



ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST
— INSPIRING EXPLORERS —

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2024-2025





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WORKING TOGETHER TO CONSERVE, SHARE AND ENCOURAGE THE SPIRIT OF EXPLORATION

A Message from the Chair and Executive Director



Sir Jerry Mateparae
Chair



Francesca Eathorne
Executive Director

As we reflect on the past year of the Trust's operations, we are very grateful for the generous support we have once again received from the New Zealand Government, our partners, donors and global community. It is this support that enables us to deliver impactful programmes and connect with millions around the world each year.

This has been a year of significant leadership transition with Sir Jerry Mateparae as our new Chair.

Jerry says the Trust's work aligns with his personal values. "Through its heritage and conservation efforts, the Trust does wonderful work preserving the legacy of the heroic age of exploration, protecting not only New Zealand's heritage, but the world's. It is also pleasing to see the valuable opportunities being enjoyed by the next generations of explorers through the Inspiring Explorers™ programme, which engages them with the wonders of Antarctica and connects them to the legacy the Trust cares for."

We acknowledge the important contribution made by former Chair, Mark Stewart during his 12 years on the Board. Mark's passion for the Trust's work, his strong leadership, unwavering passion, and generous support were critical in guiding the Trust through a decade of growth and change, including the challenges of the pandemic. Under his stewardship, the Trust expanded its conservation efforts, evolved the Inspiring Explorers™ programme, and pioneered virtual reality experiences, which bring Antarctica's heritage to life for global audiences.

Over the last year, the Trust has welcomed three new Board members – Andrew Barnes, Independent Trustee, Leon Grice, Chair of Antarctica New Zealand and Hubertien Wichers, New Zealand Antarctic Society President.

We farewell and thank representatives Brent Clothier (Royal Society Te Apārangi) and Rex Hendry (New Zealand Antarctic Society) for their dedicated service.

In the New Year's Honours list Al Fastier, former Programme Manager of the Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project, was recognised for his 18 years leading the conservation of Antarctica's historic explorer bases. Al received the New Zealand Antarctic Medal alongside Trust friend and supporter, polar photographer Colin Monteath.

Programmes across the year have been successfully delivered from conservation at the Ross Island historic huts, a partnership with Antarctica NZ and NZ Defence Force to resolve potential ordnance at Cape Adare, a UK tour of Scott's *Discovery* Hut Virtual Reality Experience with our friends at UKAHT and we celebrated 10 years of the Inspiring Explorers™ programme with an expedition to the Ross Sea with our partner Heritage Expeditions.



Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, GNZM, QSO, Governor-General of New Zealand and Trust Patron-in-Chief (centre) hosted the launch Scott's *Discovery* Hut Virtual Reality Experience at Government House, Wellington. Her Excellency is joined by L-R: StaplesVR Director Aliesha Staples, Trust Executive Director Francesca Eathorne, His Excellency Dr Richard Davies, Trust Board Chair Mark Stewart. © AHT/Jo Moore

The Trust has also developed a Sustainability Framework for the Trust's operations and is working on a new Strategic Plan to succeed the 2021-2025 version.

All of this is only possible with the exceptional support we receive from the New Zealand Government through Ministry of Culture and Heritage, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Antarctica New Zealand. Alongside this support, our generous partners and donors enable us to deliver these programmes with positive impact and to share stories with our global audience.

We are excited about the opportunities ahead and hope you enjoy reading about the Trust's impact over the last year in this report.

Thank you again to our supporters, partners, donors, and our dedicated Board and staff, for your continued commitment to conserving, sharing and encouraging the spirit of exploration.

STAFF NEWS

We Welcomed

- Communications Advisor Brittany Fox
- Artefact Programme Co-ordinator Shannah Rhynard-Geil

Congratulations to Lizzie Meek who moved into the Heritage Manager role and to Adelma Matthews who became permanent Education Programme Lead.

We Farewelled

- Communications Co-ordinator Kate Stallworthy
- Communications Advisor Mark Sanders
- Operations Manager Laura Taylor
- Education Manager Dr Gabriela Roldan

ENCOURAGE

Our Inspiring Explorers™ programme connected thousands of young people with the spirit of exploration and created advocates for the legacy we care for.



