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Executive Summary

In March 2019 Point were contracted to conduct an outcomes harvest of responsive grants made by the JR McKenzie Trust from 2013 onwards. Outcome harvesting is a method of identifying, formulating, analysing and interpreting what was achieved as the result of an action (which in this instance is JR McKenzie grantmaking). An outcomes harvest is particularly useful in contexts, such as grantmaking, where relations of cause and effect may not be fully understood either at the time of the grant, or afterwards.

Method

131 responsive grants¹ made between 2013 – 2019² were analysed and coded. Each grant was assessed against a standard of evidence:

- Acceptable: More than one verified evidence source related to outcomes (62% of all grants used in the harvest).
- Marginal: One evidence source related to outcomes, not verified (usually a statement from the funded group) (32%).
- Unacceptable: No evidence of outcomes or no evidence that the funded activity had taken place (6%).

Funded organisations with acceptable levels of evidence were filtered and coded against the five JR McKenzie strategic aims. The outcomes achieved by the groups were then used to build an outcomes framework against which each group was coded.

Outcomes summary

Reduced disparities in social outcomes

Since 2013, JR McKenzie Trust funding has contributed to:

- Support for vulnerable children and whānau including:
 - Increased access and availability of safe, fair and affordable loans.
 - Increased incomes for low-paid workers
 - Providing access to food and emergency shelter for vulnerable and marginalised communities

¹ Grants of \$10, 000 or less were excluded from the harvest

² The grant information was taken from the JR McKenzie Smartygrants system

- Provision of stable housing
- Improved health and wellbeing for children and youth
- Improved education outcomes
- Stronger, safer parents and whānau
- Development and support of better employment opportunities for vulnerable communities

More connected communities

Since 2013, JR McKenzie Trust funding has contributed to:

- Safer communities
- Empowering community and peer support
- Connecting and uniting diverse community-based networks towards a shared vision

Māori succeeding as Māori

Since 2013, JR McKenzie Trust funding has contributed to:

- Māori economic development
- Mana tangata
- Mana whenua
- Mātauranga Māori

More inclusive decision-making

Since 2013, JR McKenzie Trust funding has contributed to:

- Empowering communities to engage with decision-makers
- Legislative and system reforms including
 - Health-related drug reform
 - Legislative changes that will reduce the numbers of Māori in prison
 - Reducing child poverty
 - Fairer economic structures
 - Legislative reform around children and youth
 - Proposed constitutional reform
- Advocacy for under-represented groups
- Addressing inequalities

Greater recognition and valuing of diversity

Since 2013, JR McKenzie Trust funding has contributed to greater recognition of:

- Youth

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- People with disabilities
- LGBTQI communities
- Refugee and migrant communities

OUTCOMES IN BRIEF: REDUCED DISPARITIES IN SOCIAL OUTCOMES

Since 2013, JR McKenzie Trust funding has contributed to **supporting vulnerable children and whānau** through:

- The provision of safe, fair and affordable loans for 150 families in South Auckland through **Nga Tangata Microfinance**. Recipients said the loans significantly improved their wellbeing and reduced family stress.
- The establishment of the living wage, led by **The Living Wage Movement Aotearoa**, which is now paid to workers of more than 130 employers. Recipients include all core public service employees.
- Supporting **the Freestore** in Wellington to feed 70 people (three-quarters of whom are unemployed) each day.
- Helping Hikurangi whānau learn about traditional subsistence living (growing kai, hunting, fishing, gathering, preserving, heating, cooking).
- The provision of food parcels to more than 2734 refugees and migrants from the **UMMA Trust**.

The Trust has contributed to **the provision of stable housing / ending homelessness** through:

- Peer support, guidance and advocacy for 3-5 long-term central Auckland rough sleepers each day through the **Lifewise** Merge Community Peer Support Team
- Supporting 10 Pasifika and Māori whānau from Porirua, Palmerston North, Levin and Auckland into home ownership through the **WhareOraTrust**.
- Accommodating 50 whānau in rammed earth housing in Te Tai Tokerau (Northland) through **Te Ahikaa Roa Trust**
- Moving 16 adults and 42 tamariki from substandard housing into renovated ex-state houses in Northland through the **He Korowai Trust**.
- Supporting 12 people into housing through the **Free Store**

The Trust has contributed to **improved health and wellbeing for vulnerable children and youth** by:

- Supporting the **Zeal Education Trust** to raise awareness of harm around young people's online behaviour, which informed the development of the free online mental health crisis response service SendHelp.io.
- Supporting youth development, education support and the provision of fruit and vegetables for refugee families, all coordinated through the **UMMA Trust**.
- Funding the development and distribution of an asthma education resource and toolkit on children's asthma to 29 kōhanga reo in the Wellington region.

- Supporting the **Moko Foundation**, which delivers digital health services to approximately 2600 children in the Far North.
- Funding Nga Rangatahi Toa, who achieved a 100% reduction in recidivism over one year for rangatahi in their programme.

The Trust has contributed to **improved education outcomes** through

- Supporting the **Te Reanga Ipurangi Otaki Education Trust** to enhance and accelerate achievement of tamariki in Otaki through digital learning strategies. In 2017 all Year 8 students at Otaki school were achieving at or above expectation.
- Twenty refugee mums participated in reading together workshops in Auckland with the **UMMA Trust**, and all reported increased confidence in reading with their children in both their mother-tongue and English.
- Supporting 63 Māori students to study health-related subjects at tertiary level through **WhyOra Whakatipouranga Rima Rau**.
- Helping to prepare children for school through the **HIPPY programme**.

The trust has contributed to **stronger, safer whānau** by:

- Funding a Pasifika family harm prevention programme through the **Nelson Tasman Pasifika Community Trust & Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower Trust**. An evaluation found the programme engaged target communities about how to keep children safe, gave children the knowledge and skills on how to stay safe, helped communities to recognise unsafe situations, changed some cultural norms, and encouraged children to speak out and supported adults to listen to children.
- Assisting with the development of the Poutama Rites of Passage, which connects whānau with their teens. The original rites of passage was well supported by the local community in which men – fathers, family members, mentors and youth workers – outnumbered the teen participants three to one.
- Increasing connections between adults and children and increasing parents confidence through reading books, which were provided to 354 families by the **Storytime Foundation**.
- Improving parental attachment and bonding, confidence, whānau relationships and parenting skills for Southland whānau who participated in the **1000 days Trust** programme.
- Increasing whānau connections for youth in alternative education through the **Nga Rangatahi Toa** whānau network group.
- Funding places for more than 2000 Muslim women in the **UMMA Trust's** Muslim Women's development, leadership and parenting programmes.
- Funding domestic violence training and family harm workshops for 45 refugee women through the **UMMA Trust**.
- Assisting **Shakti** to develop resources for ethnic young people in 6 schools to

- participate in youth leadership training against family violence and abuse.
- Funding five advance practice noho marae to train whānau practitioners in advanced Māori models of practice in order to build strong whānau, hapu and iwi.

