

Kia ora,

I'm writing to share a quick update on, which is fast approaching- the event will take place at on

We are hugely grateful for the support received through the Tauranga Western Bay Community Event Fund. This support has been vital in giving us the confidence to move ahead with the event and ensure that we deliver an event that has real community impact.

As you will no doubt be aware, fundraising this year has been very challenging, given the level of community need currently being experienced by many of our local funders. Just like all other community organisations, the costs to deliver our events have increased, and it has become harder to secure support from traditional sources of funding such as gaming trusts. We have been working hard to close this gap with sponsorship from local businesses and have had some success. These sponsorships are at a lower dollar amount, with businesses donating between \$500 (Bronze Sponsor) and \$5,000 (Gold Sponsor).

At this stage, we are largely on track to deliver the event as outlined in our funding application, but any additional funding would reduce the risk- we have applications to..... and which are pending.

A key feature of the event in previous years has been the, supported by were not able to sponsor this year, so we have adapted the promotion and are now partnering with - I've attached the promotional poster about this for your reference.

Thanks for sending through the information regarding recognition of the TWBCEF at the event and in promotional material. In addition to using the logo and the flags, we'll be doing some dedicated social media posts acknowledging the support of the fund.

We've taken on your feedback from last year's post-event reporting, and this year I plan to be in touch with full financial reporting the week following the event on the reporting form in Smarty Grants. Our intention is to provide the information you need in a timely and accurate manner.

Thanks again for the support- We'd love to extend an invitation to you and the event fund panel to join us at the event. Would you be able to share this invite with the panel.

Ngā mihi nui,

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