



# A HELPING HAND

Bell Gully's Pro Bono  
& Community Report  
2016/2017



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# Welcome, Haere mai



**Hugh Kettle**

CHAIRPERSON  
PRO BONO COMMITTEE


**N**ew Zealand's communities are supported by a diverse range of charitable organisations, many of which have come up with inventive approaches to address areas of need.

At Bell Gully we support these initiatives in the best way we can - by providing free legal advice - so charities can direct their resources towards helping our local communities thrive. Last year, the value of our pro bono work exceeded our NZ\$1 million fee equivalent budget.

In this, our eighth issue of *A Helping Hand*, we highlight the achievements of some of the charities we have worked with over the past year.

**Food, Farms and Freshwater (3F)**, working on protecting New Zealand's waterways from unsustainable farming practices,





**Satisfy Food Rescue**, re-distributing food that would otherwise be wasted, to those in need,

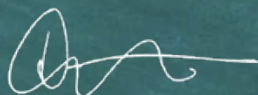
**Asia New Zealand Foundation**, working to promote better Asia-New Zealand relations,

**Wellington Pasifika Patrol**, dedicated to improving safety on the Wellington streets,

**Vodafone New Zealand Foundation**, realising the potential of marginalised youth, and

**CatWalk Spinal Cord Injury Research**, funding research into a cure for spinal cord injury.

We hope you enjoy the read.



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# Protecting New Zealand waterways

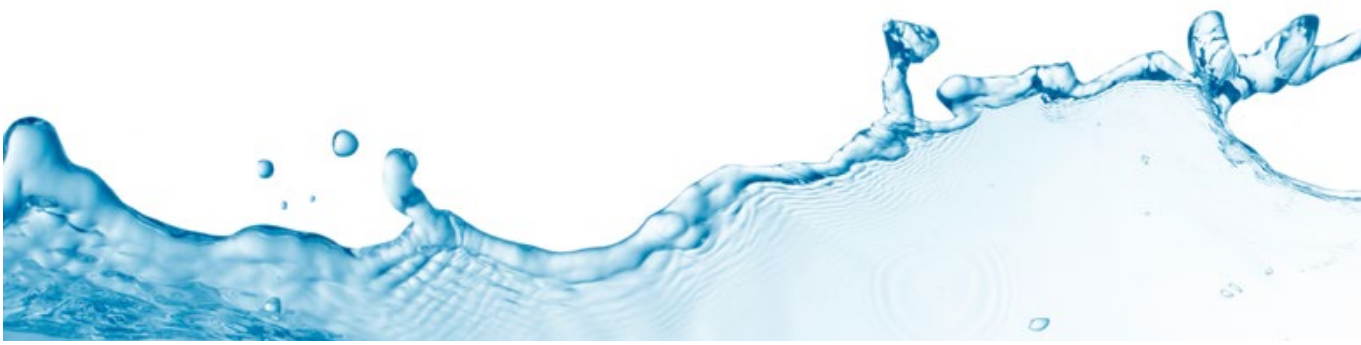


**3f** FOOD.  
FARMS.  
FRESHWATER.

**N**ew Zealand farming practices are coming under increasing pressure for their pollution of our waterways. A group called Food, Farms and Freshwater (3F) has developed a solution similar to paying a premium for free range eggs, a model most consumers are familiar with.

The group started with Rhys Millar, environmental consultant, and Natasha Garvan, senior associate at Bell Gully, who were inspired by Sharon and Mike Barton's work in developing Taupō Beef - a 142 hectare farm located in Western Taupō.

When stringent new rules on nitrogen caps were introduced to protect the water quality of Lake Taupō, the Bartons changed their farming practices to create a premium red meat product with fewer stock. In 2015, Taupō Beef took out the top spot as the most sustainable New Zealand business, winning the NZI Greatest Contribution to a Sustainable New Zealand award, as well as the Restorative Impact award for its work in beef farming and water quality protection.





Mike Barton joined 3F with environmental consultant Chris Arbuckle and trustees Alistair Mowat, Erica van Reenen, and Andrew Schollum. 3F is now seeking to scale the Taupō Beef model in pilot catchments to enable farmers to take an economically profitable route to enhance the quality of waterways in their farming business. This involves the establishment of a nationwide environmental verification system grounded in catchment-science for all farmers to improve their environmental performance, and a value chain for verified products, initially focusing on the red meat sector.

Bell Gully assisted 3F with its registration as a charitable trust. Mike notes, "Throughout history and across cultures, food has brought people together. The shared consumption of food has allowed us to resolve differences and understand each other's perspectives. Given that, it is saddening to see current discord in New Zealand over food production and its impact on water quality. With leadership and commitment we at 3F believe we can reframe the conversation so that we all become part of the solution. The support we have received from Bell Gully has been extremely useful as we continue to develop our organisational structure."





