



# **APPENDICES MINUTES**

**Grants Allocation Committee  
(Community Grants) Meeting**

**Tuesday, 29 April 2025**



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## Fish Cakes

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 small can smoked fish or tuna
- 3 medium potatoes, cooked and mashed
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 egg
- 1 Tablespoon oil

**SERVES 3-4**

### DIRECTIONS

1. Mix all ingredients except oil.
2. Spread a little flour on a board, tip mixture out, shape into a rectangle and cut into eight pieces.
3. Shape into round, flat patties.
4. Heat the oil in a pan.
5. Put four cakes into the pan. Brown on both sides.

### TRY THIS!

- Add flavour with black pepper, chilli sauce, chopped parsley.
- Dip each patty in beaten egg and breadcrumbs before frying.

Source: The Great Little Cookbook hints and healthy eating on a tight budget. Ministry of Social Development (2006).

### Soroptimist International of Kapiti & Kapiti Health Advisory Group

Actively supporting Kapiti families accessing food through:

- Working alongside food distributors
- A focus on basic, low-cost & nutritional meals



### SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF KAPITI

**Our Vision:** Soroptimist International is committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have a equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities world wide.

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### Kapiti Health Advisory Group

Kapiti Health Advisory Group was set up to seek improved access to health services for Kapiti.

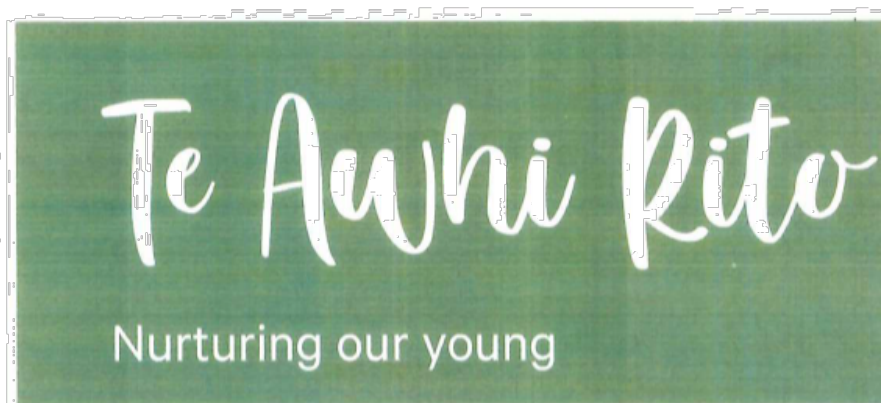
The group is advisory to Kapiti Coast District Council and reports to the Social Sustainability Committee.

[www.kapitihealthadvisorygroup.org](http://www.kapitihealthadvisorygroup.org)

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### Who We Are

Te Awhi Rito Trust is a charitable organisation based in Ōtaki, established by the local Anglican and Presbyterian Churches to nurture and support the children of our community. Our name, *Te Awhi Rito*, is inspired by the harakeke (flax) plant, where the 'rito' is the young shoot at the centre, surrounded and protected by the strong, mature leaves—the *awhi rito*. This symbolism reflects our commitment: to stand with and for our tamariki, ensuring they are protected, nurtured, and able to thrive as they grow.

### Our Mission

Our mission is simple but vital: to see the children of Ōtaki thriving—physically, emotionally, and socially. We provide safe, inclusive, and enriching programmes that foster wellbeing, creativity, and a sense of belonging for local tamariki.

### What We Do

Te Awhi Rito runs several free weekly programmes designed to meet the needs of children and families in Ōtaki:

- **Kai & Korikori (Sport and Active Games):** Tuesdays, 3:30–5:30pm  
Fun, active games and sports for children in Years 1–8, followed by a nutritious light meal.
- **Playgroup & Music (Weneri Takaro, Whakatangi and Koiri):** Wednesdays, 9:30am–12pm  
For tamariki under 5 and their whānau, combining music, play, and social connection, with morning tea provided.
- **Creative Minds (Tāite Auahatanga Hinengaro):** Thursdays, 3:30–5:30pm  
Art, music, and creative activities for children in Years 1–8, supported by local artists and musicians, with a meal included.
- **Special Programmes:**  
Musical Minds (10-week music exploration) and other seasonal offerings, always free and including food.

