated working training
- Sustainable Funding workshop

ONE TO ONE
- Mentoring
- School and Agency Referrals
- Self-referral
- Immediate response

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION
- Central Otago Youth Workers' Network
- NGO Managers' group
- Strengthening Families
- Strengthening Families QT LMG
- Schools
- Social media and media
- Post-Vention Suicide Group
- Youth and General Interagency
- Bluelight Central Otago



MEASURES

Currently there are six methods of monitoring and evaluation that are used on a regular basis to evaluate and monitor progress, efficiency and results.

1. Daily session review reports for our youth centre
2. Evaluation forms at the end of Interest Block Groups / Events / Programmes
3. Regular Manager reports for the Trustees
4. Weekly team meetings and peer supervision
5. Regular governance / management meetings
6. Monthly external supervision meetings

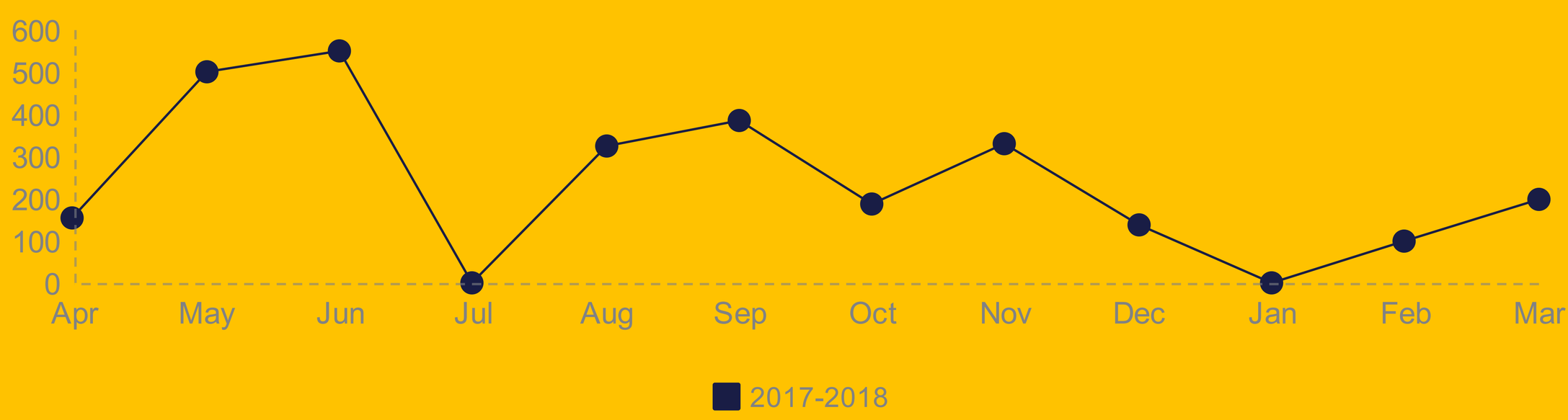
The Youth Centre

In February 2018 we were able to meet our strategic goal of moving our organisation and youth centre out to Frankton, a more central location for our whole community.This new location has proven to be the right move from the outset, with many more youth and their families being able to access our programmes, events and activities where previously they could not due to distance, traffic and parking issues. Numbers across our programmes have increased significantly and we are seeing many more high school youth through our doors, as well as, our year level seven and eights.

Our Youth Centre continues to be a well utilised resource and is very much a central hub to all that we do in our community. Our 'Drop In' programme sees regular numbers of between 15 and 30 youth through the door each day, with many of our youth feeling it is a home away from home and there most days. The Youth Centre also hosts many other of our programmes, events and activities, which see small to large numbers of youth engagement. Other community groups, organisations and schools use our facility when their use complements our work.

We have a membership system in place to ensure communication and information pathways between us and our youth, their families and whanau are optimised. We have our Kaupapa to maintain a positive culture, responsibility and accountability of all who participate at our youth centre, programmes, activities and events.

Total Interactions 2,838



Note: *In July we had technical errors and could not track attendance. January the Youth Centre was closed and we ran the Summer Holiday Programme instead.*