The trust has contributed to **the development and support of employment opportunities** by:

- Building readiness to work and key employment skills for youth in 30 schools, wharekura and training providers through the **COMET Auckland Youth Employability Programme**.
- Developing confidence and skills through film-making for Māori rangatahi in Ōtaki through the **Māoriland Hub**
- Helping 800 women from 18 different countries develop their interests, talents and skills for income generation through **The WISE Collective Project**.
- Assisting **WhyOra Whakatipouranga Rima** to place 44 participants into employment in the health sector
- Supporting 10 rangatahi to attend the **Te Runaka o Awarua** pop up entrepreneurs workshop to learn about career advice, employment options, and CV development
- Helping the UMMA Trust support 20 women into employment opportunities, including four who chose self-employment.
- Two Merge Community Volunteers from the **Lifewise Trust** found employment.

Reduced disparities in social outcomes

Support for vulnerable children and whānau

Increased access and availability of safe, fair and affordable loans.

The JR McKenzie Trust funded **Nga Tangata Microfinance** in 2013, 2016 and 2018 and to increase access and availability of safe, fair, affordable loans to low income families in Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Gisborne and Otago by offering no interest loans and partnering with budgeting services and social agencies so that better financial policies, products and services are developed for low income families.

Since 2015, funding from the JR McKenzie Trust has contributed to:

- A trebling from 50 loans approved annually (2015/6) to 150 loans approved in 2018, representing loan capital distribution increasing from \$240,000 to an estimated \$740,000.
- Wider loan access availability to clients from organisations or groups, including unions, and large employers (such as the Warehouse)

- An evaluation in 2017 found that access to safe, fair and affordable loans was positively impacting whānau and families. Of the 81 Nga Tangata Microfinance clients who participated in the evaluation, three-quarters (75%) said the loan made a huge improvement to well-being and peace of mind; nearly 70 percent of respondents said the loan significantly reduced family stress; and eight out of 10 said the loan made a big difference in how they spend money (more and better quality food, money to pay bills, paying bills on time)

Increasing incomes for low-paid workers

The **Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand** wants to contribute to a fairer and more equitable society by working with community/secular, union and faith-based groups to campaign for a Living Wage so that workers can be paid a living wage (currently \$21.15) to enable them to live with dignity and participate as active citizens.

- Since 2015, funding from the JR McKenzie Trust has contributed to the living wage movement recruiting 130 registered Living Wage employers including: 62 private companies such as AMP, Westpac bank, and Vector Energy; 47 NGO's including the PSA, NZCTU, Greenpeace, and Oxfam; 13 groups such as schools and two political parties (Labour, Greens) and six councils. Furthermore, the New Zealand government recently delivered on promise of living wage for all government employees.
- Accreditation fees from registered employers are sufficient to sustain a part-time coordinator

Access to food and emergency shelter for vulnerable families

The **Free Store** aims to foster an inclusive, participatory community by working with local Wellington businesses and community members to redistribute surplus food so that immediate food needs of vulnerable individuals and families are met, volunteer opportunities are created and food waste is reduced.

In 2016 the JR McKenzie Trust contributed \$61,620 to the Free Store to assist them to set up an operation that currently:

- Redistributes food from over 65 suppliers to more than 70 people each weekday. The retail cost of redistributed food is conservatively estimated at \$50,000 each week.
- Coordinates a volunteer database of more than 700 volunteers with up to 50 different people contributing voluntarily week-to-week.

Funding from the Trust has also contributed to

- increased food security for Hikurangi whānau, who have learned about traditional subsistence living (growing kai, hunting, fishing, gathering, preserving, heating, cooking) from the **Hikurangi Huataukina Trust**.

- provision of food parcels from the **UMMA Trust** to more than 2734 refugees and migrants.
- Assisting the **Auckland Refugee Council** to house 62 clients, including 21 children under the age of 18 years, in emergency accommodation. Another 150 received support while living in the community. These clients were provided with a variety of services including emergency accommodation, support in obtaining their rightful benefits from WINZ, help in job seeking, and referral to medical & psychological treatments.

Provision of stable housing

The **Lifewise** Merge Community Peer Support Team, which evolved from a homelessness peer support initiative funded by the JR McKenzie Trust, uses volunteers who have experienced long term rough sleeping in Auckland's city centre to provide guidance and advocacy to members of Auckland's homeless community. The team support approximately 3 – 5 people each day.

Funding from the Trust has also contributed to

- 10 Pasifika and Māori whānau from Porirua, Palmerston North, Levin and Auckland achieve home ownership through reducing and managing household debt **WhareOraTrust**.
- 50 families have been accommodated in rammed earth papakainga in Te Taitokerau, for which the JR McKenzie Trust contributed \$50,000 to **Te Ahikaa Roa Trust**.
- Between 2013 and 2015 the Jr McKenzie Trust supported **He Korowai Trust** to move whānau from substandard or state housing dependence to affordable home ownership. During the funding period they moved 16 adults and 42 tamariki into 9 renovated ex-state houses.
- **The Free Store** has supported 12 people into housing

Improved health and wellbeing for vulnerable children and youth

The **Zeal Education Trust** want to improve youth mental health by working with youth and the youth sector to raise awareness around how online behaviour adversely impacts youth wellbeing and mental health so that youth are better informed and less harmed by destructive online behaviour.

The JR McKenzie Trust provided seed funding for research into online behaviour. As a result of the research:

- Key insights about the impact of online behaviour are shared with youth through social media. Each post reaches approximately 1000 young people.
- The free online mental health crisis response service SendHelp.io was researched and developed. SendHelp.io is a network of crisis counsellors who respond to concerning

posts wherever they appear online. The SendHelp.io app which emerged from the research is funded by Vodafone.

