

NEAL AND ANNETTE PLOWMAN'S Philanthropic Journey

Neal and Annette Plowman have always had a philosophy of giving back. They focus on areas of interest to them that they think can be of greatest long term benefit to New Zealand. Neal's passions are business and conservation, and Annette, a former teacher and counsellor, likes supporting education and social issues.

Their support has been extremely generous and often low profile. Prior to NEXT being established donations were usually made anonymously - often not even the recipients were aware of the source.

These are the significant donations made by the Plowmans, both pre and post the creation of NEXT.

2003 - 2012 University of Auckland Business School	Establishment of an endowment fund for The University of Auckland Foundation and provision of financial assistance to establish the Chair in Entrepreneurship.	2014 NEXT FOUNDATION LAUNCHED	\$100 million, 10 year strategic philanthropic spend-down fund investing in transformational environmental and educational projects to make New Zealand a better place for our land and our people.	2015 – 2018 Predator Free Community Champion Kelvin Hastie	Funding of Crofton Downs Predator Free Community founder Kelvin Hastie for two and a half years, inspiring community backyard trapping in Wellington and beyond.
2005 – 2010 Auckland City Mission Foundation	Establishment of an endowment fund to provide an ongoing source of annual funding for the Auckland City Mission.	2014 – ONGOING Zero Invasive Predators	A partnership between NEXT and the Department of Conservation to develop innovative tools and techniques to eradicate rats, stoats and possums on the mainland – without fences.	2016 – ONGOING Predator Free Wellington	A collaborative partnership with the Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council to make Wellington the first predator free capital city in the world.
2005 – 2012 Lifeline	Financial help to enable Lifeline to own its own premises, together with funding to the Lifeline Foundation.	2014 – 2018 The Mind Lab by Unitec	The funding of more than 4,000 teachers into a postgraduate qualification in digital and collaborative learning – so their students are better prepared for the future.	2016 – ONGOING Talking Matters	Funding of a community based initiative promoting rich language interaction with babies and young children.
2006 - 2010 The Salvation Army	Matching funding with The Salvation Army to build the Booth College of Mission in Wellington.	2014 – ONGOING Springboard Trust	Support of an educational initiative where business leaders provide strategic leadership development for school leaders.	2017 – ONGOING The Cacophony Project	Support of an open sourced project applying information technology and artificial intelligence towards a Predator Free New Zealand.
2007 – ONGOING Rotoroa Island	The purchase of a 99 year lease for the island from The Salvation Army, with subsequent restoration and establishment as a wildlife sanctuary and public conservation park for the people of Auckland.	2014 – 2015 Te Awaroa	Provision of an incubation grant supporting a national movement of Kiwis taking action to care for our waterways.	2017 – ONGOING SPACE	Funding of a support programme for new parents, helping them navigate the critical first year with their baby.
2007 – ONGOING Auckland University of Technology	Funding 10 scholarships a year for students undertaking an international business degree.	2015 – ONGOING Manaiakalani Outreach	Funding of an outreach programme to take a digitally enabled model of advanced teacher practice, founded in Tamaki, Auckland and offering accelerated learning, to other low decile communities across New Zealand.	2017 – ONGOING Summer Learning Journey	Funding of a holiday blogging programme for Manaiakalani school children to reduce the "summer slump" in academic achievement over the summer holidays.
2007 – 2012 Young Enterprise Trust	Help to fund a business programme run through Auckland secondary schools, teaching business principles to students.	2015 – 2018 Ngā Pūmanawa e Waru	Funding of a backbone organisation to support a digitally enabled, collaborative, future focused learning collective impact initiative across schools in the Rotorua district.	2018 – ONGOING The Education Hub	Support for the development of a resource for New Zealand teachers bridging the gap between educational research and professional practice.
2011 – 2013 Project Crimson	Funding to help Project Crimson deliver a tree planting programme in schools.	2015 – ONGOING Taranaki Mounga	Founding partner in a collaborative project between Government, iwi, business and philanthropy to restore the Egmont National Park and surrounds.		
2011 – ONGOING Teach First NZ: Ako Mātātupu	Attracting and developing outstanding university graduates and career changers to teach in secondary schools serving low income communities.				
2012 – ONGOING Project Janszoon	Restoration of the Abel Tasman National Park - removing predators, restoring biodiversity and reintroducing native birds.				