You have helped us to
**ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE
TO STEP OUT OF THEIR
comfort
zone**

Connect with
**diverse
communities**

Engage
4,930
young people directly
through programmes

Develop
**‘Explorer
Mindsets’**





Inspiring Explorers Daniel Bornstein and Louise Piggin return *The Count of Monte-Cristo* to Scott's *Discovery* hut at Hut Point. © AHT/Anna Clare

Supporters like you are connecting young explorers with the legacy they will help to protect in the future

"The Inspiring Explorers™ certainly lived up to their name. Everyone on board witnessed the dedication and passion of the next generation of custodians and ambassadors, and agreed the future of the Ross Sea is in good hands."

AARON RUSS
HERITAGE EXPEDITIONS COMMERCIAL
DIRECTOR AND EXPEDITION LEADER

In January 2025, the Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ to the Ross Sea region took eight young people to visit the bases of Antarctica's legendary early explorers. Marking the programme's tenth anniversary, the group explored all four heroic-era huts the Trust cares for, connecting with the history that took place there and learning about the work to save and safeguard them into the future.

The team's connection to our mission deepened by helping to conserve and return a historic artefact to Antarctica, a well-worn copy of *The Count of Monte-Cristo*. After carefully conserving the book in New Zealand, the young explorers were almost thwarted by thick sea ice on their quest to deliver it back to its original home at Scott's *Discovery* hut.

The opportunity to contribute to conservation work created passionate advocates for the remarkable cultural heritage we care for.



Your Support Inspired Kitona

Inspiring Explorer Kitona 'Billy' Pelasio's journey to the Ross Sea not only opened his eyes to one the most remote places on Earth, but also to a future full of new possibilities. A secondary school student from our partner school Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate in South Auckland (NZ) with proud Samoan heritage, Kitona had never seen snow until he set foot on the icy continent. This was one of many firsts for the 17-year-old, who was awe-struck by everything from the incredible wildlife, to witnessing his first iceberg. Visiting the early explorers' historic huts left a deep impression, which Kitona likened to visiting an ancient whare in Samoa. The expedition was a transformative experience, helping Kitona grow from a quiet teen into someone who now speaks confidently to large audiences as he returned from the expedition and stepped straight into a new leadership role as Head Boy at his school.

"As I stepped through the door, I got a nostalgic vibe, like they are still here, not visibly, but you can feel them."

KITONA 'BILLY' PELASIO,
INSPIRING EXPLORER

Inspiring Explorer Kitona 'Billy' Pelasio explores Scott's *Terra Nova* hut at Cape Evans. © AHT/Anna Clare



Alumni outside Ōmaru Hut along the Matemateāonga track as part of the pilot programme. ©AHT/Mike Barber

Fostering a new generation of explorers in their own backyard

In March, you helped pilot a new initiative to ignite curiosity in Antarctic history and exploration, develop practical skills, and experience New Zealand's remote landscapes in partnership with Backcountry Trust and with support from the Department of Conservation. On this programme young people will work together to maintain and improve backcountry huts, learning new skills from mentors, developing teamwork, leadership, and resilience, and sparking curiosity and innovation. The pilot saw Trust alumni spend five days improving two huts in Whanganui National Park in the North Island of New Zealand.

Your Impact on Kelsey

More than three years after surviving the Whakaari/White Island eruption, Kelsey Waghorn rediscovered her confidence and passion for the sea on the 2023 Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ to South Georgia, an experience which changed the trajectory of her life. She can see more lives being changed by this new programme.

“Being inspired by the important conservation work the Trust does in Antarctica, getting young Kiwis into the bush, and bringing teams together to build relationships really was one of a kind. The potential this programme has to instil a sense of achievement, camaraderie, and teamwork is phenomenal. I cannot wait to see it grow wings and take off.”