Through funding provided by the JR McKenzie Trust the **UMMA Trust** improved the health and wellbeing of refugee children and youth by:

- Convening a de-stigmatisation steering group for disabled Muslim youth.
- Engaging refugee youth in mainstream sport. A player from the UMMA Trust basketball team was selected for the Auckland Under 19 Rep Team.
- Distribution of weekly fresh fruit and vegetables to vulnerable families through collaboration with Kiwiharvest – 62% of recipients are children.
- Providing emergency staple food parcels through collaboration with the Working Together Group.
- Youth Leadership training for youth leaders to run youth programmes
- 22 young women leaders from the UMMA Trust attended the Islamic Women's Council of New Zealand annual conference
- Ethnic study centres for over 100 Muslim children (three sessions per week).

Funding from the Trust has also contributed to

- Whānau and Kōhanga workers in Wellington are better informed about children's asthma, after the *Tamariki Manawa Ngawari / Children Breathing Easily* asthma toolkit and whanau ora educational books were distributed by the Tu Kotahi Maori Asthma Trust across 29 kōhanga reo in the Wellington region. The JR McKenzie Trust funded the development of the *Tamariki Manawa Ngawari* resources.
- In 2016 the JR McKenzie Trust contributed \$370,338 to the development of the **Moko Foundation**, which oversees the virtual healthcare of children in high needs communities through the iMoko programme. In 2018 iMoko delivered digital health services to about 2600 children in the Far North, under contract to the Northland DHB.
- Nga Rangatahi Toa achieved a 100% reduction in recidivism over one year for a group of rangatahi they were working with out of the Courts system.
- The development of **Ara Taiohi's** Rainbow Competency Framework for the mainstream youth sector; and the development of RainbowYOUTH's online learning platform to support organisations working with young people so that environments around Rainbow young people have the competencies to change negative outcomes around suicidality, self-harm, substance use, homelessness and bullying.

Improved education outcomes

In 2014, the JR McKenzie Trust funded the **Te Reanga Ipurangi Otaki Education Trust** to enhance and accelerate achievement of tamariki in Otaki through digital learning strategies. This project then became part of the Maniakalani programme at Otaki School. In 2017 an ERO review concluded all Māori immersion Year 8 students at Otaki School were achieving at and

above expectation, and all students in English immersion and bilingual learning pathways achieve in reading, writing and mathematics at or above expectation. Trends over time indicates a positive trajectory as students move through the school.

In Auckland, funding from the JR McKenzie Trust enabled the **UMMA Trust** to partner with the Ministry of Education to run four “reading together” workshops for 20 refugee women. The UMMA Trust found that mothers with minimal English gained confidence in how to read together with their children using both their mother-tongue and English. Prior to the workshops all mothers thought their English was insufficient so had avoided reading with their children.

With the assistance of funding from the JR McKenzie Trust, **WhyOra Whakatipouranga Rima Rau** supported 63 Māori students to study health-related subjects at tertiary level. Five students were supported to upskill within the health sector and a further five students participated towards becoming a St Johns paramedic first responder in Patea.

The **Great Potentials Foundation** was funded in 2004 to improve school engagement, skills, confidence and educational outcomes for children through the HIPPY programme. Research on New Zealand children shows that HIPPY prepares children for school, and that the gains in literacy and numeracy are maintained over time.

Stronger, safer parents and whānau

Te Mauri Tau Inc want to contribute to whānau and community wellbeing by working with whānau to help them support their teens from childhood to adulthood so that whānau understand teen brain development and have the communication tools to encourage “real” dialogue with their teens. Funding from the JR McKenzie Trust contributed to the development of the Poutama Rites of Passage. In 2016 the pilot Poutama Tāne was well supported by the community, in which men – fathers, family members, mentors and youth workers – outnumbered the teen participants three to one. Poutame Rites of Passage will run again for 12 teens in July 2019, supported by 18 local (Raglan) mentors and the Raglan community, who are sponsoring accommodation and food.

The **Nelson Tasman Pasifika Community Trust & Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower Trust** were funded in 2015 to develop and pilot a Pasifika family harm prevention programme. An evaluation by Massey University found that the Faamalosi mo Aiga and Malohi Kainga programmes performed mostly at a good to very good standard, engaging the target communities in learning about how to keep children safe, giving children the knowledge and skills on how to stay safe, and helping their communities to recognise unsafe situations. It also found that the programme was starting to change cultural norms, encouraging children to speak out and supporting adults to listen to children.

The **Storytime Foundation** wants to contribute to strong whānau and communities by providing resources and opportunities for parents to read, talk and sing with babies and

toddlers so that whānau bond with their babies and toddlers, understand child development, and engage with their communities.

The JR McKenzie Trust funded **the Storytime Foundation** to introduce an antenatal and toddlers 'First 1000 Days' programme in the Far North, Manukau, Rotorua, Porirua and Christchurch. Overall, 354 families enrolled in the antenatal programme and 1151 in the toddlers programme. Outcomes of the programme include:

- A marked increase in the number of children's books in the homes of participating whānau.
- An increase in the percentage of parents reading to their children daily or several times a day.
- Significant increases in families singing or telling stories daily
- A significant decrease in the percentage of families who seldom or never go to the library.
- Providers who enrol families in the programme say they can see the difference that the programme makes to the families including increased confidence among parents and parents spending more time with their tamariki.

The 1000 days Trust wanted to strengthen whānau relationships with their tamariki by connecting whānau to community support and working directly with whānau to support them to establish positive relational health with their tamariki. An evaluation of the programme indicated several positive impacts and improvements for children and whānau as a result of participation, which included:

- Improved parental attachment and bonding with pēpi;
- Improved confidence of parents/whānau to respond to pēpi/baby's needs;
- Improved relationships and communication between whānau members; and
- Learning and applying new skills about how to talk to one another

Nga Rangatahi Toa worked with whānau in the alternative education community to co-create programs of advocacy and empowerment. As a result, attendance at their Whanau Network group increased by 25% including a 50% increase in attendance for fathers.

Participation in the **UMMA Trust's** Muslim Women's development, leadership and parenting programmes increased by almost 2000 people as a result of the affordability created by the grant from the JR McKenzie. In addition, 8 UMMA staff and volunteers received Certificate in Domestic Violence Training from SHINE and went on to run 10 family harm workshops for 45 refugee women.

Shakti Legal Advocacy & Family Social Services Incorporated were funded in 2017 to mobilise ethnic young people against family violence and abuse and develop resources for youth leadership training. As a result, the Shakti Youth Network for Change (SYNC) is in 6 different high schools around Auckland. Students in these groups have collaborated on and participated

in events such as panel discussions, marches, fundraising and leadership trainings.

