



## Newsletter 11 – May 2017

Kia ora koutou. It seemed like time to be in touch again. When you read this, it will be early May and 2017 is whizzing past.

Over the past three months at [NZ Navigator](#), as well as working on the relocation of [CommunityNet Aotearoa](#), we have been thinking about **finance** and **evaluation**. A lot. Our prediction is that both these topics take up some of your thought space each month as well. They are not easy to think about, plan for or act on.

Our hope is that CommunityNet Aotearoa becomes one of the sources you turn to often, when you are growing your skills, looking for new ideas or you simply need to clarify and focus your thinking.

### Clear focus

In an environment where time and money are scarce the thing you cannot be without is a crystal-clear focus on what is most important. Ultimately, that focus is your purpose as an organisation – the cause that you work to better. How you do that most effectively then comes down to knowing and building on your strengths, and identifying the areas you will develop.

NZ Navigator is an ideal tool to support you in that focus; remember that you can repeat the assessment and compare any two points in time. As well, the multiple-user or branch assessments make it easy to include all the various perspectives in your organisation.

### New resources

If finance or evaluation are areas you want to develop, here are some resources and opportunities you may want to check out:

**Finance:** When it comes to end-of-year financial reporting, [Charities Services](#) have launched a new webinar series. The first one was on the Statement of Service Performance; you can find more information [here](#).

**Grow** are holding a Not-for-Profit Finance Forum in Wellington on 10 May, titled "*Leading the Agile Organisation*". Topics covered include building a financial growth plan; you can find all the details [here](#).

**Evaluation:** [What Works](#) is a website about evaluation built specifically for community organisations. They have a [Tools and Approaches matrix](#) that provides an overview of 16 different ways of evaluating; it's a great starting point if you are considering evaluation but don't know what will suit you best.

### Updates

#### 2017 NZ Charities Tech Awards:

We remain proud finalists in the [Tech Soup Awards](#). The winner in our category was a group based in Nelson that made an online learning module about recognising the signs of child abuse, they were very worthy winners. It was fun to take part in the awards event and to see some of the amazing projects that are undertaken in our sector. Embracing technology is one of the ways we can ensure our organisations remain relevant and accessible going into the future.

#### CommunityNet Aotearoa:

The relocation of the website, from DIA to NZ Navigator, is well underway; we had a few hiccups along the way but nothing we haven't been able to resolve. We will be in touch again with a special edition all about the features and functions of CommunityNet and how you can make the most of it.

For now, all the best with the work ahead of you. Remember to take time to smell the roses – look back on the first few months of 2017 and celebrate your success.



Ngā mihi,

**The NZ Navigator Partners**

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