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An inspiring intercultural exchange programme for young people with disabilities, empowering global/local inclusion and participation.



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Our Vision

Achieve 2B is an inspiring intercultural exchange programme for young people with disabilities, empowering global/local inclusion and participation.

Our Mission

We will provide educational opportunities through intercultural exchanges that will have sustainable transformational outcomes for its participant's.

Our Values

Achieve 2B is founded on the following values:

Diversity We appreciate variance and difference

Respect In all interactions we demonstrate integrity, dignity and honesty

Collaboration We realise our need for interdependence

Participation We take part in activities that encourage us to reach our full potential

Excellence In all that we do, we give of our very best for the highest quality outcomes.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – JON HARVEY



Another year flashes by and Achieve 2B continues to make headway in the crowded world of not-for-profit organisations in New Zealand. The very nature of New Zealanders, the can-do attitude, the selflessness and our long tradition of volunteerism mean the not-for profit space has become very competitive. This is a wonderful reflection on the NZ psyche but also makes it a real challenge to be heard by the likes of government agencies, corporates, the media and ultimately the public. Its tough out there but we are doing it!

As you will see in our Founders Report, the organisation has made great strides under Julia's continued guidance, the highlights for me being:

- ✓ The formal launch
- ✓ New branches opened or in the process of opening in Wellington and Melbourne
- ✓ Progress in establishing ourselves in Tonga
- ✓ Recruitment of new trustees
- ✓ Recruitment of key staff in other roles
- ✓ Development of further partnerships such as AFS New Zealand

We have further exchanges in the pipeline for the coming years year with inbound and outbound. Setting up these exchanges is the core business of Achieve 2B and it is very pleasing to see this continue as business as usual.

As we have navigated the journey to this point we have had to revisit our plans and adjust our direction based on the opportunities that present themselves. This has very much been the case during 2018 with the opportunity to get involved in Tonga. It did not sit perfectly within the model we'd previously developed but when we delved a little deeper it became apparent that working with Tonga would meet all the goals we have, in particular, the underlying goal of developing young people with disabilities by providing a cultural exchange experience.

I am due to move on from Achieve 2B, I have another project in the disability space which I am heavily involved in however I will remain in the fold and take a keen interest in Achieve 2B in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the organisation and in particular those people that have contributed so much over the past couple of years.

Finally I'd like to acknowledge the work of our Founder Julia. It is her vision and drive that has got us this far. Julia's ability to network and recruit such high calibre people has been a major part of our success to date and I am certain the team will continue to grow and develop, and deliver on Achieve 2Bs mission.

To the whole Achieve2B whanau, the students and their families, volunteers, host families, schools, partners and stakeholders, a warm and heartfelt seasons greetings, enjoy any break you may get, stay safe and have a wonderful 2019.

Jon Harvey

Chairman

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018



OFFICIAL LAUNCH AND INAUGURAL GRADUATION

From near and far they came. They came to celebrate collectively what we had all achieved. Basking in our glory we saw the unveiling of our new logo, we saluted and graduated our Inaugural Achievers, and Julia our Founder launched her book – You will Achieve! We were graced with the presence of notable Whangarei distinguished guests while ‘Jammers’ from Star Jam showed us how to rock. A fitting tribute to fitting Achievers and a memory of a lifetime was made for all who attended.

SELECTION ROUND 2

2018 Selection saw the courage of two talented young people bursting with passion to participate in an exchange apply. In the selection round they showed us what they were made of by conquering any challenge that was laid before them. Lola and Taylor’s grit paid off as finally selected to participate in an international exchange.



1ST ORIENTATION RETREAT WEEKEND

Our first Orientation Retreat Weekends began. Fun, learning and nervousness all wrapped in one. Tucked away for two days at different locations throughout Auckland and Northland, students began their journey of learning what does it mean to be an exchange student. Students took time out to deeply reflect on who they are, what does culture mean and preparing to take flight.



THE PAR TAY!

In true Achieve 2B style we had a Powhiri / Welcome Party to welcome Cohort 2018, their families and new volunteers into Achieve 2B. The powhiri process reminding and uniting us as whanau. A whanau that is constantly forming and growing. Our students delightfully showed us their public speaking abilities as they confidently and eloquently introduced themselves.

TONGA! HERE WE COME!

After a year in the dreaming..... we were off. Off to conquer the Pacific or rather Tonga. Friendships were made as the beginnings of a Tongan / New Zealand exchange was formed. Proving that transpacific is no barrier. It is believed that this is the first time an exchange provider has been in Tonga. A successful trip saw the bearing of more fruit than we could of hoped for.





Lola Kain

Lola is from Whangarei and is in Year 12. Her passion is music, make up and beauty. Although she's quiet and shy at first, once you get to know me she's bubbly, quirky and enjoys a good belly laugh!

Lola has an ocular impairment.



“ Hello my name is Lola Kain, I am 17 years of age. I live in Whangarei and the school I go is Kamo High in which I am in year 12. I live with my mum, dad, dog and I also have an older brother. I love to travel, and I love anything to do with makeup and music. My family and I chose Achieve2b because they give people with disabilities opportunities to experience exchange student adventures nationally and internationally.

Achieve2b gives us the opportunity to go overseas to live in another country's culture, to experience different schooling, and becoming a part of a new family. Achieve2b also gives the opportunity for me to become an ambassador for New Zealand. I have gained a lot throughout this experience. I now have increased confidence in myself, the ability to problem solve, and am genuinely more enthusiastic about trying new things.”



