

## **The Work of The Wilson Home Trust 2009/10**

The 2009/10 financial year has been an active and productive one for the Trust.

Much of the front line work involves providing personal support for family members in crisis or requiring information and guidance. This work is a fundamental aspect of our Trust Deed and is usually confidential and “under the radar”.

In addition, the Trust has facilitated a number of events, activities and services for children, families and our community. A number of these are listed below.

### **For children, carers and families:**

- Grants. Each year the Trust distributes a significant number of grants for children and families. These grants cover mobility equipment, urgent assistance and children’s activities. Every application is considered on its merit and the grants committee meets quarterly to discuss and award grants. As need along with publicity and general awareness of the fund has grown, the fund has increasingly been over - subscribed. Due to this need, the Trust has budgeted for increases to the fund.

In addition, the Trust has facilitated the following information, support and activities:

- E newsletters
- Trust and WDHB Garden Party
- Stand Up Board Paddling - Takapuna
- Village Fete
- Know How Expo
- Peace of Mind workshop
- Back Care sessions
- Parents Planning workshop
- Art Out holiday programmes (Holiday periods May, July, October), Animal Farm and Drumming
- Art Adventure classes
- Touch Compass dance experience and workshops
- Pool Play sessions
- Mother and Babies Coffee Group

- Music out West
- Wellsford coffee and play group
- Star Jam on site
- Yoga group for people in wheelchairs and in recovery in Cottage
- Pre school therapy group in Hall
- Therapy Fun Class
- “Take a Break” pamper day for mothers and carers
- Sensory Room for Christmas season and site Christmas Party
- The Trust’s regular “Family Matters” newsletter and website
- Network and Yes Mum’s meetings
- Distribution of donated tickets for shows
- Sponsorship of family holidays

**For families on site, tenants and staff:**

- Landscaping, gardens and improved access on site
- Renovation of the “Bach” for families with the addition of ramping, accessible bathroom, shower bed and laundry
- Renovation of the Wilson Heritage Cottage for Trust staff, families and the community
- Takapuna Grammar mural project.

**For the wider community:**

- North Shore Library Wilson Home Trust Collection
- Capturing and caring for the Wilson Home archives and history
- Coyle Park accessible playground opening (design help and donation)
- Volunteer Gardeners events
- Community Rewards for those nominated
- Recreation Hall for use by the community
- Respite, Transition and Supported Living investigation and report
- Use of the Wilson Home site for groups providing enriching activities and services for children and families
- Encouragement of increased access to the grounds and gardens of the Wilson Home.