**Why Your Support Matters**

All our programmes are free for families, removing barriers to participation and ensuring every child has access to safe spaces, healthy kai, and opportunities to learn and play. As a small, grassroots trust, we rely on donations to cover the costs of facilities, food, materials, and staff. Your support directly enables us to continue running these vital services for the children of Otaki.

**Our Trustees**

Our trust is governed by local leaders who are deeply committed to the wellbeing of our community's children:

Rev. Marie Collin, Denise Hapeta, Rev. Peter Jackson, Shane Hastie, Rev. Simon Falconer, and Joseph Te Wiata.

**Donations and Koha**

We are always grateful to receive donations for our charitable trust (Te Awhi Rito, CC59321).

If you make a donation please email our admin team and we'll provide a charitable donation letter.

**Our Bank Account details**

**Customer name:** TE AWHI RITO TRUST

**Account number:** 01 0530 0531095 00

For more information please email us at [admin@teawhirito.nz](mailto:admin@teawhirito.nz)



# Benefits of Volunteers

**79%**

of volunteers feel a deeper connection to their community



an improvement to their mental health

**68%**

of volunteers feel a deeper connection to their community

**11+**

hours per month volunteered by people aged 60+

**47%**

of charities have an increase in demand for services

**10 billion**

yearly value of volunteer work in New Zealand

**10**

## PROMOTING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER MOMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY



**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

**YOUTH VOLUNTEER WEEK**

**INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY**

**INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER MANAGERS DAY**

**Celebrating national and international volunteer occasions to recognise community volunteers and encourage involvement.**

**67% OF ADULTS IN NEW ZEALAND VOLUNTEER**

**YOUTH VOLUNTEERISM IMPROVES WELL-BEING AND SKILLS**

**VOLUNTEER WORK INCREASES HAPPINESS AND DECREASES DEPRESSION**

**VOLUNTEER MANAGERS PLAY A KEY ENGAGEMENT ROLE**



10/4/2025

Nigel Wilson Chair  
Grants Allocation Committee – Community Grants

**He Reo Turi, He Reo Hapori | A Deaf voice is a community voice**  
**Kāpiti Coast District Council Community Grant Scheme**  
**\$2,000.00 ref: CMG00116 | April 2025**

Tēnā koutou Nigel and committee members,

Please find attached our application to the Kāpiti Coast District Council Community Grants Programme, titled

**"He Reo Turi, He Reo Hapori | A Deaf voice is a community voice."**

This project seeks funding to help cover the cost of New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) interpreters, to enable full and equitable participation of Deaf community members in the Kāpiti Community Action Group (CAG). The Kāpiti CAG is a self-directed ropū of disabled community members who meet regularly to identify local access and equity issues, develop advocacy plans, and lead inclusive community change. NZSL interpreter support ensures Deaf members can actively contribute to hui, leadership-building activities, and planning—ensuring their voices and leadership are included.

This project aligns closely with the Kāpiti Coast District Council's Community Grants priorities by:

- ✓ **Building resilient, sustainable communities** through inclusive leadership and shared decision-making
- ✓ **Encouraging greater community participation** by removing barriers to engagement for Deaf community members
- ✓ **Improving quality of life** through empowerment, connection, and visibility of Deaf voices in local processes
- ✓ **Fostering partnerships and community collaboration**, including learning NZSL and developing inclusive practices across the group

This kaupapa has been shaped by the lived experience of local Deaf and disabled community members and responds directly to calls for more for leadership and advocacy in Kāpiti.