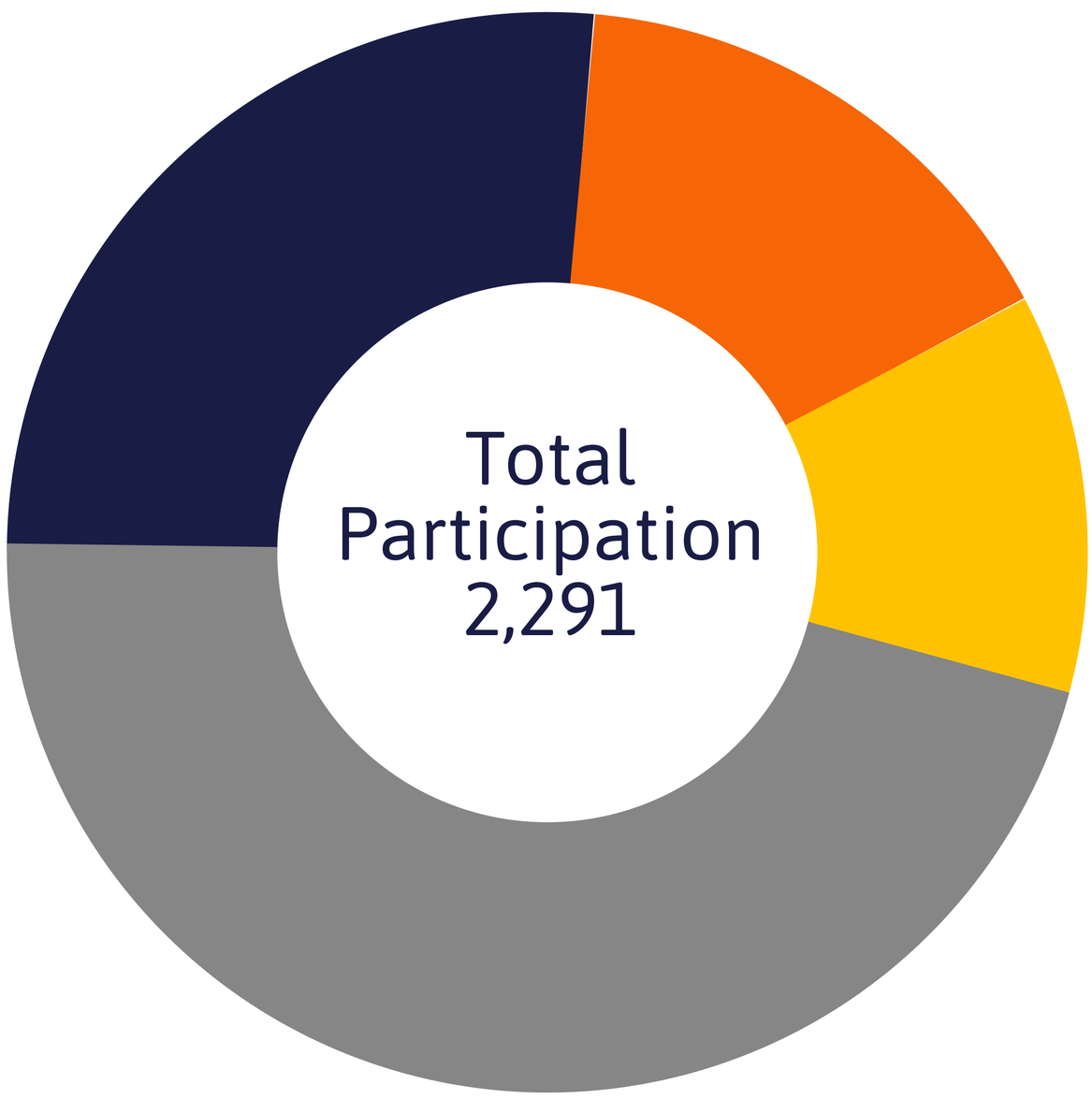
Events

We deliver or are involved in a number of events throughout the year. These experiences help to raise our profile, engage youth and our wider community and create significant opportunities for our taiohi.

Events are short contact time but highly effective for youth engagement. They familiarise people with what we do, and provide real life opportunities and authentic experiences for many of our taiohi to connect with their wider community.

We operate small one-off occasions such as the Sustainable Film-making workshop and our Battle of the Muso's Events, which continues to grow, reaching 200+ people over the two heats and final. Our life skills education events, such as the Youth Expo and Drive to Survive, are part of the high school curriculum each year and engage whole year levels at a time.

DISTRIBUTION OF WYT EVENTS



- Youth Week
- Ballet Pop-Up
- Drive to Survive
- Sustainable Film Making
- Youth Night
- Youth Expo
- B.O.M - Heat 1
- B.O.M - Heat 2
- B.O.M - Final
- Sexual Health Workshop
- CV Workshop
- Morehurehu Beach Party
- Eco Fair
- Christmas Picnic
- APS Rewards Day
- Thai Students - Games
- Sport Analytik
- WHS Participation Day
- STJ Swim Sports
- Love Simon Movie Premiere

Programmes

Due to many changes happening in our school communities, with increased demand on educational achievement and extra-curricular activities, we have had to adjust the way we run our Interest Block groups, as students were struggling to commit the time. We are now developing more workshops and pop up style introductory programmes, which are proving popular and are being well attended. Standardised evaluations give us a picture of what has worked well and areas we could improve.

