



## Wellington Masonic Youth Trust (Registered Charity No CC 26776)

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### WELLINGTON MASONIC YOUTH TRUST SOME BACKGROUND MATERIAL

The Wellington Masonic Youth Trust (WMYT) was formed in April 2001 as a Charitable Trust to continue benevolence activities directed towards youth in our communities.

The origins of the WMYT go back to the Masonic Youth Project and the D.A.R.E. Project which had been set up to continue in perpetuity by the Provincial Grand Masters of the day; the late RW Bro Dudley Hercock P Dep GM and RW Bro Brian Kennedy P Dep GM respectively. Brethren will be familiar with the activities undertaken under the auspices of those projects.

With the introduction of the new Grand Lodge structure and specifically having (at that time) three Districts (19, 21, 22) replacing the former Provincial District, it was considered prudent to amalgamate the two projects under the umbrella of one formally registered trust governed by a Board of Trustees currently comprising:

Trustee & Chairman	R W Bro S L Salmon, PGM
Trustee	VW Bro G. Davies P Dist GM
Trustee	VW Bro R C Masterton. P Dist GM
Trustee, Secretary & Treasurer	Bro S.P. Sherring RH
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Thanks to the generosity of those who have gone before, the Trust has Capital funds of over \$400,000 with the income from investments being available for distribution in accordance with the Deed, the requirements of the Charities Act 2005 (the Trust being a registered charity), and the guidelines set in place from time to time by Trustees to ensure consistency and equity in its dealings with the requests placed before it.

Since inception to the end of July 2019, 340 young people have been assisted in the following areas:

SUMMARY	\$	No	%
Young Musicians Programme Sponsorships (VUW)	69,250	166	30%
Other Music Sponsorship	13,767	22	6%
Drama Sponsorship & Other Cultural Sponsorship	20,500	17	9%
Outward Bound etc	43,146	44	19%
Sport	33,230	34	14%
Other Travel/Education	50,131	57	22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>230,024</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>100%</b>

Trustees are always open to ways to expand the extent and scope of assistance but is entirely reliant on the interest and enthusiasm of Lodges to seek out the worthy cases in their areas.

This Trust is for the benefit of young people in our community and gives an opportunity to promote Freemasonry to the community, but this will only happen if Lodges are positive in their actions.

The rules are relatively straightforward:

- The persons being sponsored must be under 26 years old
- Only individuals may be assisted – Money has never been made available for equipment, property or capital works
- The applicants should be resident in the greater Wellington area; i.e. the geographic area covered by the Wellington Masonic Provincial District prior to the 2000 restructuring
- Assistance must be for acceptable activities, such as development courses, special education, employment training, sports representation, special seminars and jamborees.
- The Trust provides a contribution towards the cost of an approved activity and not the whole amount. It is expected that the sponsoring Lodge will make a contribution towards the cost and the applicant or their family likewise. The contribution of the applicant may be in the form of fund-raising rather than a financial contribution per se. All applications are considered on a case by case basis and grants are made according to funds available to the Trust at the time. The grants are not made on a one for one basis.
- Sponsorship payments will be made direct to the respective activity (e.g. Outward Bound) wherever possible or as arranged with the Supporting Lodge.
- It is **expected** that the recipient of assistance will, wherever possible, give a brief talk to Brethren after the event. Trustees always appreciate the opportunity to be present on such occasions if circumstances permit.

Each Lodge in the regional area has received details relating to the Trust and its activities and Lodge Secretaries should have the necessary application forms. If not, please contact the Secretary-Stephen Sherring, Phone 905 0776, or email [stephensherring@gmail.com](mailto:stephensherring@gmail.com)