

Op Shop report to the Parish AGM, March 2026.

January - December 2025.

The shop is open 5 days a week from 0900-1500hrs, with 2-3 volunteers, and the occasional Saturday, and/or Public Holiday - if vols are keen! These times may be influenced by staff availability (holidays, sickness, bereavement) and weather- the occasional weather bomb or cyclone!

Total number of volunteers at present is 14 - only 4 of whom are church members. We could always do with more, and we try to accommodate new "vols" with hours to suit. A thorough orientation is planned and worked through!

Staff meetings are held 4 times a year to discuss matters of interest and concern - new operational initiatives, 'blue-sky' planning and what/where to next? Vols are rewarded for attendance by the provision of a scrumptious am tea by "Origin" delicatessen and cafe, and plenty of time for chat and catch-ups of a more personal nature - a pleasant period of relaxed and social down-time. All work and no play.....

Also discussed with great interest and thought at this meeting, is to whom do 'we' (the vols) - donate the funds and how much is available to 'gift' the variety of worthy groups seeking support. In the past, this has been approximately half of the income, (the other half to Bream Bay Anglican Parish) less expenses. We seem to have a group of "favourite" local organisations whom we support more regularly - sometimes a 'new' (to us) group writes requesting support for a different project (eg. - the Fishing Club seeking support for their "Take a Child Fishing" competition in September - to help with prizes).

This list is submitted via the Vestry for approval - normally passed as being worthy!

The donations are expected to be acknowledged with a note to confirm receipt and to what purposes the funds were put to. A Photo would be nice to have - we have some up on the wall which we point out to customers - also the list of 'donee's' is in evidence.

The building from which we currently operate is not in good shape overall, or deemed to be a safe and healthy building to be working from/within. Considerable time and effort has been undertaken throughout this past year to assess what and where this business will be operating from in the future.

The survival of the Anglican Church here in Bream Bay depends heavily on the income from the op shop.

Attached see the list of Donations made, and to whom, on the next page

Sally Haigh, Op-Shop Co-ordinator.

Donations 2025.

February-

Kind Hands	\$2000.00
"Nest" helicopter	\$1000.00
Hato Hone/St John(Bream Bay).	\$1000.00
Tryphena House, Who	\$1000.00
Waipu, Ruakaka Vol Fire Brig.,	\$2000.00. (\$1000.00 ea)
Linking Hands	\$1000.00
Waipu Men's Shed	\$2000.00
	\$10,000.00

May-

Nth.Rodney Blue Light	\$1000.00
Waipu Cycle Way	\$2000.00
Wandering Angels(Dogs)	\$1000.00
Tryphena House	\$1000.00
Linking Hands	\$1000.00
Alzheimers Support, Whg.	\$1000.00
Ronald Mac. House Akl.	\$1000.00

\$8000.00

September-

Waipu Fishing Club	\$500.00
Ruakaka S.L.S.C.	\$500.00
Food Bank(extra*)	\$500.00
Mens Shed	\$1000.00

\$2,500.00

* the Food Bank is regularly supported by the Op Shop earnings at \$500.00, every month.

November-

Linking Hands	\$500.00
Waipu Vol. Firies	\$500.00
Ruakaka/Waipu S.L.S.Clubs	\$500.00 each
"Nest" Helicopter	\$500.00

\$2500.00

Total for the year. \$23,000.00