We have a range of ongoing programmes that run across the year, helping team members develop individual relationships with a vast array of young people. A brief summary of the programmes broken down by term and what they consisted of follows below:

ONGOING PROGRAMMES across 4 terms:

- Glenorchy Youth Group
- The Spectrum Club: An LGBTQIA+ youth support group
- Morehurehu Schools Programme
- Year 7&8 Night
- Year 13 Common Room

PROGRAMMES:

- International Cultural Experience Programme
- Yoga
- Girls' Fitness for Beginners
- Muay Thai
- Fun Fridays
- Web Development
- Young Changemakers
- Foot Golf
- Sailing
- Soul Sofa

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES:

- Loves Me Not Programme
- Sexual Health Education

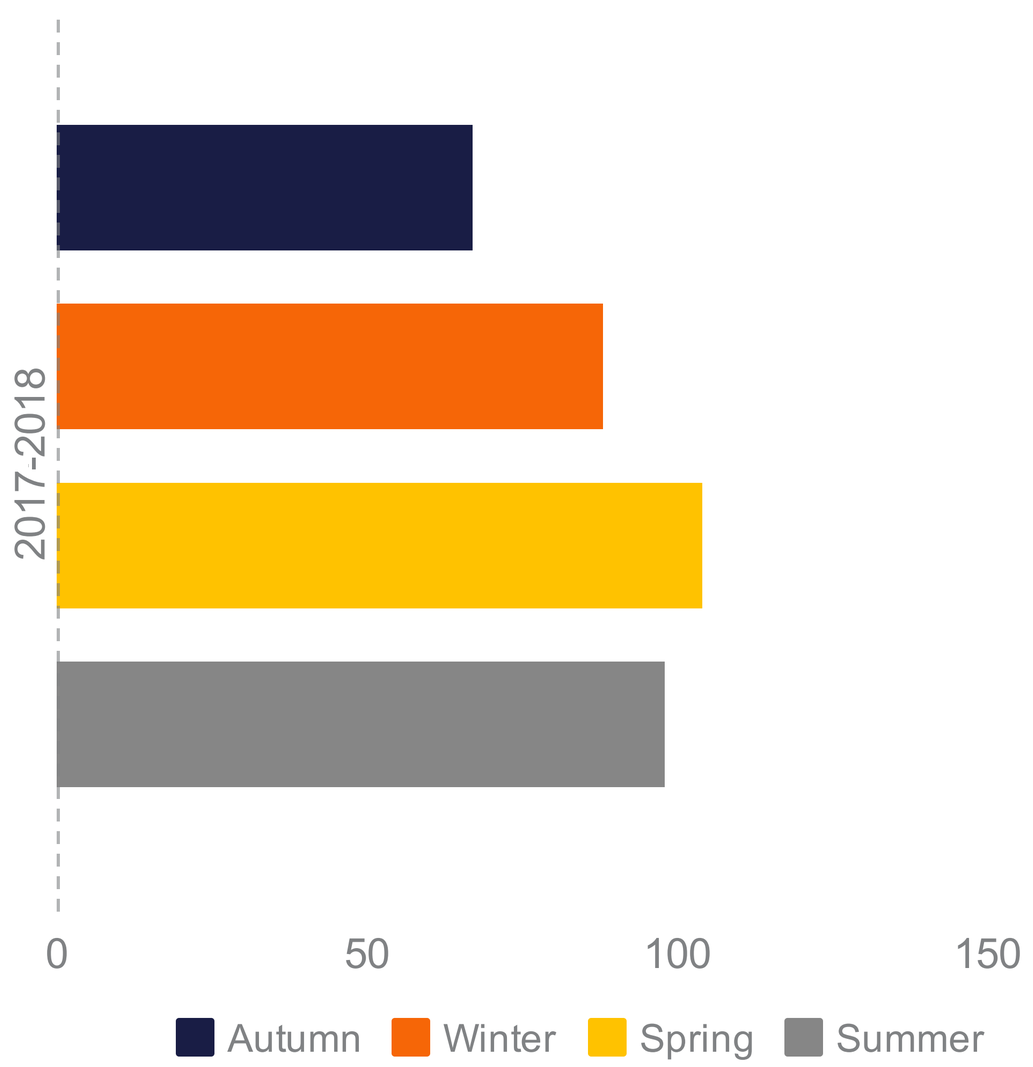
Participation with Programmes: 3,126

total participation

Holiday Programmes

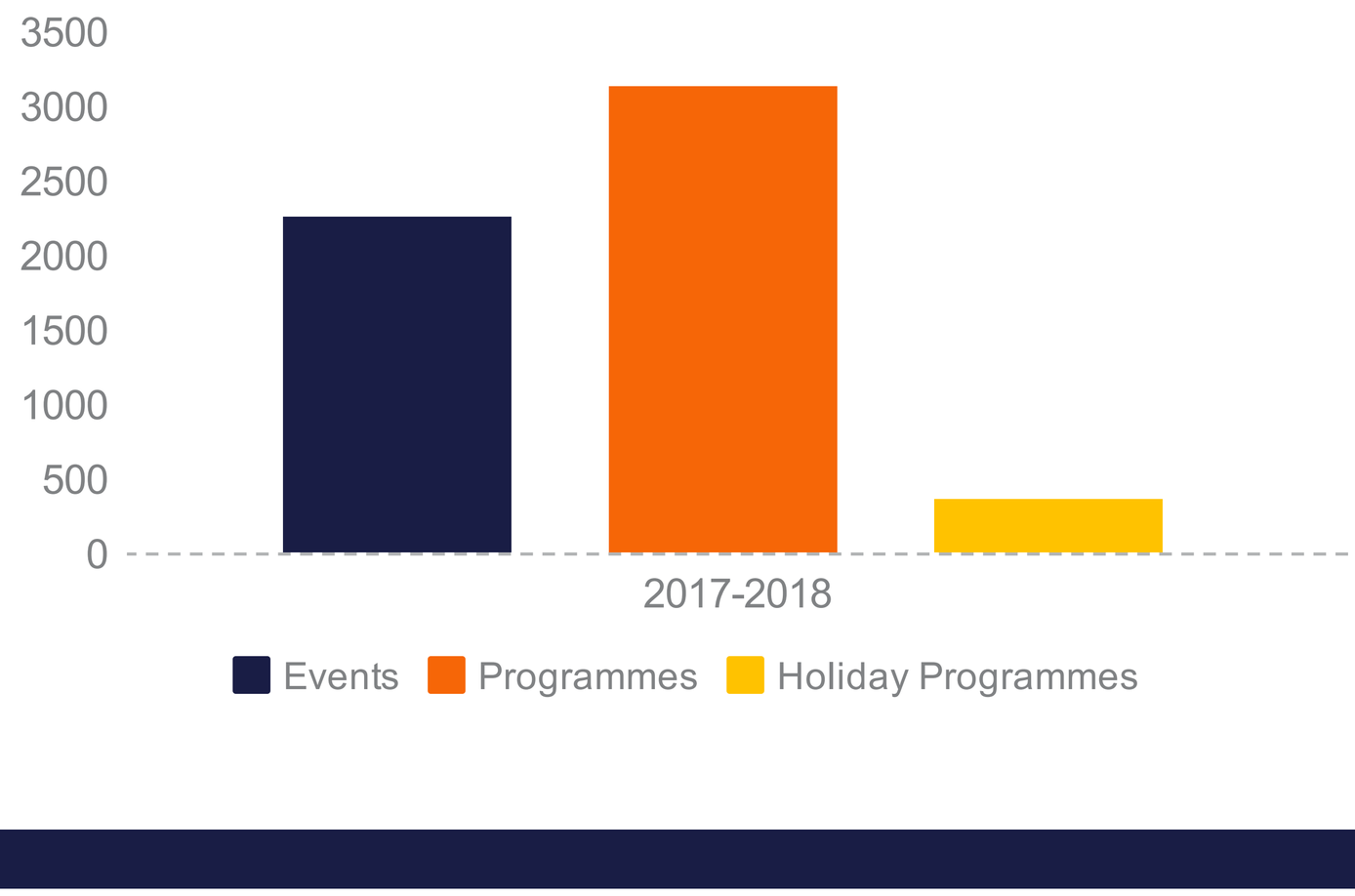
Our Holiday Programmes are always action packed with a wide variety of fun for everyone. These are well attended and frequently book out within days of advertising. Thanks to generous sponsorship from community businesses, we can offer fun for all at a low cost so that anyone can attend and money isn't a barrier to youth connecting and participating. Without this sponsorship support, many of the youth taking part would not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy some of the amazing experiences growing up in Queenstown can offer its young people.

Total Participation 357



Total Participation across Events and Programmes

5,768 total participation



Youth Worker in Schools (YWIS)

Youth Workers in Schools (YWIS) is one of our ongoing initiatives that has youth workers actively engaged and working closely with Wakatipu regional schools from Glenorchy through to Arrowtown on a weekly basis.