KELSEY WAGHORN,
INSPIRING EXPLORER



Inspiring Explorer Kelsey Waghorn painting Ōmaru Hut. ©AHT/Mike Barber



Students taking part in the Innovation workshop at the Explorer Conference. © AHT/Brittany Fox

Thank you for inspiring young people to develop their ‘Explorer Mindset’

The first Explorer Conference in Christchurch (NZ) was a powerful one-day event designed to inspire young people to unlock their ‘Explorer Mindset’. Inspiring speakers, including world record breaking sailor Lisa Blair, interactive workshops and a walking tour of Christchurch's Antarctic landmarks challenged 85 secondary students from across the region to step outside their comfort zones and develop skills that will help them overcome life's challenges and drive change in tomorrow's world.



Marian College students Briar Rotherham (left) and Kate O'Halloran (right) with keynote speaker Lisa Blair. © AHT/Brittany Fox

Changing Outlooks

100% of students surveyed after the Explorer Conference believe the ‘Explorer Mindset’ is relevant today.

“In a world that is consistently changing and full of new challenges, having an ‘Explorer Mindset’ helps people stay curious, open-minded and resilient. It encourages us to step out of our comfort zones, ask questions, take risks, and keep learning.”

STUDENT
EXPLORER CONFERENCE

SHARE

You helped us share our work
and the world's greatest
polar exploration stories with
a global audience



"This exhibition is a beautiful resolution
to what has been a two-year journey.
The South Georgia expedition has
changed the fabric of my being. Being
able to share our experiences with
people who may never visit these
remote places and knowing we're
doing justice to the environment we
encountered, makes me feel proud and
privileged."

TEGAN ALLPRESS,
INSPIRING EXPLORER



"I wish it was available at *Discovery* Point Museum for longer, because after I went, I wanted to recommend it to everyone I know."

VR PARTICIPANT IN SCOTLAND



"We've had lots of positive feedback from visitors – especially school groups who wanted to see more experiences like this available, and our elderly population who had never tried VR before."

PROGRAMMER – NZ CURRICULUM, INVERCARGILL CITY LIBRARIES & ARCHIVES TE HAEATA

Left and far left: Students at Christchurch East School (NZ) were the first to explore 'Discovery' hut virtually. © AHT/Anna Clare

Supporters like you made Antarctica accessible through innovative technology

New Zealand Governor-General and Trust Patron-in-Chief Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro launched our fully immersive virtual reality experience of Scott's *Discovery* hut in July 2024.

Since then, your support has enabled the Inspiring Explorers Education™ team to share this cutting-edge technology with young people around Aotearoa New Zealand and globally, to educate, inspire, and transform the way future generations learn about Antarctica's rich cultural heritage.

A partnership with UK Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT) saw Scott's *Discovery* Hut VR tour the United Kingdom alongside the UKAHT's VR experience *A Frozen Night*.

The tour visited schools, Antarctic organisations, and museums including the National Maritime Museum, The Polar Museum - Scott Polar Research Institute, and *Discovery* Point Museum, home to the RRS *Discovery* where international visitors had a very special opportunity to tour Scott's *Discovery* ship, then virtually visit *Discovery* hut.

We were delighted to co-host UKAHT Patron HRH The Princess Royal at a special event showcasing the education programme, and to share it with many of our valued supporters based in the UK.



HRH The Princess Royal meets students taking part in the Trust's education programme at a special event in the UK. © UKAHT/Hester Photo



Students at Impington Village College (UK) use the Trust's AR app. © AHT/Anna Clare

Inspiring Explorers
Education™
programme participants

3,835 YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 30

1,626 PEOPLE OVER 30

2,550

people virtually visited
SCOTT'S DISCOVERY HUT

2,264

people virtually visited
HILLARY'S HUT

4,800

people used our
education content

DIGITALLY



L-R: Inspiring Explorers Tegan Allpress, Charlie Thomas, Rose Lasham, and Peregrin Hyde at the opening of *Into Ocean and Ice*.
© AHT/Anna Clare

You helped alumni reach the world

Inspiring Explorers™ alumni are sharing the legacy we care for with the world through creative and impactful outreach.

