

Milford Foundation

Monthly Report as at 31 August 2021



Chief Executive Update



Bryce Marsden
Chief Executive

It has been a difficult month with New Zealand going into a Covid-19 lockdown and many charities planned activities grinding to a halt, as they adjust to the new norm. It is at times like this that our strategic long-term partnership with our charity's partners, enables them to continue to have the confidence to deliver the great work they do.

I have been talking to our charity partners and they confirmed that many families are again struggling in this lockdown. There has been a 40% increase in the calls and chats received by O800 What's Up? with many young New Zealanders feeling a sense of hopelessness and becoming disengaged. The calls are challenging for the children, as for some there are many family members in the house and it is difficult for that young person to find the privacy they need, to have the conversation.

Barnardo's is reaching out to families in dire need and are assisting with food, hygiene products and utility bills. With no work and no income coming into the families, many of the teenagers and other members of the family are working where they can. As a result learning, study and completing schoolwork just can't happen. There are no winners in a lockdown, so hopefully we can move out of it soon.

On a positive note the Foundation is very happy to have been able to recruit new Trustees to join our Trustee Board. They will provide their experience, expertise and advice to assist the Foundation in its decision making and strategic direction. The new trustees are:

Debbie Sorensen. Debbie is a New Zealand-born Tongan, with family connections to Leimatu'a in Vava'u and Tongaleleka in Ha'apai. She is a health leader, international development practitioner, health strategist and management expert specialising in projects that address the health challenges that face Pacific communities in New Zealand and in the Pacific region. She is the current Chief Executive for the Pasifika Medical Association and the Pacific Whanau Ora Commissioning Agency - Pasifika Futures.

Tiaki Hunia. Tiaki is from Te Teko and of Ngati Awa, Te Aupouri and Ngati Pikiiao descent. With a wide range of governance experience and interests, he is currently the Director of Inclusion and Māori strategy for Fonterra. Within Fonterra, Tiaki is deeply involved in corporate social responsibility issues including sustainable farming and waste minimisation, increased representation of Māori in its graduate programme, the KickStartBreakfast Programme and the Open Gates sustainability programme.

Rachel Brown. Rachel is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Sustainable Business Network, Rachel has played a critical role in advancing sustainability for more than 20 years. Seen as a pioneer in the sustainable development field, Rachel provides strategic sustainability advice to countless government agencies and businesses, ranging from large corporates to small enterprises. Rachel has overseen the creation of systemic collaboration projects focusing on climate action, designing out waste, and regenerating nature. Rachel also sits on government panels to inform on policy. I welcome them to the Board and thank them for all they are about to undertake for the Foundation and our communities.

Funds and Grants Committed

Funds **\$5,455,113**

Grants Committed **\$690,000**

Foundation Key Objectives

Our Purpose

To deliver meaningful impact for the communities of Aotearoa, New Zealand across the pillars of Youth, Education and the Environment by leveraging the investment expertise, commercial discipline and business rigour of Milford Asset Management.

Granting Pillars

Focus areas are charities with activity focused on Youth, Education and the Environment. Where appropriate and in times of crisis additional one-off grants can be made.

Foundation Philosophy

To form strong, meaningful partnerships with a focus on transparency and investment expertise. We can and will make meaningful impact for Aotearoa, New Zealand's future generations.

Donations

50% of every dollar donated will be granted and 50% of every dollar donated will be grown in the Foundation investment fund for future granting. The Milford Foundation is now inviting donations from all those who wish to support our purpose. A donation can be made via credit card or direct transfer at www.milfordfoundation.co.nz/donation

Costs

Milford Asset Management will cover the costs of the Foundation and no Investment fund fees will be charged.

Granting Philosophy

We will apply the same lens to our charity partners that we apply when investigating company stocks. Our relationship with all charity partners will be one of transparency for long term impact with the expectation of measurable results so that we can report back to our Milford Foundation members.



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Partners



Graeme Dingle Foundation

25 years ago Sir Graeme Dingle and Jo-anne Wilkinson, Lady Dingle, decided to dedicate their lives to helping Kiwi kids when they co-founded the Graeme Dingle Foundation in order to help change the negative youth statistics in our own backyard, here in New Zealand.

Their proven programmes, Kiwi Can, Stars, Career Navigator, Project K, Kiwi Tahi and MYND, support tamariki and rangatahi five to 18 years and have a direct impact on building resilience ensuring they overcome life's obstacles and thrive.

The Milford Foundation has committed granting funds for three years to the Graeme Dingle Foundation Kiwi Can programme. The Kiwi Can programme teaches primary school children values such as integrity and respect. It helps build resilience in children in low decile schools throughout New Zealand and is a powerful programme with proven results for children who are typically growing up in very challenging environments. We will work closely with the Graeme Dingle Foundation to ensure measurable impact through our partnership.



0800 What's Up?

Barnardos 0800 What's Up? is a national helpline for children and young people offering free counselling via phone or online chat. Empowering tamariki and rangatahi is central to their counselling practice. Many of the children and young people who call are trusting an adult with their problems for the first time. The Barnardos 0800 What's Up? counsellors, are fully qualified professionals, are trained to listen and use all their skills to help callers and chatters.

In talking with the CEO of Barnardos about the service, the Milford Trustee's were moved by the work the 0800 What's Up? counsellors are doing on a daily basis. It was frightening to hear of the volume of calls the service receives on an annual basis from youth on the brink of ending their lives. Our visit to their humble Auckland offices to see where they operate their call centre, reinforced the need for our continued support of this service.

Investment Performance

	1 Month	3 Months	Since launch
Milford Foundation - Capital Portfolio ¹	3.12%	7.44%	11.82%
Milford Foundation - Grants Portfolio ²	0.06%	0.17%	0.31%

- Held in a selection of Milford Funds providing a Balanced Growth strategy since 22 March 2021
 - Held in the Milford Cash Fund (A mix of cash and cash equivalents) since 11 February 2021
- No Management or Performance Fees are charged on these Portfolios

Current Asset Allocation

Asset Classes	Grants Portfolio Investment Mix	Capital Portfolio Investment Mix
Cash and Cash Equivalents	20.52%	8.42%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	79.48%	3.47%
International Fixed Interest	0.0%	12.16%
Australasian Equities	0.0%	32.90%
International Equities	0.0%	37.22%
Listed Properties	0.0%	5.10%
Unlisted Properties	0.0%	0.0%
Commodities	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.74%

Cumulative Foundation Capital Portfolio Investment Performance

