



Exciting new move but funding hole looms large

Kingdom Resources moved to a new home thanks to generous funding from the Rata Foundation.

“Receiving funding from Rata to renovate an old unused building at South West Baptist Church (SWBC) in Spreydon, is giving us a lifeline following the removal of government funding of over \$650,000 per annum 18 months ago,” said David Baines, Kingdom Resources’ Chief Executive.

“We are very thankful to the Rata Foundation and to the team at SWBC, as the move significantly reduces our rent costs. It’s great to go back ‘home’ to where Kingdom Resources was founded 38 years ago especially at a time of financial upheaval,” said David.

Major funders of Kingdom Resources include Christchurch City Council, Rata Foundation and NZ Lotteries.

“For our mahi to continue at the same level, we are in great need of new funding streams. We launched a social enterprise last year to help us become more sustainable, but that will take some time for it to hold its own,” explained David. “Staffing hours are already being reduced which is especially sad when demand for our work is so high.”

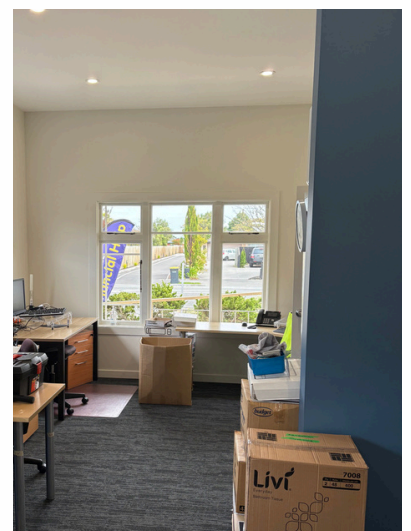
“We’re aiming to raise \$200,000 over the next two years, and even small, regular gifts can make a big difference – for example, 200 supporters donating \$20 a week. All donations are eligible for a tax credit,” said David.

Over a third of budget services’ government funding was cut across New Zealand in 2024. “Paradoxically the government cuts have occurred at a time when client demand is higher than ever. It’s so sad to see some services, like Christchurch Budgeting, having already closed its doors,” continued David. “Ironically, MSD continues to recommend our services, but we don’t receive a cent from them,” he added.

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*Kingdom Resources’
new home at
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Holly - an awesome role model for her children

After 10 years in a relationship and with a young family, Holly found herself alone and in financial stress. From living a comfortable life, she started to struggle to make ends meet, without any financial help from her former partner. Her support worker at Early Start, one of Kingdom Resources' referral partners, recommended she connect with a Kingdom Resources' financial mentor.

"My mentor put me at ease right away and I felt like I wasn't drowning any more. Together we did a budget, and she advocated for me with IRD as they'd overpaid me, and connected me with a therapist," explained Holly.

Lacking in confidence and self-esteem, her mentor recommended Holly start the free confidence, pre-employment course at Kingdom Resources, "Taking the First Step". "I was feeling at rock bottom at that point of my life. I was so nervous on my first day, but decided to put my whole heart into it and it was wonderful," said Holly



She started the course feeling worthless. "I felt embarrassed for my children that they had a mother like me and that they deserved better," she said. The course was pivotal to changing this perception, as the tutor helped the class into a journey of self-discovery, identifying their strengths and passions.

"I came out of the course thinking, wow I can actually do something with my life and I'm not an embarrassment to my children, I'm a good role model." After the course Holly decided to retrain and amazingly managed to juggle four children and gain a Human Resources degree, and has just finished a post-graduate course. Today she is also a guest speaker for the "Taking the First Step" course, inspiring other women to have hope for the future.

**My mentor
helped me to
rebuild my whole
life and save my
home**

Budget Client

**My two financial mentors
have been amazing and
helped me to
change my life**

Budget Client

**I can't believe how
transformational
this course has
been**

Taking the First Step Attendee

Money and Kai Talks



Sharing money-saving tips and tricks and having a budget-friendly meal together is reaping rewards with the cost-of-living so high.

“Everything was useful, and the facilitator was clear and friendly. So good to learn how easy it was to make dough and how best to store food,” said Jane, a recent attendee.

Kingdom Resources’ lifeskills tutor Jacinta has a real passion for sharing her food knowledge and budgeting experience, as well as encouraging others to share their money-saving tips and tricks too.

Sessions have taken place with many other groups in the community including Linwood Baptist Church, Kainga Ora, Avonhead Community Trust and many more. They are fun, friendly, and have the added benefit of bringing people together.

If you know a group who may be interested in hosting an event, please contact us. We’re also looking for sponsors to support this initiative which really makes a difference to people’s lives.



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“You’ve changed my life” is a phrase clients often tell us, which is really humbling, and it’s also the reason why the team at Kingdom Resources’ love their mahi.

Clients often tell us that they are at the end of their tether, and it’s amazing to see how with a little support and encouragement, lives can literally be changed, and hope rediscovered.

There’s lots of ways to support Kingdom Resources’ work in the community to help change lives:

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