

New Trustees for Community Foundation

The Whanganui Community Foundation has three new trustees. Caryl Blomkvist, Esther Tinirau and Philippa Baker Hogan were appointed to the board recently. Caryl Blomkvist is a lawyer, currently working at the Community Law Centre, Esther Tinirau has recently commenced working as the Chief Executive for Nga Rauru, and Philippa Baker-Hogan is a district councilor and Whanganui District Health Board member. Trustees are appointed by the Minister of Finance.

Chair Richard Thompson welcomed the new appointments and said that the role of a trustee is challenging one. "Most people think it would be great to give away money but the reality of granting funds to achieve the maximum benefit for our communities requires considerable knowledge and wisdom".

The three new trustees replace retired trustees Bob Dempsey, Jim Farley and Nancy Tuaine. Mr Thompson acknowledged the conscientious and thoughtful contribution made to the Foundation by the three retiring trustees.