# Satisfied and sustainable

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**group in North Canterbury who are passionate about reducing food waste and making healthy food available to everyone have done just that, with the establishment of Satisfy Food Rescue.**

The majority of the “rescued” food is destined for the landfill - past the “best before” date, but still very much edible. Many would say that is a criminal waste. Renowned foodies, the French, certainly think so. They are the global leaders in food rescue and, in 2015, banned supermarkets from throwing away or destroying unsold food.

Satisfy is based in Kaiapoi. They describe themselves as “the middle man” acting between the food industry (food retailers, wholesalers or growers) and existing local community organisations or

charities, such as food banks, that are already helping out those in need.

The idea for Satisfy was floated in 2014 and took a year to become operational, obtaining charitable status in January 2015. Since then, Satisfy has rescued and distributed over 25,000 kilos of food, which equates to over 71,000 meals.

Says Bell Gully senior associate Campbell Pentney, “The Satisfy trustees had heard of Bell Gully’s Pro Bono and Community Programme and were aware

that we had tax and trust specialists with experience establishing charities.

We explained the process to them and helped obtain charitable status for the Trust, along with the necessary tax registrations.

Since then, we have watched the Trust go from strength to strength – expanding its activities and employing its first paid co-ordinator this year.”

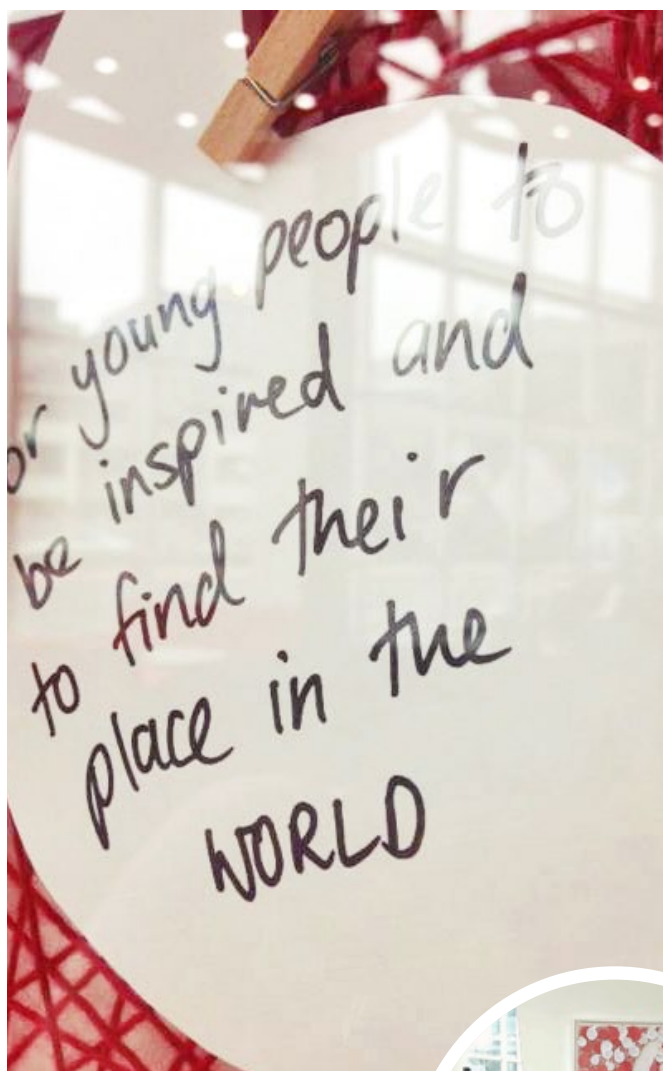






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# Supporting youth communities



**T**he Vodafone New Zealand Foundation is one of 27 Vodafone foundations around the world and has been operating for more than 25 years globally and 15 years locally. Over that time, they have invested more than NZ\$25 million in New Zealand communities.

For the last 12 years the Foundation has focused on youth development and has been dedicated to creating a thriving and prosperous Aotearoa New Zealand, where all young people can live lives they value. But according to Treasury New Zealand there are 210,000 children and young people who don't have access to the resources and opportunities they need to grow into the great adults they want to be. The Foundation believes that these levels of disadvantage are unacceptable.

That's why the Foundation is on a 10 year, NZ\$20 million journey to transform the lives







of those 210,000. Its aim is to halve the number of young people at risk by 2027. The strategic focus is to support projects, organisations and people that will generate better outcomes for the most excluded and disadvantaged young people through funds focused on innovation, collaboration and disruption.

“We are committed to enhancing the fantastic qualities young people have. We do this by supporting innovative youth-sector initiatives and building close relationships with our grant recipients. Together we learn, share and grow to create positive communities for kiwi youth,” says Antony Welton, Foundation Chair.