Access to students within school hours and throughout the year continues to be a vital part of our interaction and ability to reach out to youth in their key social environments. These relationships are valuable, as they allow us to do a lot of preventative and early intervention work, through providing opportunities, positive engagement and mentoring as well as life education programmes.

We continue to work closely with the schools within the area: Queenstown Primary School, Remarkables Primary, Arrowtown Primary, St Joseph's Primary, Shotover Primary School, Glenorchy School and Wakatipu High School. Relationships with Wakatipu regional schools are strong, as we increase our profile, presence and ability to help with and deliver programmes within the schools.

Our Youth Workers In Schools (YWIS) initiative has piloted Wakatipu Youth Trust's new Mōrehurehu Programme, which has our youth workers engaging Year level 7 and 8 students across 5 schools each term, in a series of exciting challenges.Tribes battle it out to earn Mana Points that are given based on competition results, behaviour, respect, leadership, teamwork, communication, key values and the incorporation or use of Tikanga and Te Reo. The programme has been a huge success and looks set to continue throughout each year.

Wakatipu High School (WHS):
Ongoing weekly interactions with various aspects of the high school with both students and staff including the school counsellors
- life skill programmes
- educational expos
- participation day
- mentoring
- international students
- student councils

Queenstown Primary School (QPS):
- weekly lunchtime activities every term
- sports days.

Arrowtown Primary School (APS):
- weekly lunchtime activities every term
- Year 8 leadership group
- school excursions.

St Joseph's School (STJ):
- weekly lunchtime activities every term
- support with school trips

Glenorchy School (GYS):
- school support
- after school youth group

Remarkables Primary School (RPS):
- weekly lunchtime activities every term
- school support.