FERNZ has a strong track record of supporting disability-led initiatives across Aotearoa, with Community Action Groups also active in Karori, Porirua, Hutt Valley, Wairarapa, and Waikato. While this grant will support immediate access needs, we are also exploring sustainable strategies to ensure long-term inclusion and impact.

We would welcome the opportunity to speak to our application at the Grants Allocation Committee meeting on Tuesday 29 April.

Please note we will require NZSL interpreter support to ensure full participation by Deaf community members.

Nga mihi nui,

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**August 2024:**  
Some of the Kāpiti CAG members that attended the first meeting



**December 2024:**  
CAG members at the final meeting for 2024 (members are holding certificates of recognition)



**February 2025:**  
CAG members meet with Kathy Splers, Paraparaumu Ward Councillor. Not all members pictured.



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28 April 2025

Nigel Wilson  
Chair  
Grant allocation committee

Jan Holborow  
Mayor of KCDC  
Paraparaumu

Kia ora koutou katoa,

I whakapapa to Nga Puhi and Ngati Tuwharetoa

My name is Tania Ali, from Paraparaumu. I am Turi (Deaf), and I have lived in Paraparaumu for 29 years.

I have always encouraged, been involved with and supported the Kapiti community plus people with disability and the Maori community.

I am the Chair of Kapiti FERNZ, with my co-chair Marc, we are applying for a grant to cover face to face interpreters so I can attend our meetings and be involved in our project, He Reo Turi, He Reo Hapori - A Deaf voice is a community voice.

NZSL interpreters are extremely important for the Deaf community for Equal access to Communication. If no interpreters are provided, a huge barrier is created for Deaf people, excluding us from many spaces.

It is very difficult to communicate with hearing people who cannot sign and we have to write notes to each other, particularly in a meeting with many people.

NZ Relay service has advised that settings such as conferences, lectures and meetings with large groups of people are better suited for face to face interpreters to facilitate. Due to the limitations of technology it is not suitable for remote interpreting.

The risks to the interpretation can be affected by the Internet connection, technology freezing and audio issues. The interpreters cannot always hear what is spoken with background noise through a small speaker on a phone or laptop.

NZ Relay is not an appropriate platform for these meetings. We will require a face to face interpreter.

I hope you will look favourable on our community grant application.

Nga mihi nui

Tania Ali  
Kapiti Chair FERNZ  
Paraparaumu

**Possible Questions.**

**Don be afraid to say I don't know the answer to that question.**

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**1. What happens if you don't have an interpreter?****Answer:**

Without an interpreter, Deaf members are excluded.

We've used written notes and apps before, but they're not reliable or respectful.

Interpreters allow Deaf members to fully participate in real-time, just like everyone else.

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**2. Why does interpreter support cost so much?****Answer:**

FERNZ works with iSign because they are reliable and trusted.

Costs vary due to travel, which is why we submitted an estimate.

We have a dedicated interpreter booked for the year who knows our Deaf members – this trust is crucial for meaningful participation.

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**3. What will happen if this funding isn't granted?****Answer:**

FERNZ will continue to **self-fund** interpreter support for our meetings because it's essential.

But we will keep seeking other funding sources to help sustain this.

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**4. Why support such a small group?****Answer:**

We're a **new and growing** group.

Interpreter support helps not only our current members but ensures that a Deaf voice is heard in the wider community.

We're learning NZSL together and creating long-term, inclusive change.

**8. How many people benefit from this project?****Answer:**

Our group includes around 10 members, but the impact is bigger.

Supporting Deaf leadership influences how the wider community sees accessibility.

We're growing, and this funding helps us include more people over time.

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**9. How does your project relate to the Treaty of Waitangi?****Answer:**

It's not appropriate for me to speak in depth on the Treaty, but I can share that FERNZ is a kaupapa Māori-governed organisation, and we are guided by the principles of partnership, participation, and protection.

As a group, we respect and support these values through our actions – by removing barriers to participation, including for Deaf and Māori members. Interpreter support is one way we uphold these principles, ensuring that all members can engage fully and equally.