Artworks created by four emerging artists who travelled to South Georgia in 2023 featured in a major exhibition *Into Ocean & Ice* at the New Zealand Maritime Museum in Auckland, where their photography, paintings, sculpture and video capture the region's landscape, wildlife and history, connecting South Georgia's role in Antarctic exploration with their own experiences.

The growing network of Inspiring Explorers™ alumni create a deep ripple effect within communities with their outreach, growing knowledge and awareness of the Trust's work.

Making Charlie's dreams reality

Seeing his first ever snow petrel was a defining moment of the South Georgia expedition for wildlife conservator, bird lover, artist, remote island enthusiast, and Inspiring Explorer Charlie Thomas, with the expedition challenging him to think and do things in ways he hadn't before.

"Having our art on the walls of the New Zealand Maritime Museum, a place I've visited for years, feels surreal. The exhibition gives us a platform to share our experiences with thousands of people, inviting them to connect with South Georgia through our work."

CHARLIE THOMAS
INSPIRING EXPLORER



Food product artefacts in the Galley bulkhead inside Scott's *Terra Nova* hut at Cape Evans. © AHT/Anna Clare

Icy Heritage
12,200+ PUBLIC IMAGES
105,600 page views
9,593 users in **138** Countries

Sharing the great polar exploration stories you love across our digital channels

"A teacher in the UK was looking for information on the food eaten during Scott's expedition. *Icy Heritage* enabled us to share images of the food items still in the huts and our education team supplied more resources for their class."

ELLA BECKETT
DIGITAL COLLECTIONS AND
DATA COORDINATOR

Globally, we've shared what has been happening in our Conservation and Inspiring Explorers™ programme work, and the inspiring stories of Antarctica's early explorers, through media, our digital channels, and our newsletter *The Explorer* - keeping supporters like you updated and reaching new audiences.

Digital image collection, *Icy Heritage*, has opened a window into Antarctica's rich cultural heritage and efforts to conserve and protect the iconic sites we care for, connecting heritage enthusiasts, researchers and curious minds worldwide with this important work.

6.1m digital reach **111.75m** earned media reach

Inspiring Explorers™ Outreach

Art exhibition reached
52,875 people



SHORT
FILM

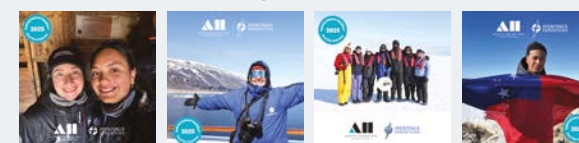
**Across the
Atlantic**
RELEASED

Podcast

series
recorded



Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ ROSS SEA, ANTARCTICA



DIGITAL CAMPAIGN

1.7m reach

244
POSTS REELS
& STORIES

72,000+
engagement

CONSERVE

With your support, the international legacy under the Trust's care is being conserved for the benefit of humanity



“By carefully recording the current state of the site and the location of artefacts, we create a baseline record that will serve as a foundation for future conservation efforts and help us better understand how the site was utilised by early explorers.”

DR EMMA ST PIERRE
ARCHAEOLOGIST

Emma St Pierre drawing stratigraphic sections of excavations of a midden at Scott's Terra Nova hut. © AHT

Exploring below the surface to uncover more of the rich history you are passionate about

Archaeology on Ice

In her first season working in Antarctica, archaeologist Emma St Pierre has helped unearth hidden information about the historic Antarctic sites. At Scott's *Terra Nova* hut at Cape Evans, she unearthed some remarkable finds.

“One of the most remarkable things about excavating at Cape Evans, was the amazing level of preservation of organic materials. I was regularly uncovering cans with food still in them, seeds, wood, burlap, leather and other fabrics, including hand-stitched pieces, paper with print still legible, as well as animal remains including a penguin steak with bone, flesh and feathers still intact. Every turn and scrape of the trowel revealed interesting and unexpected finds.”

DR EMMA ST PIERRE
ARCHAEOLOGIST

Working to international guidelines established by the Antarctic Treaty system, Trust consultants Heritageworks have assisted us to bring archaeological best practice to the sites.