In 2014 **Te Korowai Aroha o Aotearoa** received funding to build strong whānau, hapu and iwi by training whānau practitioners in advanced Māori models of practice. During the funding period they designed and developed the Tūranga Whānau training module and piloted five advanced practice noho marae.

Seed funding from the JR McKenzie Trust allowed the **National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges** to establish a business model for, and pilot second-hand boutiques. Profits from the enterprise would be used to improve the impact of NCIWR's preventative work.

- In the first nine months of business the first Yellow Belle store made \$90,664 in revenue, however 98% of the profit had to be diverted into supporting the distribution centre. Ultimately the enterprise wasn't financially feasible and closed.

Develop and support employment opportunities

Thirty schools, wharekura and training providers have signed up for the **COMET Auckland Youth Employability Programme**, which aims to help young people, whanau and teachers/youth workers understand the importance of employability skills to business and industry, understand that these skills can be developed and build youth readiness for work.

The Māoriland Hub wants to grow the skills and opportunities for Māori rangatahi in Ōtaki and further afield by offering opportunities through training, work experience, contact with inspiring people and networks both nationally and internationally. One of these opportunities is the Māoriland Film festival in Ōtaki which is attended by more than 12,500 people. In 2019 the Māoriland Rangatahi Film Festival preceded the festival itself, which offered rangatahi the opportunity to make and screen their films, watch films and speak with film-makers.

Auckland Regional Migrant Services Charitable Trust WISE Hubs support women to develop their interests and talents, to exercise and learn skills of healthy living, food preparation and eating, become better informed about services and NZ way of living, and to develop skills for income generation. The WISE Collective Project has been active for five years, supporting former refugee women to utilise their skills and interests to generate income for their families. More than 800 women from 18 different countries have engaged with the WISE Collective Project since its inception.

WhyOra Whakatipouranga Rima placed 44 participants into employment in the health sector, in addition to supporting 14 health cadetships. More than 350 year 9-10 students attended the Pūtaiao Expo which aimed to increase the numbers of Māori students retaining science as a study option, and in turn the number of Māori entering employment in health. Lastly, 50 whānau attended the 'Māori Achieving in Education' hui to encourage NCEA choices that lead to health careers.

Ten rangatahi attended the **Te Runaka o Awarua** pop up entrepreneurs workshop to learn

about career advice, employment options, CV development

The UMMA Trust supported a number of refugee and migrant women through education and employment. Education outcomes included 5 women who achieved graduate and post-graduate degrees, all in health and social services, and 9 women who achieved certificate level qualifications, ranging from food handling to business studies. In addition:

- 15 women pass learners licence
- 5 women pass restricted licence
- 4 women pass full licence

Sixteen women were supported into employment, from advisory roles through to caregiving and catering. A further 4 women set up self-employment.

Two Merge Community Volunteers from the **Lifewise Trust** found employment.

OUTCOMES IN BRIEF: MORE CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

Since 2013, JR McKenzie Trust funding has contributed to **safer communities** through:

- **Supporting** Victory Community Health to achieve a 30% decrease of criminal activity in the Victory community by connecting neighbours, increasing neighbourhood safety and supporting locals to take community action around issues that affected the health and safety of residents..

The Trust has contributed to **empowering community and peer support** by:

- Encouraging youth to keep an eye on each other online, and submit anything they are concerned about through the SendHelp.io app, developed by **Zeal Education Trust**.
- Empowering leaders in six Auckland high schools to be advocates of social change around in their schools and communities around issues of family violence and abuse through **Shakti youth**.
- Supporting the **The Lifewise Trust** 'Walking The Talk' Homelessness Peer Support Initiative to provide advocacy, support, and information to 3-5 rough sleepers each day.

The Trust has contributed to **connecting and uniting diverse community networks towards a shared vision** through:

- Helping **Victory Community Health** bring together agencies who work with at risk youth and whānau in the Victory Community so that there is community plan in place to support these young people.
- Supporting the **1000 Days Trust** to work with community providers in Southland to role model a whānau-led approach which build relationships of trust over time.
- Supporting the **Living Wage Movement Aotearoa** NZ to conduct several residential 'community organising' trainings prior to the 2016 local government elections. Since that time, Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch councils adopted the living wage.

More connected communities

Safer communities

Victory Community Health want to contribute to a safe, healthy Victory community by working with the local community in Nelson to connect neighbours, increase neighbourhood

safety and support locals to take community action around issues that affect the health and safety of residents.

In 2013 the JR McKenzie Trust contributed \$100,000 to the Keep Victory Safe community development project. At the end of the project in 2015 police statistics showed a 30% decrease of criminal activity in the Victory community. Outcomes from this project that are likely to have contributed to this decrease include:

- Increased messaging and use of the Keep Victory Safe messaging in media, social media and website, around the Victory area and printed on fridge magnets.
- The closure of the local liquor outlet, which was in close proximity to the park, playground and the kindergartens.
- Residents challenging anti-social (bullying and unsafe) behaviour in public areas.
- More residents connected to Neighbourhood support.
- A partnership with Housing New Zealand, which placed “how to keep safe” packs in rental properties.

Empowering community and peer support

The SendHelp.io app launched by the **Zeal Education Trust** after seed funding from the JR McKenzie Trust encourages youth to keep an eye on each other online, and submit anything they are concerned about so the SendHelp team can reach out to the young person.

The Lifewise Trust ‘Walking The Talk’ Homelessness Peer Support Initiative uses volunteers who have experienced long term rough sleeping in Auckland’s city centre to support and advocate for other rough sleepers. On average the volunteers support 3-5 people per day. The support provided includes:

- Advocacy (particularly with Work and Income)
- Navigational support – informing people where else they might go to get help
- Information and on-the-spot advice
- Social support –being a listening ear

Shakti youth empowered leaders in six Auckland high schools to be advocates of social change around in their schools and communities around issues of family violence and abuse.

Connecting and uniting diverse community-based networks towards a shared vision

Victory Community Health brought together a number of agencies who worked with at risk youth and whānau in the Victory Community to put a community plan in place to support these young people.

The **1000 Days Trust** worked with community providers in Southland to role model a whānau-led approach aimed at helping whānau to access and utilise relevant and effective services to support their whānau aspirations. An evaluation of the 1000 days programme found that relationships of trust had developed over time.

