

Theatre Royal Nelson Community Group Fund



Top of the South
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Tē Tauiku



Theatre Royal Nelson has established a Community Group Fund with the Top of the South Community Foundation to ensure the Theatre's lights shine for generations to come.

Built in 1878, the Theatre Royal Nelson is the oldest purpose-built operating wooden theatre in Australasia and a Category I Historic Place at the heart of our city.

Behind its beautifully restored Victorian façade sits an intimate 330-seat auditorium, a professional fly tower, and modern staging that make it a sought-after venue for festivals, touring productions, music, dance, and community performance.

Generations have stepped onto this stage, from school children finding their confidence to seasoned artists captivating full houses.

The Theatre Royal Nelson Fund safeguards this historic stage, protects the building that holds so many memories, and ensures the Theatre continues to inspire, nurture talent, and bring our community together long into the future.

A gift to the Fund is a gift to the future - ensuring the curtain continues to rise, the lights continue to glow, and future generations experience the same magic that has filled this space for nearly 150 years.

"Ensuring the Theatre's lights shine for generations to come."



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The Theatre Royal Nelson Fund has been established with the Top of the South Community Foundation to support long-term funding needs. When you donate, your gift is professionally invested by the Foundation, with the income generated going directly to support Nelson's beloved historic Theatre Royal - in perpetuity.

Every gift counts. As the fund grows, so does the impact on Nelson's cultural life.

About Top of the South Community Foundation

The Top of the South Community Foundation exists to strengthen the long-term wellbeing of Te Taihū by ensuring generosity given here continues to serve the community for generations.

We partner with generous donors who want to give back to the place and people they care about most. Every donation is respected, protected, and carried forward with care and integrity.

Community Foundations are local, independent, and not-for-profit - following a well-established model of giving that has grown worldwide for more than 100 years, now present in 18 regions across New Zealand.

How to donate

1. Online visit topsouthfoundation.org.nz and click Donate Now - follow the prompts to give to the Theatre Royal Nelson Fund.
2. Bank Transfer Deposit to account 03-1354-0602011-00, reference your name and TRN (Theatre Royal Nelson). Then email info@topsouthfoundation.org.nz with your name and address so we can send your tax receipt.
3. To discuss your giving in confidence, please speak with Chelsea - details below.

All donations are fully tax deductible, and a tax receipt will be sent following your generous donation.

"Talk to us about how your donation can ensure the curtain continues to rise, the lights continue to glow, and future generations can experience the same magic for years to come."

- Chelsea Routhan

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