Our team have carried out a critical archaeological assessment at the site of Shackleton's *Nimrod* hut, and an archaeological dig at Scott's *Terra Nova* hut.

This work revealed remarkably well-preserved materials. Our lead Archaeologist Jeremy Moyle worked with Emma St Pierre to fully analyse and document the excavations.

These discoveries deepen understanding of early Antarctic life, and we now have our first digital 3-D maps of the Cape Evans site.



Emma St Pierre excavating at Scott's *Terra Nova* hut.
© AHT/Zack Bennett



Building Conservation Programme Manager Zack Bennett and GM Programmes Johan Bergman, undertaking chimney fitting repair to Shackleton's *Nimrod* hut at Cape Royds. © AHT/Jeremy Moyle

With your help we are protecting priceless cultural heritage now and into the future

Over the 2024-25 season, our conservation team worked at the Ross Island explorer bases of Scott, Shackleton, and Hillary, completing emergency storm damage repairs, planned conservation tasks, data collection for long-running structure and environmental monitoring, and essential maintenance.

Data was also gathered to guide future conservation efforts to protect these sites you care about, including a shoreline survey at Cape Evans and installing a solar powered timelapse camera at Hut Point, to monitor coastal erosion.

At Cape Adare, our team worked with Antarctica New Zealand and the New Zealand Defence Force to support the investigation of historic ordnance. No ordnance was discovered that would put the Trust's conservation teams at risk while working at site and planning continues for conservation work at Cape Adare in future seasons.



“Vince's Cross is on the Hut Point headland close to Scott's *Discovery* hut. The headland is affected by coastal erosion and the rate of loss has been slowly increasing, creating a potential future risk to this historic site. To gather more data, this season we installed a solar powered timelapse camera.”

ZACK BENNETT
BUILDING CONSERVATION PROGRAMME MANAGER

World-leaders in Cold Climate Conservation

Your support ensures the Trust remains a world-leader in cold climate conservation. A comprehensive review of the Conservation Management Plans for each of the five sites in our care continues. The new plans will incorporate evolving international conservation policies and guidelines, proactively identify and mitigate potential risks to the historic sites (including the implications of climate change), and integrate valuable insights gained over the past two decades since the original plans were created.

Conservation of an incredibly rare artefact has been undertaken thanks to your support of our 2024 Annual Appeal. The tent used by Shackleton's Ross Sea Party to lay depots in support of his 1914-17 Imperial Trans-Antarctic *Endurance* Expedition is thought to be the only one left of its kind. The tent has been stabilised while ensuring the hand-made repairs by Shackleton's men remain, alongside other evidence of the tent's use, to help tell the story of the gruelling sledging journeys this tent supported.

Our conservation leadership has been recognised in a research paper in the prestigious *Studies in Conservation* journal, a premier international peer-reviewed publication. Co-authored by our staff and alumni the paper highlights challenges and learnings of the Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project, and critically considers the way the programme has been developed and delivered.

Sharing our knowledge

A long history of partnership with UK Antarctic Heritage Trust sees both organisations share specialist heritage and cold-climate conservation skills on and off-Ice.

This year we supported UKAHT on one of their most ambitious conservation projects to date, preserving the remote and historically significant Blaiklock Island Refuge. Trust Heritage Manager Lizzie Meek led the team, drawing on her expertise to help ensure the fragile structure was stabilised, weathertight and fully assessed.

“The project I led for UKAHT on Blaiklock Island was very successful and highly enjoyable. Our team brought together a collection of skills. We are people who thrive in adversity – specialists doing specialised work and trusting each other to do what we were there to do.”