The **Living Wage Movement Aotearoa** NZ facilitated the collective voice of civil society for a living wage by conducting several residential 'community organising' training. An evaluation found that participants had made good use of what they learnt at training many immediately put into practice what they had learnt at the training in working on Living Wage campaigns in the run-up to the 2016 local government elections.

OUTCOMES IN BRIEF: MĀORI SUCCEEDING AS MĀORI

Since 2013, JR McKenzie Trust funding has contributed to **Māori economic development** through:

- Supporting the **Hikurangi Huataukina Trust (HHT)** to develop several commercial ventures and commercial partnerships. These include: Hikurangi Cannabis which has become the first New Zealand company to secure a license from the Ministry of Health to cultivate medicinal cannabis plants; partnerships with pharmaceutical companies, researchers and investors to develop new medical and health products based on bioactive extracts from plants, shellfish and fungi; Carbon farming by supporting landowners to establish carbon deals with major emitters; and the development of Waiapu Investments Ltd.
- Helping **Te Runaka o Awarua** develop a bus service between Invercargill and Bluff, marine cosmetics and a scavengers indoor escape game.
- Funding a business development manager for the **Te Puawaitanga Ki Otautahi Charitable Trust** to investigate new revenue streams and viable social enterprise initiatives.

The Trust has contributed to **mana tangata** by:

- Supporting leadership development of 254 Māori leaders from 35 Māori Trusts through **Te Whare Hukahuka**.
- Supporting the **Maoriland Hub**, who in turn supported 14 rangatahi to raise money to travel to Tahiti, Rarotanga, Hawaii and Samoa to engage with other young people to promote film making as a vehicle to 'tell their own stories'.
- Funding a project manager for the Moko Foundation Youth Leadership programme, where 30 rangatahi improved their confidence, communication and problem-solving skills, built knowledge around career pathways and developed a CV.

The Trust has contributed to **mana whenua** by:

- Supporting thriving marae across **Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou through the Ma Wai Ra** project, in which wifi connections were established for 44 marae, 14 marae were supported to make an application to the DIA Lotteries marae facilities fund and marae volunteers were trained in first aid.
- Assisting the **Papatuanuku Kokiri Marae** with funding for governance, administration, and financial systems and platforms for developing leadership and whānau support.
- Helping 50 families with housing solutions through **Te Ahikaa Roa Trust**.

The Trust has contributed to **matauranga Māori** by:

- Supporting **Te Korowai Aroha o Aotearoa** to hold five noho marae in advanced Māori models of practice for whānau practitioners
- Assisting **Te Taitimu Trust** to foster leadership among rangatahi by holding leadership wananga for rangatahi which built participant's confidence building, self-esteem, and resilience, and exposed them to positive role models and leadership.
- Connecting Tāne to their culture through **Te Kahui o te Rangi**. Tāne reported the workshops provided very good outcomes for them, their whānau and hapū.

Māori succeeding as Māori

Economic development

The **Hikurangi Huataukina Trust** (HHT) wants to contribute to community-led economic development by working with communities between Waipiro Bay and Rangitukia and other parts of the East Coast to encourage entrepreneurship and build and support commercial enterprises so that household incomes increase and whānau live well of the land and the sea.

Funding from the JR McKenzie Trust enabled HHT to implement an ambitious economic plan. Since then, HHT has created a charitable company, Hikurangi Enterprises Ltd (HEL) to build and support commercial enterprises that create jobs and economic development in the Waiapu Valley and the wider East Coast. Current HEL ventures include:

- The Hikurangi Cannabis Company, a medical cannabis research and development enterprise that aims to provide pharmaceutical grade cannabis at affordable prices. Hikurangi Cannabis has become the first New Zealand company to secure a license from the Ministry of Health to cultivate medicinal cannabis plants.
- Partnerships with pharmaceutical companies, researchers and investors to develop new medical and health products based on bioactive extracts from plants, shellfish and fungi.
- Carbon farming by supporting landowners to establish carbon deals with major emitters.
- The development of Waiapu Investments Ltd to allow locals and other supporters to invest in HEL ventures

In addition to the establishment of HEL, HHT has also convened several wananga aimed at sustainable economic development on the East Coast.

Funding from the Trust has also contributed to

- **Te Runaka o Awarua** contributes to creating unique opportunities for whanau ora development by supporting Awarua whanau to realise their entrepreneurial aspirations. JR McKenzie funding supported the Runaka to develop three projects: a bus service between Invercargill and Bluff, marine cosmetics and a scavengers indoor escape game.
- **Te Puawaitanga Ki Otautahi Charitable Trust** engaged a business development manager to investigate new revenue streams and viable social enterprise initiatives to support whānau development initiatives.
- WhyOra - Whakatipouranga Rima Rau supports Māori economic development through health-related education, training or employment, outcomes for which have been covered elsewhere in this report.

Mana tangata

Te Whare Hukahuka want to improve the wellbeing of Māori whānau and communities by building leadership capabilities around planning and decision-making so that Māori Trusts and social enterprises can offer employment opportunities and generate sustainable revenues.

- Since July 2014, funding from the JR McKenzie Trust has contributed to new knowledge being shared and implemented with 254 Māori leaders from 35 Māori Trusts over the course of 40 learning sessions to build capability and capacity. These Māori enterprises are located predominantly in Bay of Plenty, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay and Manawatu.

The **Māoriland Hub** provided opportunities for rangatahi to participate more in the community in a range of leadership roles. In 2018 a group of 14 rangatahi raised money to travel to Tahiti, Rarotanga, Hawaii and Samoa to engage with other young people to promote film making as a vehicle to 'tell their own stories'.

In 2016 **The Moko Foundation** were supported to fund a Project Manager/Co-ordinator of Kainga Ora, V-Moko and the Youth Leadership programme. At least 30 rangatahi participated in the 12-month leadership programme, where they improved their confidence, communication and problem-solving skills, built knowledge around career pathways and developed a CV.

Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa Charitable Trust (TPTCT) held several wananga, which were attended by 20 people, to foster more collaborative and inclusive leadership across Te Arawa.

Mana whenua

Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou received funding for a marae development project which maintained and developed marae as thriving, fully functioning, community based institutions providing physical and cultural facilities so that whanau, hapu and communities could gather, celebrate, share, learn and do.