Taylor Parker

Taylor is from Papakura, Auckland and is in Year 11. He enjoys mountain biking, the great outdoors and travel. He is friendly and loves meeting new people.

Taylor has Asbergers and ADHD.



“ Hi, my name is Taylor Parker. I am 16 years old and I live in Auckland with my mum, dad and my little sister. Achieve 2B has organised an international exchange for me. Next year I will be going to a school in Melbourne. This is exciting, as I didn't think I would get the opportunity to go an exchange, as other programs would be unlikely to be able to provide support for my learning difficulties. Part of preparing for the Achieve 2B exchange program is going to orientation days, where I learnt what it would be like to live with a new family, start at a new school and how to adapt to a different culture than in

New Zealand. The orientation day made me feel more confident with public speaking and representing my school.

I felt like I became more mature with a better understanding of how the exchange program would impact me and those around me.

Overall, I had such a great time learning about Achieve 2B and preparing for my exchange by participating in the programs that Achieve 2B provides.

What I am most excited about with my exchange is that I get to go to a new country and experience what Melbourne has to offer. I cannot wait for the next orientation and for my overseas exchange next year.”

FOUNDER'S REPORT – JULIA HARTSHORNE



It is hard to believe that 12 months ago as an organisation we were planning for the grand event – The official Launch of Achieve 2B and Inaugural Graduation of our Achievers. Graced with the presence of our distinguished guests - The Honourable Shane Jones, The Honourable Shane Reti, Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai and our Inaugural Achievers we celebrated collective achievement. Then within a flick of an eye – it was gone. Leaving a residual of warmed hearts. From our Launch morphed the word ‘Opportunity’. This setting the tone for 2018.

Opportunity has become the unconscious theme of the year. Especially, as an organisation we have courageously chosen to navigate paths that were not previously identified. In doing so we have begun a pathway of forming a partnership with the Ofa Tui A’Manaki School of Tonga. Compliments of the Akanesi Mataitonga Trust. This partnership is committed to reciprocal exchanges between Tonga and New Zealand. Hopefully this will eventually be inclusive of Australia. Potentially this will further open the Pacifica as a playground for further exchanges to occur.

Opportunity presented itself (even though it was a strategic goal) as we opened a branch of Achieve 2B in Wellington. This is leading Achieve 2B to becoming a truly National organisation, and will open up *opportunities* for another exchange destination for our students. *Opportunity* knocked on our door again when we were formally invited to become a partner with the exchange provider American Field Service New Zealand (AFS NZ). This partnership will bring Scholarships for our students and will enable us to jointly explore the concepts of intercultural exchange and diversity.

This year 2 amazing students have been selected to participate in exchanges. We have welcomed Lola Kain and Taylor Parker. We eagerly await to see and hear of their adventures. We look forward to seeing them flying high. In 2019 we will not only recruit more students but we look forward to welcoming to New Zealand students from Australia and Tonga.

A huge thank you is indebted to many who have tirelessly worked over the last 12 months to ensure that the wheels of Achieve 2B remain well tuned. Your generosity of heart and spirit exceeds all expectations. We warmly thank our funders and regular donors who remain faithful in their pledging. Thank you to volunteers whose commitment and dedication never ceases to amaze me. We acknowledge our International partners who have taken leaps of faith with us and have trusted the process.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees who have safely navigated our way. To Jon – Our Chairperson, who resigns this year, thank you so much for your faithful service to Achieve 2B. You will be sorely missed. Finally, to you all we wish you a heartfelt prosperous year ahead.

Julia Hartshorne

Founder

TREASURER'S REPORT



The opening balance of funds available at the beginning of the year was \$6,811.91.

We received most of our income from grants in the 2018 year, as well as donations and fundraising projects.

We received a total of \$20,853 during the 2018 financial year.

Total costs for the year were \$21,738.

Our biggest costs were travel, event costs and printing & stationery.

Our operating surplus was \$1,925.

Closing balance of available funds as at 30 June 2018 was \$8686.42.

Operating Receipts	2018	2017
<i>Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue</i>		
donations - community and organisations	2,500	4,100
donations - individual	2,215	1,740
fundraising projects	2,314	1,633
Scholarship	-	1,000
Payment from Parents	-	2,183
Total Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	7,029	10,656
<i>Receipts from providing goods or services</i>		
Grants	13,816	7,012
Total Receipts from providing goods or services	13,816	7,012
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	8	17

Operating Payments	2018	2017
<i>Volunteer and employee related payments</i>		
Travel - International	566	3,104
Travel - National	2,245	1,738
Total Volunteer and employee related payments	2,810	4,842
<i>Payments relating to providing goods or services</i>		
Advertising	-	288
Bank Fees	5	176
Consulting & Accounting	1,103	245
Freight & Courier	-	148
General Expenses	1,354	50
Hireage	1,359	360
Insurance	403	368
Koha	500	-
Marketing	1,786	-
Office Expenses	522	389
Printing & Stationery	2,547	761
Subscriptions	220	187
Telephone & Internet	1,026	432
Website costs	83	72
Computer and Server Maintenance	25	110
Volunteer Costs	965	822
Event Costs	2,921	107
Student Costs	81	980
Host Family Costs	-	2,832
Audit Fees	40	2,500
Training	1,178	-
Total Payments relating to providing goods or service	16,118	10,826
Total Operating Payments	18,928	15,667

This Treasurer report has been completed by:

Britney Pilling

Treasurer

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To those who have generously donated their time, money and expertise in helping to further the vision of Achieve 2B. **A truly heartfelt thank you.**



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