LIZZIE MEEK
HERITAGE MANAGER

Heritage Manager Lizzie Meek, working inside Blaiklock Refuge.
© UKAHT/Michael Duff



Conservation Highlights



Ross Sea Party Tent
conservation begins

Above: The Ross Sea Party tent erected and ready for conservation work to begin. © AHT



STORM
DAMAGE REPAIRED



ROOF
RIGGING REPAIRED



CONSERVATION
TREATMENTS
ON-ICE



ORDNANCE
CHECKED
at Cape Adare site

Clockwise from above: Zack Bennett repairs rigging on the roof of Shackleton's Hut. © AHT/Johan Bergman. Zack Bennett repairs storm damage at Cape Royds. © AHT/Conor Tulloch. Conor Tulloch treating artefacts at Cape Royds. © AHT/Zack Bennett. Borchgrevink's hut at Cape Adare. © AHT/Nicola Stewart.

SUSTAIN

Thanks to you we sustain and grow the Trust's programmes to make the world a better place, while caring for the people and the planet



"I owe this life-changing experience to the incredible work of the Antarctic Heritage Trust and the generous donors whose support made this trip possible. My heartfelt thanks go to all those who made this journey a reality, from the tireless efforts of the Trust, to the people I met along the way, and my family and friends. Without all of you, this would have remained a distant dream."

NGAWAI CLENDON,
INSPIRING EXPLORER

Inspiring Explorer Ngawai Clendon at Cape Evans.
© AHT/Anna Clare



Antarctic Explorer Member
Leonie Mercer and Inspiring
Explorer Ngawai Clendon.
© AHT/Francesca Eathorne

“Expeditions for young people like Ngawai are so important for enabling them to see how big the world is; to broaden their perspective and to challenge assumptions about their limits.”

LEONIE MERCER
ANTARCTIC EXPLORER MEMBER

You are helping us change lives

A chance conversation between long-time Antarctic Explorer Member Leonie Mercer and 21-year-old Ngawai Clendon in a Wellington restaurant where she worked to support her studies, led to a life-changing experience for Ngawai, and a special bond forming between the two women.

Struck by Ngawai’s warmth and spark, Leonie told her about the Antarctic Heritage Trust and strongly encouraged her to apply for the Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ Ross Sea 2025. “Ngawai had this X-factor,” Leonie recalls. “I knew she was exactly the kind of young explorer the Trust hopes to attract.”

Leonie had previously travelled on the Trust’s South Georgia expedition as an official supporter, and was delighted to see the impact of the programme first-hand. “Expeditions for young people like Ngawai are so important for enabling them to see how big the world is; to broaden their perspective and to challenge assumptions about their limits.”

Ngawai had never heard of the Trust, but knowing she would likely see Leonie again, decided to apply. She couldn’t believe it when she was accepted, but kept the news quiet from her family until just before she left for Antarctica.

After the expedition, Ngawai and Leonie reunited for afternoon tea with Antarctic Heritage Trust Executive Director Francesca Eathorne. “What was special about our catch up is that we are three women of different generations, none of whom thought our lives would take us to Antarctica,” Francesca reflects. “We are now proud to be part of a global network of Antarctic ambassadors who value and want to protect the historic huts the Trust cares for, which can’t be done without long-term supporters like Leonie and the future kaitiaki (guardians) like Ngawai.”



Inspiring Explorer Ngawai Clendon at Scott’s *Terra Nova* hut, Cape Evans.
© AHT/Daniel Bornstein

Meet Ngawai Clendon

Going from the hot springs, geysers and lush forests of her hometown, Rotorua, to the isolated, frozen edge of the world with the Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ to the Ross Sea was an awe-inspiring experience for Ngawai Clendon. Visiting the historic huts, hearing the stories of survival and seeing the amazing wildlife in the vast landscape opened Ngawai to a world of discovery, resilience, and wonder. Ngawai’s selection for the expedition reflects her drive to rise above a challenging upbringing, make something of herself, and inspire others, especially young Māori, to believe in their potential and create a better life. She became the first member of her family to attend university, studying sign language, te reo Māori and education, and is working towards her Certificate as a New Zealand Sign Language translator. Ngawai’s ultimate goal is to become a teacher who supports a diverse range of students, no matter their background or communication needs.

“I felt the pull of something bigger than me, the vast, unexplored unknown. I took the leap, and what I found in Antarctica wasn’t just an icy, remote place on a map—it was something far deeper.