Shotover Primary School (SPS):
- weekly lunchtime activities every term
- school support

Arrowtown School
Go for Gold

AD ALTA
Wakatipu High School

SHOTOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Remarkables PRIMARY SCHOOL

QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

VERITAS
WALK IN TRUTH
St Joseph's School

Glenorchy School

Mentoring Service

The Mentoring Programme is a preventative programme for young people between the ages of 12 and 20 years. Each referral is considered on an individual basis.

Areas of referral:
• Bullying
• self esteem
• Peer relationships
• Low-level behavioral issues
• General health support/guidance
• Career support and advocacy

The aim of the Mentoring Programme is to encourage young people to make positive choices about:
• how they spend their time
• who they spend their time with
• developing their social skills
• developing independent living and life skills
• support in vocational areas

To increase a young person's self esteem and confidence, mentors will:
• show youth that they can trust their own opinions and decisions
• facilitate experiential learning
• show young people that adults can be trustworthy

To offer youth a different perspective:
• through meeting a wider variety of people
• by providing a wider variety of experiences

Mentors will:
• be committed and reliable with the young person
• be a good listener
• be a positive role model

Individual mentoring is an area that has huge potential for development and will have a big impact on some of the larger issues facing youth. WYT works alongside multiple agencies to ensure mentoring is part of a comprehensive wraparound service for our more troubled youth.

Being mentored helped me with my people skills and social anxiety working with a Youth Worker on a weekly basis was a massive help and I have achieved a lot of my goals eg, talking to someone when I was emotional and letting go of things that had built up at school and with friends, I was able to confidently talk to my mentor about what was going on and figure out what was the best thing to do in these situations, Mentoring built up my confidence.

Mentee, Year level 11 (quote amended with permission to maintain anonymity)

Media and Information Systems

Social media has become our greatest profiling and marketing tool, particularly with our younger stakeholders. We have different facebook pages for Wakatipu Youth Trust, The Booth, The Spectrum Club and Reverb Sound Kitchen (our music café) as well as our website www.wakatipuyouthtrust.co.nz, Instagram and Pinterest.

We produce a monthly newsletter that goes out to a growing 400 strong database and regularly send out bulk emails to keep our youth community and their families up to date and informed on what is coming up that youth can get involved in.

All of our social media tools are run through information systems that provide us with statistical analysis on stakeholder engagement and interactions. Our programmes, groups, events, activities and opportunities are advertised and marketed through school newsletters (paper and digital), local media sites, paper media and advertising through our own social media channels as well as good old fashioned pamphlets, leaflets and posters.

Digital technology is incorporated in our daily operational systems, which has resulted in more accurate and well-organised planning, communication, operational management and evaluations.

GENERAL MEDIA COVERAGE
- Mediaworks Radio
- Lakes Weekly Bulletin
- Mountain Scene
- The Mirror
- Frankton Flyer
- Queenstown Trading
- Otago Daily Times

WEBSITE
- www.wakatipuyouthtrust.co.nz

NEWSLETTERS
- WYT Newsletter database
- Wakatipu High School
- Arrowtown School
- Queenstown Primary
- Remarkables Primary
- Shotover Primary School
- St Josephs Queenstown

SOCIAL MEDIA
- Instagram (wakatipuyouth)
- Pinterest
- Facebook

Wakatipu Youth Trust (Page)
https://www.facebook.com/wakatipuyouth
The Spectrum Club (Page)
https://www.facebook.com/thespectrumclubqt

608

Recipients of our monthly E-Newsletter

310 Subscribers and 298 database members

DISTRIBUTION OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Team

Our fantastic team – being Jaqs, Alice, Suzie, Richie and Noah – have been working solidly together for the last few years, with the only difference being Richie and Noah switching part and full-time roles. Teamwork is very much at the heart of what we do, and this is delivered with a shared vision, goals and passion for the work we contribute to our community.

All staff have their areas of specialisation; Jaqs was promoted to the manager role at the beginning of 2014 and continues with her passion for life skill education programmes and collaborative community initiatives with social service agencies and other like-minded organisations. As a parent, Jacqui has a firm understanding of the joys and the challenges that parenting can bring, as well as, experiences being a single parent and raising someone with special needs.