Bell Gully partner Mathew McKay is supportive. “We admire the work of the Foundation and Bell Gully has been pleased to provide assistance on a range of matters of interest to the Foundation and the wider charitable community. We recognise the importance of supporting disadvantaged youth reach their full potential and the



significant part that the charitable sector plays in that. The Foundation is a great example of a private sector initiative with energy and enthusiasm to make a difference and empower the next generation of New Zealanders.”



# Creating safety and unity

A sense of community is entrenched in villages across the Pacific, with everyone looking out for one another - "It takes a village to raise a child".

That feeling has been replicated on the streets of Wellington on Friday and Saturday nights, thanks to the Wellington Pasifika Patrol.

Starting out as the vision of Sergeant Loretta Hunt-Tevaga to curb Pasifika youth increasingly coming to the attention of the

police, Wellington Pasifika Patrol is the first ethnically-based patrol in the country operated solely by volunteers. It is a partnership between Wellington City Council, the New Zealand Police and the Community Patrols of New Zealand.

Volunteers are trained in various tactics to diffuse volatile situations, but often the mere presence of the patrollers prevents escalation of negative behaviours, because they are respected Pasifika peers or elders.

The Patrol also works to reduce victimisation of Pasifika people, and to encourage them to recognise the

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## Keeping their community safe

By Nikki Papatsoumas

A group of local women are doing their bit to keep their community safe and friendly. The Pasifika Mamas are a group of women from across Wellington, who together patrol Cuba Mall and Manners Street in the capital's CBD on a Friday night.

The group is an off-shoot of the Wellington Pasifika Patrol, which was established to promote and encourage

good behaviour and look for at risk and vulnerable people with a view to offer support and guidance, especially to young people.

Co-ordinator Lafulafu Ekenasio said the Pasifika Mamas started patrolling on a Friday night, between 3pm and 6pm, a couple of months ago.

"We are working with the police and the council, as well as other wardens to keep our communities safe and friendly."

"Now the businesses know us, we just walk around and wave and smile."

Lafulafu said in particular they focused on offering support to young people, and generally they found youth to be respectful and friendly.

"Most of them are really respectful but others just walk away, maybe they're scared of us," Lafulafu said.

Lafulafu said anyone was invited to join the group - women or men - and they

hoped to expand to other areas.

She said not only was great feeling to help local communities, it was also a great feeling to get out and get some exercise.

"This is just our beginning and hopefully we will get a lot bigger."

■ If you would like to join the Pasifika Mamas email Loretta, at [Loletta.Hunt-Tevaga@police.govt.nz](mailto:Loletta.Hunt-Tevaga@police.govt.nz)

Thursday July 21, 2016

## Applications for \$1 million fund open

Applications for the \$1 million Wellington Regional Amenities Fund are now open.

The fund, chaired by Mayor of Wellington Celia Wade-Brown, supports regionally significant organisations that help achieve strategic goals including economic growth, connectedness, and environment.

The five-year collaboration is a partnership between Wellington City, Hutt City, Porirua City, and Upper Hutt City.

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police as allies. Talking with someone who has a similar cultural background can reassure people the police are there to help.



assisted the Patrol to become an incorporated society in January 2017.

Says senior associate Claire Harmsworth, "During the process, Bell

The Patrol is only two years old but is working so well it is held up as a prototype for other ethnic communities to replicate.

Gully was privileged to be able to attend a meeting of the Wellington Pasifika Patrol to talk its members through the draft rules we had prepared, and to seek their feedback. They are so passionate about the Patrol and it is a great initiative for the Wellington community. We were very happy to be able to help."

Bell Gully became involved in early 2016 when, to make it easier to apply for funding, the Patrol was looking to establish itself as a separate legal entity. Bell Gully



# Cultural challenge

**T**he Asia New Zealand Foundation runs programmes to equip New Zealanders with a better understanding of Asia and to grow their confidence in engaging with the region. Its leadership programme is a global professional network comprising nearly 400 talented young people aged between 20 and 40 who are dedicated to the future of New Zealand-Asia relations.

Bell Gully partner Simon Watt has been involved for many years, most recently assisting to simplify the Foundation's governance structure to make it even more efficient and effective as a charitable organisation. Says Simon, "The governance restructure will enable the Board to lift its



strategic engagement, which is important at a time when Asian issues are sharpening in New Zealand. The Foundation is expected to have a central role in the public discussion about Asia, and its new governance structure will contribute to this."

"The Foundation is also pursuing significant new initiatives to promote Asian cultural fluency in schools, developing pathways that will enable students to grow their skills through each stage of the education system."

The organisation operates at both ends of the spectrum. From the vibrant and colourful celebrations of the Lantern Festival and Diwali Festival bringing Asian culture to life in New Zealand, to some real grass roots work in Asia itself.





