



Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps History Project Charitable Trust

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To all Serving Members and Members who have Served in the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps (RNZAC) and its Predecessor Organisations

Greetings,

THE RNZAC HISTORY PROJECT 2019-2023-FUNDING AND START OF FUND RAISING ASSISTANT

Funding

I am very pleased to announce that Heartland Bank has made a donation towards the project. The Bank joins FMG (previously announced) as our “commercial sector” sponsors thus far; it is very gratifying to receive such acknowledgement of the importance of the project from this sector.

I can also tell you that we have received a generous grant from Chief of Army, following a commitment he made to our Trust in 2019. It is very pleasing to receive such tangible support from Army for the production of this History. We are grateful to Chief of Army for his ongoing assistance and encouragement.

In addition, the TAWO Trust has also made a very significant donation towards our work. Their grant is particularly noteworthy given that it is the most substantial single grant that our Trust has received to date. Such generosity takes us that much closer to our end goals.

I also wish to acknowledge those who have donated to the Trust since my last update. These donations continue to be crucial to the Trust being able to manage its various responsibilities.

All of this financial support means that we are able to continue to meet fee commitments to our contracted Author and to progress the production (in all its aspects) of the History. However, we cannot and will not rest for there is still a substantial sum to be raised. Nevertheless what has been achieved to date gives us a very good base on which to build current and planned fund raising efforts.

Frances Russell Joins the Funding Team

The Trust has received a very generous offer by Frances Russell to work with Chris Wotton on a voluntary basis to assist with fundraising for the RNZAC HPCT.



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Included in Frances' experience is 17 years as CEO of the Wellington Community Trust, a philanthropic trust with investments in excess of \$50M. In addition, she has had extensive experience in the Gambling/Community Trusts sector and a wide range of contacts across New Zealand. She is also very experienced in the whole area of Charitable Trusts. We are very fortunate to have Frances, with her background and wide experience, to assist with raising the funds required by the RNZAC HPCT to publish the RNZAC History.

Frances has been a Justice of the Peace for over 30 years. She has also been awarded a QSM for her services to the Community.

Frances joined the Funding Team on 25 November 2019 and we extend a warm welcome to her and look forward to the valuable contribution she will make.

Finally, I wish you all well for 2020. I will continue to keep you informed as important milestones are reached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Ready'. The signature is stylized and includes a horizontal line extending to the right.

Graeme Ready
Chair
RNZAC HPCT
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