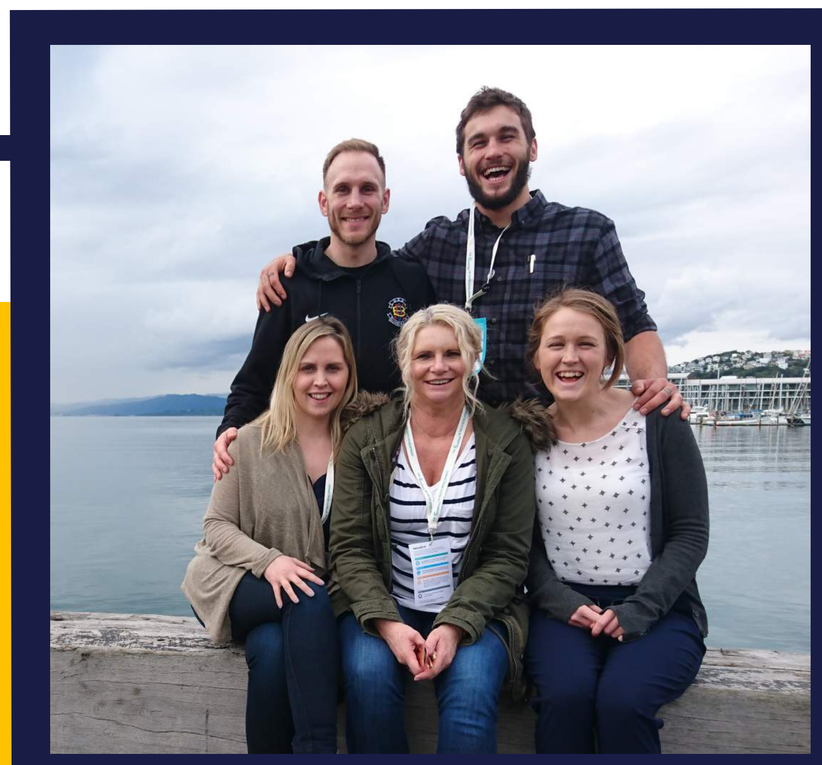
Alice became part of the team in January 2015 from her hometown of Dunedin and has a passion for supporting and advocating for youth in our community and a love of sport. Alice has completed her Social Work degree during the time she has been with us and has also revealed outstanding skills in all things digital. Alice has now moved into the Assistant Manager role, which has seen her take on more responsibility, adding to an already highly impressive skill set.

Suzie came on board the team in 2015 all the way from her homeland in Ireland and brings with her strength and understanding in working with special needs youth. She has quickly become immersed in our youth community in the Wakatipu, making important contributions with her degree in Social Care and her Irish culture. Suzie is now in the role of Senior Youth Support Worker and continues to add huge value and take on further responsibilities, ensuring WYT continues to develop its reach in the community.

Richie, originating from Auckland, also joined the team in 2015, after working with youth for over five years coaching gymnastics and boxing. He also packs a punch himself, holding four consecutive National championship titles from 2014 to 2017, winning gold at the Oceania Championships and the prestigious Jamieson Belt. To add to this, Richie also competed in the 2018 Commonwealth Games, proudly representing our country. Richie has always stood out as being a passionate ambassador for Wakatipu Youth Trust and a strong advocate for our taiohi, while solidly supporting our more ‘at risk’ young people through one to one Mentoring with outstanding results.

Noah hailed from the United Kingdom before growing up in Australia. Noah was volunteering with us for over a year from 2016 while studying for his Diploma in Youth Work via distance study. Happily for us, he then moved to part time and, since 2018, full-time youth work with us. Noah has developed excellent skills with mentoring and loves to share his enthusiasm for fitness, nutrition and cooking.

Alice, Suzie, Richie, Noah and Jacqui operate very much as the dream team, with plenty of varied strengths, skills and qualifications between them offering our youth community a diverse but cohesive infusion of commitment, passion and inspiration.



Volunteers

We have seen a regular flow of volunteers through the centre who bring a valuable array of skills, activities and good role modelling. They enrich the experiences our young people have in a positive way. Those who have volunteered over the past year are as follows;

- Derrin Thomas
- Noah Pierssene
- Kirsty Beer
- Sian Denholm
- Hannah Gee
- Evelyn Ball
- Rhys Smith
- David Kelly
- Hannah Murray
- Josh Waitere-Ang
- Heath Crosbie

Volunteers remain a cornerstone of running a successful youth centre and we are very fortunate to have such dedicated individuals. Volunteers also allow youth worker time to be freed up to engage in other programmes and mentoring.

Our wonderful Trustees are also volunteers who consistently give hours of devotion to Wakatipu Youth Trust and are of course pivotal to the ongoing running and existence of our Trust. It is to them that we must also show our appreciation, for investing their time and energy into the Wakatipu youth community.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

We retain good relationships with community social services throughout the year by attending regular meetings, committees and combined initiatives. These are valuable to be involved with and help provide our community, with a more holistic and wraparound combination of services.

- Youth and General Interagency
- Central Otago Youth Workers Network – COYWN
- Strengthening Families
- Strengthening Families Local Management Group
- NGO Managers Group
- Post-vention Suicide Committee

These initiatives help us to build new relationships, maintain existing ones and forge more effective networks in the community. They have proven valuable and often bring new situations to our attention.

Fundraising and Sponsorship

We continue to get the majority of our funding from grants, with a significant amount coming from local donations, contributions and other self-funded opportunities.