Funding from the JR McKenzie Trust contributed to

- Wifi connections were established for 44 marae, with many more whānau coming to the marae to access free wifi
- At least 14 marae were supported through the application process through the DIA/Lotteries marae facilities fund.
- Training of marae volunteers in first aid

Funding from the JR McKenzie Trust supported the **Papatuanuku Kokiri Marae** with governance, administration, and financial systems, plus supported them to build platforms for developing leadership and whānau support. The marae collaborated with schools around the provision of cultural experiences, training and education with a focus on achievements for tamariki Māori.

Te Ahikaa Roa Trust wants to help our whanau to reconnect to their identity as Māori - their roots, their whenua, their tupuna – by building low maintenance, environmentally sustainable whare uku (rammed earth homes) so that whanau and communities live in quality sustainable housing with a focus on papakainga living.

As of November 2016, the Trust helped 50 families with housing solutions.

Matauranga Māori

The indigenous education and training organisation **Te Korowai Aroha o Aotearoa** was funded to train whānau practitioners in advanced Māori models of practice, with an aim to reconnect, reclaim and restore practices that have been lost or weakened through colonisation, urbanisation and assimilation. Five noho marae were offered to whānau practitioners during the funding period

JR McKenzie funded **Te Taitimu Trust** to foster leadership among rangatahi by holding leadership wananga for rangatahi, focussed on exploring the kaupapa of Tangaroa/guardian of the sea (water safety), learning about the Matariki, promoting Health and Wellbeing, promoting positive education and career choices, learning about Wāhi Tapū and education leadership. A 2016 evaluation of the wananga found rangatahi participated in a variety of activities which facilitated confidence building, self-esteem, and resilience, and were exposed to examples of positive role models and leadership, as well as possible pathways for achieving their future aspirations.

Te Kahui o te Rangi wanted to connect Tāne to their culture by holding a series of 3-day noho specifically for Tāne to understand their identity as Tāne. In total six wānanga/noho were held in 2015. Tāne reported the workshops provided very good outcomes for them, their whānau and hapū, and many who attended the noho continued to meet regularly to continue their journey.

OUTCOMES IN BRIEF: MORE INCLUSIVE DECISION MAKING

Since 2013, JR McKenzie Trust funding has contributed to community empowerment around engaging with decision makers by:

- Funding **ActionStation Aotearoa**, who have mobilised thousands of people in New Zealand to engage with decision-makers around inequalities.
- Supporting the training of community leaders designed to mobilise around the Living Wage, through the Living Wage Movement Aotearoa NZ
- Supporting JustSpeak to building youth awareness of and passion for justice transformation.
- Contributing towards the work of the Constitutional Transformation Working Group, part of whose work involved setting up a monitoring mechanism for how government is implementing the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Several legislative reforms have occurred, or are occurring, in areas where JR McKenzie funded groups have been advocating for change. Whilst we can't attribute legislative reforms directly to these groups, we can certainly expect that their advocacy has contributed to the understanding that there is need for legislative change in the following areas:

- Amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Act, which are intended to give police discretion to treat drug use as a health issue, not a criminal issue, is currently before parliamentary select committee (May 2019). It is expected that these amendments will decrease the numbers of Māori in the justice system for drug offences and enable better access to treatment for approximately 50,000 drug users. Three JR McKenzie funded groups, The New Zealand Drug Foundation, ActionStation and JustSpeak, have long advocated for these changes. All three are part of the recently launched "Health not Handcuffs" coalition, which is also led by the NZ Drug Foundation.
- Several JR McKenzie funded groups, including the Child Poverty Action Group and ActionStation, have had much involvement with bringing attention to child poverty alongside pressure on politicians to do something about it. In December 2018 the Child Poverty Reduction Bill was passed. The focus of the Bill is to reduce child poverty, facilitate political accountability against published targets, require transparent reporting on child poverty levels, and create a greater commitment by Government to address child well-being.
- On the 9 April 2019, legislation to amend the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act 2003 (CCCFA) was introduced into Parliament. This legislation is intended to tighten up consumer lending regulation by capping interest rates and

fees, increasing licensing or registration for lenders, strengthening enforcement and penalties for irresponsible lending and introducing more prescriptive requirements for affordability assessments and advertising. Nga Tangata Microfinance has been particularly involved around advocating for fairer credit, whilst The Living Wage Movement and ActionStation have advocated around fairer economic structures.

- The inclusion of 17-year olds within the care and protection system and raising the age of Youth Justice to include 17-year olds is a result of advocacy from a number of children's rights groups, including JR McKenzie funded **Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa (ACYA)**.
- In 2018 the government passed legislation to prevent forced marriage. Shakti Youth had long campaigned for such a law change.
- Reducing disproportionate rates of Māori imprisonment is currently the focus of **Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII), JustSpeak, and The New Zealand Drug Foundation**.
- In 2018 the United Nations identified the recommendations made in a report from the **Independent Working Group on Constitutional Transformation** as an essential part of constitutional development and the effective protection of human rights in Aotearoa.

JR McKenzie also funds the following groups who provide advocacy for under-represented groups:

- **The Free Store**, who use their large social media following to challenge the general public's perceptions of and relationship to the marginalised, with the intention of reducing stigma and social exclusion for the homeless and vulnerable.
- The **Auckland Refugee Council** who advocate for the rights of asylum seekers and convention refugees.
- The **Lifewise Trust**, whose **Merge Community Peer Support Team** provides guidance and advocacy to people in the homeless community.
- **Zeal Education Trust** have advocated for better mental health services for young people.

Addressing inequalities is a core focus of the following groups:

- **ActionStation Aotearoa**, who have coordinated the actions of more 89,428 individuals to challenge inequality.
- **The Equality Network**, who are a network of organisations dedicated to reducing income inequality and create greater well-being and life chances for all.
- **Gender Equal NZ**, developed by the **National Council of Women New Zealand**, uses digital platforms to start public conversations and share stories about the impacts of gender inequality.

More inclusive decision-making

Empowering communities to engage with decision-makers

ActionStation Aotearoa mobilised thousands of people in New Zealand to engage with decision-makers around inequity, specifically:

- More than 700 people contributed to the submission on the Child Poverty Reduction Bill
- More than people contributed to the Tax Working Group submission;
- 30 people attended Select Committees or petition deliveries

Funding from the JR McKenzie Trust also directly contributed to staff support for citizen campaigners who start petition-based campaigns on our community petition platform OurActionStation (OAS), which has launched 30 community petitions and collected 335,000 petition signatures.

