



HEARTLANDER

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Heartland Fund: *Giving a hand-up to the King Country*

We distributed more than \$6000 to six community organisations across the King Country region during the last Heartland funding round, getting them one step closer to their funding goals.

The six successful groups applied in July and have now all received their grants ranging from \$500 to \$1650.

Matiere School's agricultural start-up, Eggonomics, was one of the seven projects that received funding. The student-run business not only provides free-range eggs to the community, but empowers students to learn how to manage money, animal health, pest control and the basics of running a business.

The Turangi Volunteer Fire Brigade also received funding. The grant they received will go towards equipping two of their support vehicles with navigation systems. Previously, the organisation was relying on hard-cover road maps to get to emergency sites.

Otorohanga Riding for the Disabled was the only northern area group to receive funding this time around, and they have put their grant toward 15 new riding helmets for riders.

The KCE Heartland Community Fund was established in 2014 with the aim of keeping the King Country community safe, healthy, beautiful, and connected. Since then, KCE has distributed over 75 grants to local community groups.

Every four months it's a privilege to read through the Heartland funding applications and see the number of community groups striving to achieve great things. The final 2017

funding round will take place in November, so don't forget to encourage local community groups to apply via the application form on our website.

Heartland Community Fund: July recipients

- Awhina Society Inc - Taupo Women's Refuge
- Turangi Volunteer Fire Brigade
- Tuwharetoa Health Charitable Trust
- Eggonomics
- Central King Country RSPCA
- Otorohanga Riding for the Disabled



Otorohanga Riding for the Disabled



Turangi Volunteer Fire Brigade



Eggonomics with Matiere School

"Without the support of KCE, small groups like us who perform lifesaving services would find things much harder. The help they give goes a long way to helping out the community."

- *Tangonui Kingi, chief fire officer, Turangi Volunteer Fire Brigade*

Apply for a Heartland grant during the next funding round: 1-30 November

Reminder:
update your details and win

Update your customer details with us before 13 October and be in to win a \$1000 Prezzy® card or one of 10 \$100 Prezzy® cards. Although the prize draw closes on 13 October, remember it's always a good idea to let us know if your details change.

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR DETAILS: Online www.kce.co.nz/updatedetails or phone us on 0800 523 637



30 years of life saving with Waikato Westpac Rescue Helicopter

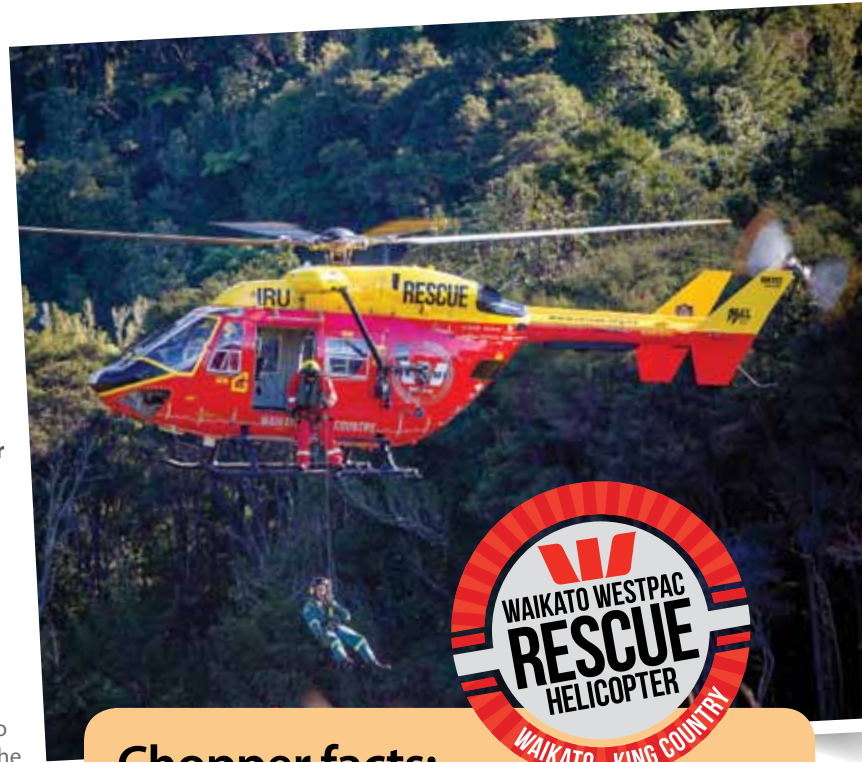
The Waikato Westpac Rescue Helicopter has touched over 11,000 lives since first taking off in 1987. It's been an honour to support the chopper's life-saving work in the greater Waikato area.

From 1 January – 31 August this year alone, the helicopter has conducted 438 potentially life-saving missions within the geographic area where our KCE customers reside.

Here's a snapshot of this year's rescues:

- In April, an 18-year-old man crashed his bike down a 40-metre ravine on a farm west of Mangakino. Unable to be reached due to the steep terrain, the chopper used the NZCT Rescue Winch to pull him out and fly him to Waikato Hospital.
- In July, a 58-year-old woman suffered a terrible farm accident where her left arm was amputated from the elbow. The helicopter urgently flew her from Matamata to Waikato Hospital.
- In August, a 19-year-old woman from Matamata received acid burns to her face. She and her mother were flown to Waikato Hospital for treatment.
- In August, a 23-year-old woman rolled her ute on Arapuni Road, east of Putaruru. The helicopter flew her to Waikato hospital to tend to her face and hand lacerations.

You can do your bit to support the chopper's critical work by donating through www.rescue.org.nz.



Chopper facts:

- + Total missions: 438 between 1 January – 31 August 2017
- + Average annual cost of operations: \$3,600,000
- + Chopper crew: 3 pilots, 2 crewmen
- + From an emergency call to airborne: 10 minutes
- + Flying by chopper is 75 times faster than road ambulances
- + Cost per flight: \$8,900. Only 47% costs are covered by ACC, DHBs and NZ Police.

Read more about KCE's sponsorships at www.kce.co.nz

Help us *help you*

Medical dependency

If you or someone living with you has a serious medical issue and is dependent on electricity for critical and medical support, please phone us on 0800 523 637. It's important our team is aware of your needs to ensure continual electricity supply to your home.



Financial help

If you're having difficulty paying your electricity account you may be eligible for help through WINZ Assistance or the Budget Advisory Service. The best thing to do is phone us and we can talk about your options so we can work with you to find a solution. Give us a call on 0800 523 637 during office hours.



Plan spotlight: Mokauiti – Home, low use primary residence

If one of these examples describes your home, the Mokauiti plan may be right for you:

- It is your primary residence
- You live alone and use a heat pump
- You live alone and use a heat-pump or oil-filled heaters on a constant low temperature in the winter
- Two people live in your home and use a fire and no other heating
- You have up to four people living in your home and use fire as your only heat source. Plus, your home is insulated top and bottom and you have gas hot water

We want you to save money!

Call us on 0800 523 637 to discuss the most economical plan for you.