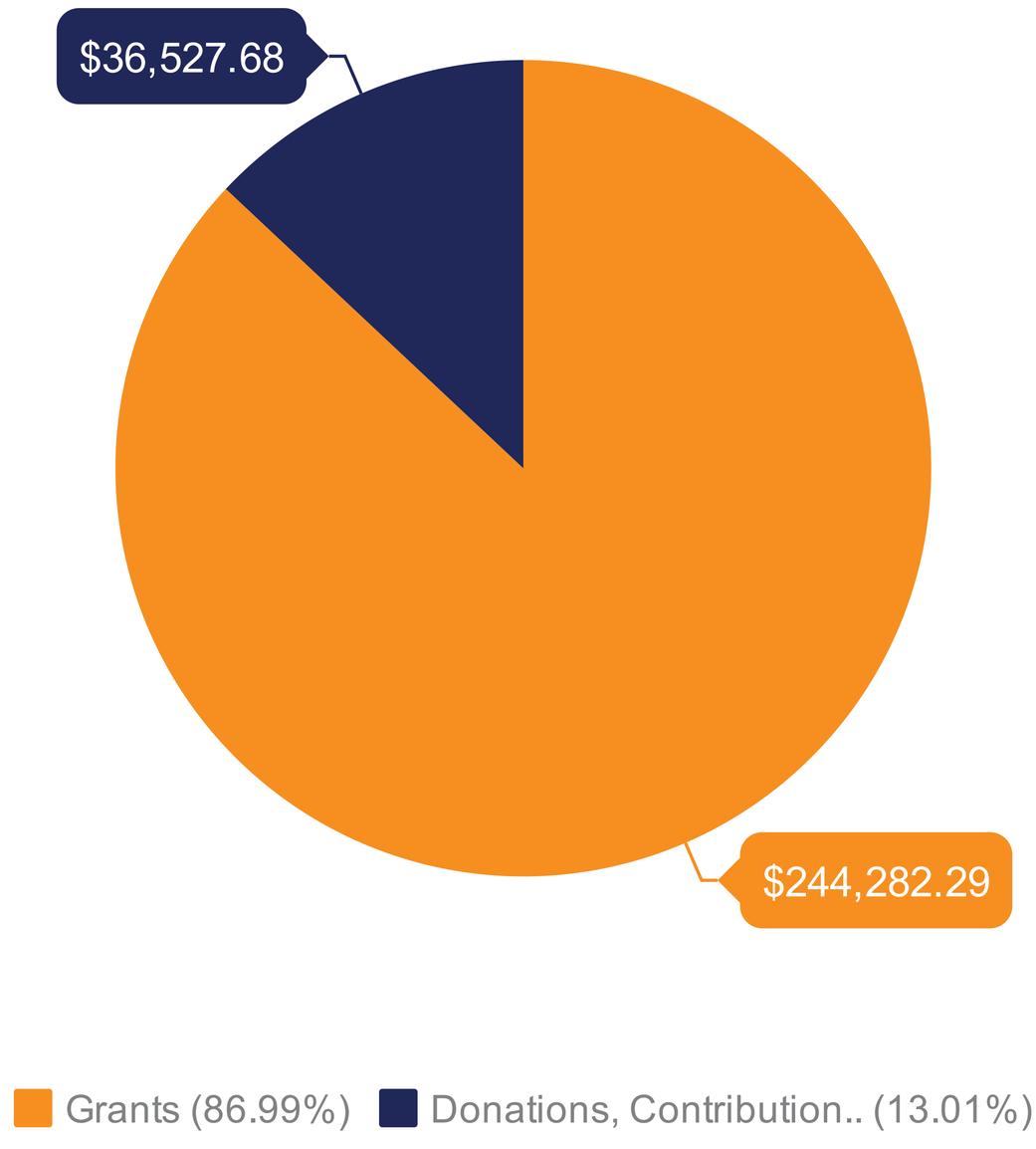
Throughout the year we receive funding support, numerous donations for programmes and events we run, and other general donations and sponsorship to assist us with our activities and fundraising. These are absolutely invaluable in being able to achieve what we do on a daily basis. Listed below are the many funders, donors and sponsors from our generous community who have supported us over the past year. We are extremely grateful for their much valued contributions.

OUR FUNDERS (In alphabetical order):
- Bruce Mackay Elevator Services
- Central Lakes Trust
- Community Organisation Grants Scheme
- Community Trust of Southland
- Department of Internal Affairs
- First Sovereign
- Foodstuffs South Island Community Trust
- Kingston Sedgfield (NZ) Charitable Trust
- Lakes Community Arts Council
- Lottery Grants
- Ministry of Social Development
- Ministry of Youth Development
- Olive Hutchins Charitable Trust
- Queenstown Lakes District Council
- Southern Trust
- Skycity Queenstown
- Trustpower Community Awards
- United Way

DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP (In alphabetical order):
- Arrow Expeditions
- Arrowtown Butchery
- Arrowtown School of Russian Ballet & Creative Arts
- ASB Queenstown
- Ben Lomond Horse Treks
- Bidvest
- Camp Carolina, USA
- Canyoning Queenstown
- Catalyst Trust
- Climbing Queenstown
- Cookie Time
- Countdown Queenstown
- Creating Tracks
- Crowe Horwath
- Dan Gerard - Driving instruction
- Dare Otago (Queenstown)
- Domino's Pizza
- Escape Quest
- Family Adventures Rafting
- Fat Badgers
- Fear Factory
- Ferg Bakery
- Fergburger
- Fetch QT
- Foodstuffs
- Fresh Choice Queenstown
- Game Over Queenstown
- Givealittle
- Glenorchy Community
- Glenorchy Community Association
- Glenorchy Rural Women
- Highlands Motor Park
- Hilton Queenstown
- HQ Wifi
- HQNZ
- HydroAttack
- Industrial Fitness
- It Might Get Loud
- Janey Labes
- Lakes Weekly Bulletin
- Lululemon
- Mactodd Lawyers
- Mediaworks
- Mini Golf Queenstown,
- Mitre 10
- Moonlight Stables
- NZ Ski
- Odyssey Sensory Maze
- Paintball Central
- Placemakers
- Pounamu Apartments
- Queenstown Hurling Team
- Queenstown Ice Arena
- Queenstown Lakes Family Centre
- R & P Russell
- Reading Cinema
- Rockformation
- Rotary International, Queenstown Branch
- Salvation Army
- SBS Charity
- Sherwood Hotel
- Shipleys Audiovisual
- Sign It Signs
- Site Trampoline
- Skyline Queenstown
- Small Planet
- Southern REAP
- Sports Analytic
- St Joseph's Primary School
- Summit Events
- The Playground
- The Rule Foundation
- Thrillzone
- Undersoul Photography
- Warehouse Customer Choice
- Watersports Queenstown

There are also a huge amount of people who help us out by donating their time and professional expertise to help support our initiatives and Wakatipu youth. We want to thank each and every one of them for their valuable contributions.

Funding Overview



Funding Breakdown

BREAKDOWN OF DONATIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND SELF-FUNDING

Summary

Wakatipu Youth Trust continues to move significantly forward and remains a productive contributor to positive youth development and a reputable social service in the wider community.

The last year has seen our team strengthen all the more, continuing to be a passionate, committed, dynamic and an inspiring asset to our youth population, the Wakatipu region and to the Trust. The team continue to achieve all they can to make a positive difference in the lives of our taiohi and pledge to engage and connect with youth across all facets of our community, from Glenorchy through to Arrowtown.

The continued dedication of our volunteers, who offer their time freely each week, has most definitely contributed to streamlining and expanding what we offer and has ensured that we have the time to invest into delivering quality youth work, opportunities and initiatives.

Increased focus on qualitative evaluation and assessment of youth programmes, activities and events has contributed to a more accurate picture of achievements and provided feedback to better focus our work. We are scheduled to conduct another survey of all our key stakeholders to ensure growth and development in the areas that are identified as fundamental to providing the best service possible.

Looking ahead, we are planning to further extend our reach in the community and develop progressive opportunities for as many young people within the Wakatipu region as possible. With huge population growth happening in the Wakatipu, and the flourishing development of the Frankton community, one of our strategic goals is to create a youth services hub, where we can collectively provide more cohesive support for our young people. We are confident that there are many people in our community who will be highly supportive of this venture and we hope will consider investing in the future of our taiohi and the belief that it takes a village to raise a child.

We are extremely excited to be starting our new community youth centre from the ground up out in Frankton and are researching, investigating and considering a wealth of possibilities to ensure our organisation continues to evolve and develop in new directions, while maintaining relevancy and a strong commitment to youth, their families and whanau and our Wakatipu community.

As ever, our work is made possible through the time and energy donated by our eight devoted trustees. The team are truly grateful and wish to thank them for making it possible for us to achieve what we do and to make a positive difference to the Wakatipu community.

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International Cultural Experience Programme: Overseas experience at Camp Carolina Summer Camp, USA - Parent of participant

“Camp Carolina gave the opportunity for so many new experiences (people, activities, social environments, different culture, independent travel) – all building blocks of growing a young man. He learnt to believe in himself more and shows this to his peers. Thank you to all that had a part in making it a reality.” Parent of participant

The Spectrum Club: LGBTQIA+ Youth group - Yr 13 student

The Spectrum Club provides a support that isn't available anywhere else. Being apart of the LGBTQIA+ community can be a lonely and shameful experience but the Spectrum Club creates a space that is safe, encouraging and nurtures a sense of belonging. It is also heavily involved in making the community a more accepting and supportive place.

Drive to Survive Expo - Year 12 High School Students

"I now feel as though I have the knowledge to drive safely and comfortably. If one of my friends or myself was in a crash I believe I now have the knowledge to stay calm and fully understand the extent of the actions taken not only by me but by other drivers."

"After coming out from the EXPO I feel a lot more confident and refreshed with driver safety. I thought the speakers were very knowledgeable and friendly. Opening the expo up with the car crash scene really caught my attention and I thought it was a great way to start the events

"I never really knew the risks involved with driving and how serious a situation can get by just not wearing your seat belt. It's nice to get education on driving safety because it really is important."

"Even if people understand the dangers of unsafe driving, it’s so easy to overlook the consciousness of your actions, this course really helps you understand the impacts of bad choices and how to make good ones."

THANK YOU

Central Lakes Trust

The Department of Internal Affairs
Te Tari Taiwhenua

Community Trust South
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Ministry of Youth Development
Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi
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Foodstuffs Community Trust
South Island

the Southern trust

SkyCity Queenstown

Queenstown Lakes District Council

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