“This journey was about confronting yourself, your limitations, and your innermost thoughts. It was a privilege to witness this pristine land, to step into the footprints of history, and to connect with a place so few will ever truly understand.”

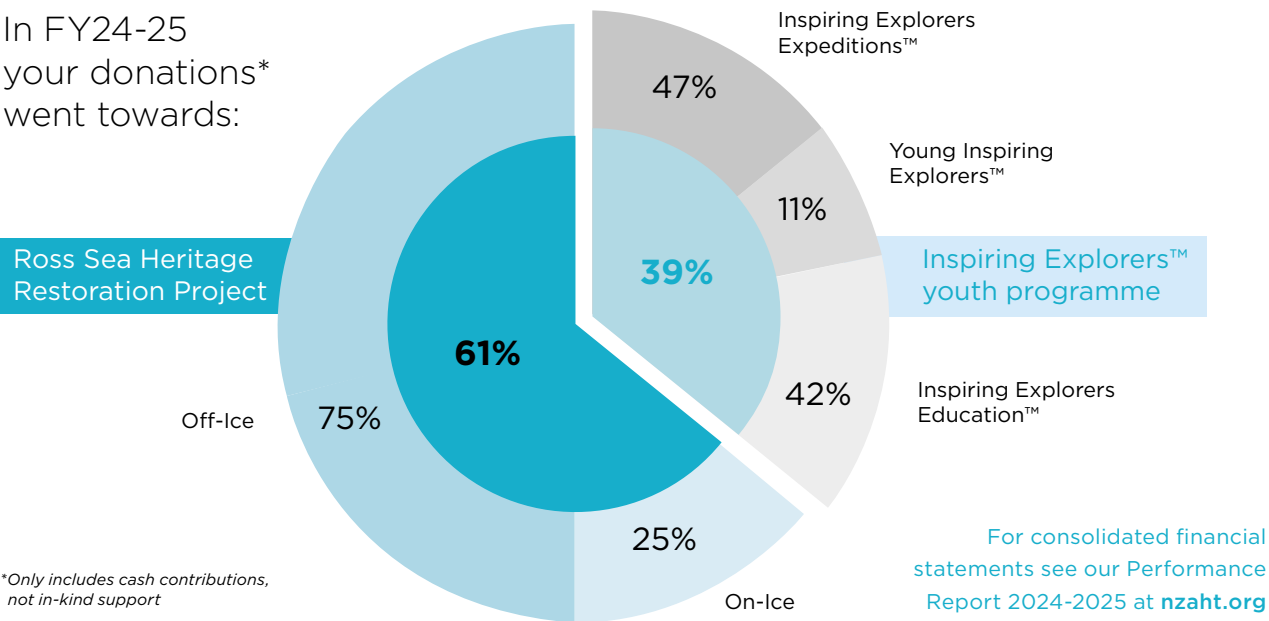
NGAWAI CLENDON
INSPIRING EXPLORER

THANK YOU!

Our supporters like you are making a huge difference. As a registered charity, we can only do this work with help from our donors. From conserving the historic huts in Antarctica to inspiring the next generation of explorers – your donation makes an impact.

Thanks to the New Zealand government this year, 100% of all donations went directly to the programme.

In FY24-25
your donations*
went towards:



Inspiring Explorer Kitona 'Billy' Pelasio holds the Samoan flag in Antarctica. © AHT/Anna Clare



Inspiring Explorer Maia Ingoe sees Mount Erebus, Antarctica. © AHT/Anna Clare

Our Donors are Inspiring the Next Generation of Explorers

With help from our donors like you, we raised just over NZD\$130k to support our future Inspiring Explorers™ programmes during our annual appeal this year. All donations were matched dollar for dollar by anonymous donors, making sure your gift went twice as far.

These donations will enable us to continue our work to engage directly with at least 5,000 young people each year through our programmes and many more through our digital education resources. This includes continuing our Inspiring Explorers Education™ programme, Inspiring Explorers Expeditions™, and Young Inspiring Explorers™ programmes.



NZD \$130k
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