The following grantees also

- The Living Wage Movement Aotearoa NZ provided community leader training
- Robson Hanan Trust (JustSpeak) piloted a series of educational workshops for year 12 and 13 students aimed at building their awareness of and passion for justice transformation.
- A monitoring mechanism for how Government is implementing the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was an outcome of the work of the Constitutional Transformation Working Group, funded by JR McKenzie

System reforms

Health-related drug reform

The JR McKenzie Trust has contributed to health-related drug reform by funding the following groups:

- **The New Zealand Drug Foundation**, who lead the 'Health not Handcuffs Coalition.' The coalition partly emerged from the Foundation's work around engaging Māori and other stakeholders to build their capacity to: raise awareness in their communities about effective health-based policies to drug harm; take community action; and directly engage with politicians, decision-makers and media, so that community demand for is created, and more supportive approaches including better access to assessment and referral to treatment will be fostered.
- JR McKenzie funded organisations JustSpeak and ActionStation are also part of the Health not Handcuffs coalition.

The Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill, currently before select committee, intends to give police discretion to deal with users and treat drug use as a health issue, not a criminal issue.

Reducing Māori imprisonment

The JR McKenzie Trust is contributing to social reform around reducing Māori imprisonment by funding the following groups:

- **Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII)**, who were funded in 2017 to design a response to disproportionate levels of Māori imprisonment that would provide a catalyst for Ngāti Kahungunu iwi to act as a concerted whole towards reducing the high rates of Māori imprisonment and its subsequent social harms.
- **JustSpeak**, who were funded to pilot a series of workshops for 16-18-year olds to build their awareness of and passion for justice transformation, particularly around mass imprisonment of Māori.
- **The New Zealand Drug Foundation**, who were funded to expand networks of Māori and other stakeholders to create community demand for health-focused drug law reform so that the disproportionate harm suffered by Māori from the criminal justice approach to the Misuse of Drugs Act is reduced.

Child poverty reduction

The JR McKenzie Trust has contributed to social reform around reducing child poverty by funding the following groups:

- **The Child Poverty Action Group** were funded in 2013 to provide research and resources to a variety of organisations and individuals. They had over 121,810 website downloads from January 2016 to August 2017 and 112,735 in 2014 and 2015.
- **ActionStation**, alongside the Child Poverty Action Group submitted crowdsourced submission from more than 700 people to the Child Poverty Reduction Bill.

The Child Poverty Reduction Bill was passed in December 2018. The purpose of the bill is to encourage a focus on child poverty reduction, facilitate political accountability against published targets, require transparent reporting on child poverty levels, and create a greater commitment by Government to address child well-being.

Fairer economic structures

The JR McKenzie Trust has contributed to fairer economic structures by funding the following groups:

- **The Living Wage Movement NZ**. A 2017 nationwide survey found that the majority respondents said they support the concept of a living wage and 91% of those would be prepared to pay a living wage in the near future. There are now 130 registered Living

Wage employers, including the NZ Government.

- **ActionStation Aotearoa** coordinated actions which resulted in:
 - 600+ people contributing to a submission to the Tax Working Group;
 - 1,000+ people donating to economic fairness campaigns;
 - 10,000 + people helping shape vision statements relating to economic fairness and equality;
- In addition to providing safe, fair and affordable loans to low income families, **Nga Tangata Microfinance** were also one of the groups who campaigned against predatory lending practices.
 - On the 9 April 2019, legislation to amend the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act 2003 (CCCFA) was introduced into Parliament. This legislation is intended to tighten up consumer lending regulation by capping interest rates and fees, increasing licensing or registration for lenders, strengthening enforcement and penalties for irresponsible lending and introducing more prescriptive requirements for affordability assessments and advertising.

Children and Youth

Several JR McKenzie funded groups were involved in legislative reform around children and youth, including

- **Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa (ACYA)**, were funded in 2017 to build coalitions and coordinate actions focussed on children's rights. They believe the actions of their organisation, alongside others, influenced the inclusion of 17-year olds within the care and protection system, and raising the age of Youth Justice to include 17-year olds.
- **SHAKTI youth** campaigned against forced marriage. In 2018 the government passed legislation to prevent forced marriage, requiring 16- and 17-year olds to apply to the Family Court for approval to marry and making it illegal to issue a marriage licence to a 16 or 17-year-old without the Court's approval.

Constitutional reform

The Matike Mai project worked on developing a model for a constitution based on tikanga and fundamental values, He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Niu Tirenī (the 1835 Declaration of Independence) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The project coordinated by **the Independent Working Group on Constitutional Transformation**, held 252 hui with more 10,000 attendees and received 843 written submissions to complete a model constitution and develop an implementation strategy. In 2018 the United Nations identified the recommendations made in the report as an essential part of constitutional development and the effective protection of human rights in Aotearoa.

Advocacy for under-represented groups

The **Blueprint Community Trust** (the Free Store) uses its large social media following (over 6,100 followers on Facebook and 500 on Twitter) to challenge the general public's perceptions of and relationship to the marginalised, with the intention of reducing stigma and social exclusion for the homeless and vulnerable.

The **Auckland Refugee Council** advocated for the rights of asylum seekers and convention refugees through

- Hosting an Asylum Symposium in 2015 for more than 70 delegates from government, universities and NGO's
- Hosted delegation visits from the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) and the International Detention Coalition. These delegations met Members of Parliament, officials in relevant Government departments, Amnesty International and other relevant organisations and the general public to discuss the international issues of detention particularly the detention of children.
- Meeting regularly with Immigration New Zealand

The Merge Community Peer Support Team, coordinated by the **Lifewise Trust**, provides guidance and advocacy to people in the homeless community. The team also support the Housing First programme with community-led development.

Through their research into online youth behaviour, **Zeal Education Trust** have advocated for better mental health services for young people and have provided training for youth practitioners to modify their understanding, tactics and techniques to the way that they approach and manage online behaviour and the wellbeing of young people.

Addressing inequalities

ActionStation Aotearoa has coordinated the actions of more 89,428 individuals to challenge inequality. 20,000 of these have undertaken significant actions (e.g. making a parliamentary submission, sending an email or letter to an MP or attending an event, whilst the remainder have shown their support through signing petitions or supporting campaigns.

