

# QUARTERLY REVIEW

March to May 2024



Photo courtesy of Peter Feuerstein

## Rebuilding after the devastation

One of the most rewarding aspects of my involvement with the Milford Foundation, is seeing first-hand what a difference we're making. I know it sounds a little cliché, but if our goal is to improve the lives of New Zealanders, there's nothing better than seeing that goal realised in various shapes and forms.

I had one of those moments recently when I attended the Ūawa Tolaga Bay pump track opening. The track was built with financial assistance from the Foundation, following our Burgers, Beers and Brilliant Sportspeople event last year. I was honoured to join the ceremony, with the community coming together for a joyous celebration on a bright, early-winter morning. Seeing children race around the track, with proud whānau watching, was a reminder of why the Foundation does what it does.

Ūawa Tolaga Bay had been heavily hit during Cyclone Gabrielle, and the aftermath left the community feeling disconnected, without a centralised outdoor location for tamariki and rangatahi to gather. The pump track is so much more than just a trail. It's a place where children can spend

time together exercising and connecting. We've heard that the track is in heavy demand before school – it's a great motivator to get out of bed!

Brett Phibbs has produced a wonderful video on the pump track, which is featured below. You can also catch up on other cyclone-relief projects – and so much more - in our newly published annual Impact magazine.

I hope winter hasn't hit too hard in your part of the country, and you've got lovely plans to celebrate Matariki with whānau and friends.



*Bryce Marsden*  
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Chief Executive

## They're pumped in Ūawa Tolaga Bay!

The Ūawa Tolaga Bay community are enjoying their town's newest recreation area - the Ūawa Skate 'n' Park Pump Track, which officially opened at the end of May.

Following Cyclone Gabrielle in early 2023, the area was isolated from the rest of the region, and beaches and playgrounds were destroyed.

The new pump track has already proved massively popular, and given a boost to the community. It also connects Ūawa Tolaga Bay to a global pump track network through Velo Solutions, which built the track.

The Milford Foundation is proud to have supported this community, and help them find some joy again after a very difficult year.

You can check out the pump track yourself, by watching this great little video by Brett Phelbs.

As at  
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Funds Growing

**\$6.76M**



Money granted/committed to grant

**\$6.75M**

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# Brian Gaynor Initiatives

Applications for the inaugural Brian Gaynor Initiatives – Business Writing & Journalism Scholarships closed at the end of May, and the selection panel is now considering the candidates.

There are two scholarships available and open to New Zealand undergraduate students, valued at up to \$5,000 each. The purpose is to raise awareness of business writing and journalism among tertiary students, and to introduce them to the legacy of Brian Gaynor – a passionate advocate for quality business journalism. During his lifetime, Brian wrote columns for more than 25 years, which were a must-read for anyone interested in business, financial markets and investing.

Later, he became a strong supporter and shareholder in BusinessDesk, a news site edited by Patrick Smellie, one of New Zealand's most highly regarded journalists.



Anna Gibbons, Brian's wife of 30 years, was inspired to fund two Initiatives in Brian's name – the Business Writing & Journalism Scholarships, and the Business Writing & Journalism Excellence Award (open to NZ journalists, writers, editors and news organisations).

We'll let you know the recipients of the scholarship in the next edition. If you'd like to know more about the Brian Gaynor Initiatives, including entry criteria, visit <https://milfordfoundation.co.nz/brian-gaynor-initiatives/>

## We've made an Impact!



Ready to curl up by the fire with some great winter reading? Our latest edition of Impact magazine is online and ready to read. You'll find almost 60 pages packed with what we've been up to over the past year.

Enjoy!

## Climb every mountain

We are extremely grateful for every donation we receive towards the Milford Foundation's work. It enables us to support our partners, sponsor students into university, and provide one-off assistance in emergencies – such as the aftermath of devastating Cyclone Gabrielle.

A strong distinction between the Milford Foundation and other charities, is that every cent of your donation will go to the purpose it was intended. Milford pays all costs associated with running the Foundation. You can give through our website where you are given the option to be named on our fantastic Mountain of Support.

If you have given in person via eftpos (at one of our events, for example), you can still request to be on the Mountain. Just email [info@milfordfoundation.co.nz](mailto:info@milfordfoundation.co.nz) and we'll add your name.

## Enjoy some Island time this winter

**Here's the perfect way to welcome in the cooler months ahead.**

Foxes Island Wine has created a spectacular offering exclusively in support of the Milford Foundation's work helping transform communities in New Zealand. Here's the perfect way to welcome in the cooler months ahead. 20% of every purchase will be donated to the Milford Foundation.



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