



Applications open for the Contact Epic Community Fund

Community organisations and residents are being encouraged to apply for support from the Contact Epic Community Fund before applications close on Sunday June 16.

The fund was established by Contact and LMS Events as part of their joint commitment to support the Epic event through to 2020. For every entry, LMS Events donates \$5 matched by Contact Energy dollar-for-dollar.

“It’s great to be able to continue to help local community projects in achieving their goals, which have delivered benefits for the Hawea community,” says Boyd Brinsdon, Contact’s Head of Hydro Generation.

“This year we have a pool in excess of \$15,000 raised from 2017, 2018 and 2019 events and we are ready to receive applications from community based organisations or individuals.”

Contact Community Relations Manager, Neil Gillespie, says the fund is open to community groups across the Hawea district as well as to individual residents.

“There are no pre-defined limits as to the number of potential funding recipients. We assess each application on its merits, ranking them according to their fit with the fund’s objectives. Funding will be distributed to groups and individuals on that basis until the funding runs out.”

Contact Epic Event Director Danielle Nicholson of LMS Events says it is a thrill to be able to leverage the success of the event to give back to the Hawea community.

“The level of the fund depends on entry numbers so that’s yet another good reason to promote it far and wide. The contribution to this fund from LMS Events is on top of the \$6,000 that the event also delivers to community groups that help out on race day itself.”

Grant recipients and their projects from the previous grant round were:

Deia Wolfe	Trampoline Nationals	\$1,000
Hawea Flat School	Line Marker	\$700
Hawea Playgroup	Septic Tank Replacement	\$1,000
Aspiring Gymsports Club	XTND Youth Leadership	\$1,200
Luggate Albion Cricket Club	Artificial Pitch	\$1,500

For the purposes of the Fund, the Hawea District encompasses the communities of Lake Hawea, Hawea Flat, John Creek, the Maungawera Valley, and in the remote headwaters of Lake Hawea, the two small farming communities of the Dingleburn and Hunter Valley high country farming stations.

Applications close on Sunday, 16 June, 2016. Contact Energy and LMS Events representatives will review all applications with the assistance of a representative of the Hawea Community Association, and successful applicants will be notified June 30th and publicly announced soon thereafter.

Application forms and instructions for their completion are available at:

<http://www.lakehaweaepic.co.nz/community>