The **Equality Network**, managed by the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services, is a network of organisations dedicated to reducing income inequality and create greater wellbeing and life chances for all. They were supported with small grants through their start-up phase by the JR McKenzie Trust and continue to coordinate a number of equality-related actions

Gender Equal NZ, developed by **the National Council of Women New Zealand** and partly funded by the JR McKenzie Trust, uses digital platforms to start public conversations and share stories about the impacts of gender inequality, build shared understanding to drive advocacy and links social norms to inequitable outcomes. The aim of the project is to use the Gender Attitudes Survey, Gender Dashboard and Gender Culture Taskforce to build a modern, intersectional movement to drive social and systemic change around gender inequalities.

OUTCOMES IN BRIEF: GREATER RECOGNITION AND VALUING OF DIVERSITY

These JR McKenzie funded organisations contributed specifically to greater recognition and valuing of the following diverse voices:

- **Shakti Youth**, who enabled and empowered youth voice around family harm and forced marriage
- **Te Taitimu Trust**, who increased connections between civic leaders and rangatahi and encourage rangatahi to participate in Council, iwi affairs and marae-based initiatives
- **JustSpeak**, who brought youth voices into justice transformation initiatives.
- The Blind Foundation, who formed the Access Alliance to remove the barriers disabled New Zealanders face and build a New Zealand that is accessible to everyone.
- **Ara Taiohi**, whose Rainbow Competency Framework brings greater recognition to LGBTQTI communities by ensuring all young people are supported to thrive by supporting youth spaces to celebrate diverse bodies, relationships and gender identities.
- **The UMMA Trust**, who train and develop skilled migrant and ethnic workers with an aim towards creating a norm for culturally sensitive social service provision.
- The WISE (Women+Inspired+Strong+Enterprising) Collective Project from the **Auckland Regional Migrant Services Charitable Trust** runs WISE food stalls at markets and festivals; the WISE Ethnic catering teams handle at least two orders per week; other women are involved in several WISE craft creation and selling activities.
- The **Auckland Refugee Council** promotes social inclusion for refugee communities through lobbying government agencies to include refugees in public consultation and policy development, and holding public events promoting discussion and debate leading to better understanding and tolerance.

Greater recognition and valuing of diversity

Youth

These JR McKenzie funded organisations contributed specifically to greater recognition and valuing of youth voices:

- **Shakti Youth**, who enabled and empowered youth voice around family harm and forced marriage
- **Te Taitimu Trust**, who increased connections between civic leaders and rangatahi and encourage rangatahi to participate in Council, iwi affairs and marae-based initiatives
- **JustSpeak**, who brought youth voices into justice transformation initiatives.

People with disabilities

The Access Alliance, a collaborative of twelve national disabled people's organisations, disability service providers, community organisations and disability advocates, works together to remove the barriers disabled New Zealanders face and build a New Zealand that is accessible to everyone. The Alliance came about after **the Blind Foundation's** Access for All Advocacy Network Conference, which was funded by the JR McKenzie Trust.

LGBTQI Communities

The Rainbow Competency Framework and online learning platform developed by **Ara Taiohi and RainbowYOUTH** brings greater recognition to LGBTQI communities by ensuring all young people are supported to thrive by supporting youth spaces to celebrate diverse bodies, relationships and gender identities.

Refugee and Migrant Communities

These JR McKenzie funded organisations contributed specifically to greater recognition and valuing of refugee and migrant communities:

- The UMMA Trust, who train and develop skilled migrant and ethnic workers with an aim towards creating a norm for culturally sensitive social service provision.
- The WISE (Women+Inspired+Strong+Enterprising) Collective Project from the Auckland Regional Migrant Services Charitable Trust runs WISE food stalls at markets and festivals; the WISE Ethnic catering teams handle at least two orders per week; other women are involved in several WISE craft creation and selling activities.
- The Auckland Refugee Council promotes social inclusion for refugee communities through lobbying government agencies to include refugees in public consultation and policy development, and holding public events promoting discussion and debate leading to better understanding and tolerance.

Discussion

Method

131 responsive grants³ made between 2013 – 2019⁴ were analysed and coded. Each grant was assessed against a standard of evidence:

- Acceptable: More than one verified evidence source related to outcomes (62% of all grants used in the harvest).
- Marginal: One evidence source related to outcomes, not verified (usually a statement from the funded group) (32%).
- Unacceptable: No evidence of outcomes or no evidence that the funded activity had taken place (6%).

Note that although current grants were excluded from the harvest process, they were used to inform the evidence database.

Recommendation

This iteration of the outcomes harvest is a 'desktop review', and only uses evidence sources that have been recorded on the Smartygrants system or other publicly available information.

It is likely that the desktop review has missed some outcomes that are known to the funded group but have not yet been shared with the Trust or are not available publicly.

It is therefore recommended that the 32% of groups who were assessed as having marginal evidence of outcomes are contacted in order to obtain any available outcome information they may have.

Outputs vs outcomes

Some of the "outcomes" covered in this report could be more rigorously defined as "outputs".

Outputs: What happened

Outcomes: The differences or changes (such as actions, relationships, policies, practices) of one or more social actors influenced by an intervention.

If you find yourself reading a bullet point in this report and thinking "but what difference did it make? Is anyone better off?" then chances are it's an output.

³ Grants of \$10,000 or less were excluded from the harvest

⁴ The grant information was taken from the JR McKenzie Smartygrants system

Most funded groups from 2013 onwards can speak confidently about their outputs. These include how many people participated, and how many and what types of events took place. Some, particularly those who have conducted some form of evaluation can speak confidently about outcomes. It should be noted, however, that the standard of evaluation varies.

Recommendation

1. That JR McKenzie adopt an assessment framework which sets groups up the beginning of the grant period to report on a set of agreed outcomes.
2. That any VAP allocated for external evaluation include an evaluation 'checklist' which covers information required by the evaluation, including but not limited to:
 - a. The types of activities or initiatives that were undertaken
 - b. The numbers of participants in each funded activity
 - c. The outcomes of participation, (preferably linked to the JR McKenzie strategic goals)
 - d. The wider impact (if any) or contribution made by the group to wider community changes
 - e. Any learnings from the evaluation and any changes that were made as a result

Other things we could do with the database

1. If we have an agreed formula (e.g. if one group contributes to more than one outcome area should we equally divide their funding allocation to each area?) then we could easily ascertain how much patea has gone into supporting each outcome area.
2. It is possible to create a map of NZ showing a breakdown of regional funding, however as the majority of funding is 'national' this may not be wholly representative.