Bell Gully solicitor Duran Moy has had first-hand experience of the Foundation's work in some of the poorest neighbourhoods in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He travelled there in 2016 as part of the Asia New Zealand Leadership programme. He assisted Alex Reese, Founder of the Cricket Live Foundation – a programme using a shared love of cricket to educate underprivileged children and give them a shot at success both on and off the field. Alex has the support of cricket legend Sir Richard Hadlee and Dilmah founder Merrill J. Fernando, both of whom have a strong interest in strengthening New Zealand's ties with Sri Lanka.

Duran was impressed with what he saw. "Alex took an incredibly ambitious and empowering idea to the other side of the world and

made it work through sheer dedication and commitment. He is a bridge between two very different cultures, and his work shows that although we may have little in common with parts of the developing world in Asia, the potential for meaningful, lasting partnerships is enormous."



Later this year Duran will study in Beijing. "I've been involved with the Foundation for a number of years now and it has opened my eyes to the reality that our economic future is inextricably linked with Asia, particularly China. We have a choice – to continue with the status quo and be left behind in the new emerging world order, or take up the challenge of engaging with these markets and cultures and make the most of the opportunities that they present. The Foundation's work sets us on the right path to making that happen."



## Finding a cure for spinal cord injury

**A** riding accident in 2002 ended Catriona Williams' illustrious equestrian career. But it was the start of the Catwalk Spinal

**Cord Injury Research Trust which has catapulted spinal cord injury into national awareness.**

With a raft of high profile sporting patrons - including royal Zara Tindall, equestrian Mark Todd and former All Black captain Richie McCaw - and black tie events, the Trust raises funds to find a cure for spinal cord injury, including supporting the work of the Spinal Cord Injury Research Facility (SCIRF) at the University of Auckland.

This year Professor Louise Nicholson, who helped establish SCIRF, generously donated

NZ\$1 million on her retirement to help fund PhD students' ground breaking research on spinal cord injury and repair that could see wheelchair users able to walk again.



Bell Gully partner Andrew Beatson, who has been assisting CatWalk with its trust deed and funding arrangements, says the donation was a real lift. "CatWalk passionately believes that a cure for spinal cord injury will be found. This incredible legacy brings that dream a step closer.

That is what the Trust is all about, that one day serious spinal cord injury will not mean paralysis for life. Catriona's boundless energy for the cause is infectious and we are just delighted to be able to play a small part in helping the Trust achieve its objectives."

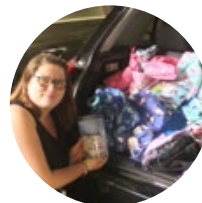




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# How else do we help?

The Bell Gully event calendar is full of annual charitable fixtures that many of our partners and staff volunteer for. Some of these are highlighted on the following page.





### Think pink

Each year the firm hosts Pink Ribbon morning teas in each office to raise money for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. Partner Anna Buchly is a NZBCF Trustee.

### Jacket drop to St Mary's

We were invited to attend a 'jacket drop' at St Mary's Primary School in Avondale, Auckland along with the Vodafone Warriors, to see first hand the benefit pro bono client KidsCan brings to the community.

### Round the Bays - going to the dogs

A large Bell Gully team ran the Ports of Auckland *Round the Bays* fun run this year. SPCA Auckland promised that if we raised NZ\$1,500 for their charity, we would get some "warm fuzzy things" to visit us. We exceeded that goal and our staff enjoyed cuddles from several gorgeous puppies.

### Jammies in June

As temperatures drop, we rally the Jammie Army troops donating warm pyjamas to Kidz First Children's Hospital at Middlemore, in Auckland.

### Mentoring programmes

Over 40 staff generously donate their time to our mentoring programmes at Tāmaki College and the InZone Foundation in Auckland.

### Lapping the lake

For many years, our staff have run the Taupo Great Lake Relay on behalf of The New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation.

### Sky's the limit

Partner Chris Goddard took up the Sky Tower challenge in full firefighter kit on behalf of Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ, raising over NZ\$5,000. This is the seventh year Bell Gully has taken part.







### Rimutaka relay

It's become an annual Wellington tradition to compete in the PwC Foundation Charity Relay - all 102 kms over the Rimutakas - raising money for not one but four worthy charities - The Neonatal Trust, Wellington Free Ambulance, Ronald McDonald House Charities and Life Flight Trust.

### Shave for a cure

Every year since 2005, some of our partners and staff volunteer to be brave and shave their heads for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. The money raised goes a long way to support those people living with blood cancer.



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# Some of the organisations we support



Pasifika Patrol



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# Pro bono 2016 facts and figures

**NZ\$1,000,000**



fee equivalent budget  
- exceeded in 2016



**173**  
matters



**99**  
authors



**2844**  
hours



**26**  
partners



**60**  
pro bono clients



**125**  
total legal staff



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