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Arron Perriam appointed as Executive Director at Community Foundations of NZ

The Board of Community Foundations of NZ (CFNZ) is delighted to announce Arron Perriam has been appointed as Executive Director, starting in this new position on May 10th.

Arron is an experienced Chief Executive, board Chair and independent board member. Of Rongowhakaata descent, most recently Arron was the Chief Executive of the renowned Cholmondeley Children's Centre in Canterbury. Previous to this Arron was Business Manager with Rātā Foundation, the regional Community Trust providing funding across the Marlborough, Tasman, Chatham Islands and Canterbury regions.

Arron also holds a number of governance roles, all of which contribute to the wellbeing of everyday kiwis, including currently sitting as an independent Board member with The Salvation Army of NZ, Fiji, Samoa and Tonga.

Based in Christchurch, Arron's experience spans the charity, philanthropic and commercial sectors over 30 years and we see his skills and experience to be directly relevant to Community Foundations' work.

"CFNZ's mahi is all about purposeful partnerships that together cultivate influence, grow generosity, and help shape the future of NZ communities. This is where my passion resides, and I'm honoured to be serving the wellbeing of Aotearoa NZ through the successful growth and strategic focus of our collective regional endowment funding. I am very much looking forward to joining the team, working with the network, and together shaping the future of local funding in communities", said Arron.

CFNZ board Chair, Raymond Key, says that Arron is joining the team at an exciting time of growth. *"We are confident that Arron's leadership and expertise will help to complement the wide skillsets we already have at Community Foundations of NZ. Together we are building a team focused on looking after the needs of our members – 17 Community Foundations across the country – growing generosity and strengthening the communities of Aotearoa NZ".*

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Notes for the editor

- Community Foundations of NZ is the national body supporting and uniting the collective of independent Community Foundations (17) across NZ
- Community Foundations are different for NZ's Community Trusts; they raise funds from donations and bequests and invest them in perpetuity (forever) in managed endowment funds. Many also provide a structure for enabling funding for community projects and initiatives.
- Income from invested funds is distributed as community grants for charitable purposes.
- Across the NZ network Community Foundations, in partnership with generous locals, have grown endowment funds to over \$150m, and have a further estimated \$350m+ promised in bequests
- Since 2014 Community Foundations have granted over \$50m to NZ communities
- The Tindall Foundation supports the work of Community Foundations of NZ growing generosity across Aotearoa NZ

See more at www.communityfoundations.org.nz