

Hi Nathan

I understand your question. With BestStart and Wright Family Foundation doing so much good nationally it may be hard to point to the sort of specific community initiatives the Council may be looking for.

BestStart serves the community in Taupo with provision of 5 Early Childhood Education centres which have the vision of working in partnership with the local community to help the community's children achieve their learning potential and make a positive difference in the lives of children in the Taupo region.

Any surplus funds are firstly reinvested back into the professional development of the teachers and improving the quality of the Centres' facilities and resources for the community. Any other surplus funds are used by Wright Family Foundation to further the aims of the organisations the Foundation supports many of which indirectly benefit the Taupo Community and its children and whanau namely;

Plunket – Clinic at Plunket House, 35 Motutaiko Street

New Zealand Spelling Bee

Kids Lit Quiz

Birthing Centre

Plain English Awards

House of Science

NZ Bumblebee

Graeme Dingle Foundation – Looking for someone locally in Taupo to set up programmes following enquiries being made.

Brainwave

The Parenting Place

SuperGrans Aotearoa

Puna Atawhai

Schools Out – Lakeside Taupo at 23 Story Place, and Schools Out Waipahihi at 98 Richmond Ave, helping parents out in the Taupo community with After School and Holiday Programmes.

I trust this helps.

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: Lease 94 Richmond Road

Hello Tim

We understand that the beneficiary of the charitable trust is the Wright Family Foundation. We have looked a little into what the foundation does, but it would be good to hear from you and Best Start what projects the Wright Family Foundation have funded and supported, or intend to, in the Taupō District?

If Councillors are to consider reducing the rental from a commercial to a community rate, they will certainly be interested to know how our community may benefit from the charitable status of Best Start Educare; and any supporting information for your proposal would be helpful to include in the report to council to re-inforce your request.

Many thanks,
-Nathan Mourie