

Most of the work and services used so far by the Trust has been carried out by volunteers or donated and we continue to receive ongoing and very welcome support from a number of goodwill contributors and volunteers.

### **Our People**

#### **Patron**

Judge Peter Boshier, Principal Family Court Judge

#### **Trustees**

Alistair Burry (Chairman)

Alister Lawrence (Deputy Chairman)

Rae Ah Chee and Paul La Franchie, senior members of the Rotary Club of Auckland East Inc.

#### **Advisory Board**

The Very Reverend Ross Bay (Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral)

Aidan Bennett (Managing Director - BenefitZ DMA Ltd)

Judge Mick Brown (Retired)

Bill Francis (General Manager, Talk Programming, The Radio Network)

Pauline Gardiner (Experienced Drug Educator)

Detective Inspector Bruce Good, QSM, (NZ Police)

John Graham (former Head Master of Auckland Grammar School and All Black)

Simon Moore (Crown Prosecutor)

Rory MacGillycuddy (CEO, Central Capital Partners Ltd)

Peter Neilson (CEO NZ Business Council for Sustainable Development)

Burton Shipley (Businessman)

Michael Vukcevic (Consultant)

### **Contact Us**

Our website [www.stellartrust.co.nz](http://www.stellartrust.co.nz) has been developed to provide information to the public on the Trust and our projects. You can also purchase the **Pure Indulgence Cook Book** and make donations through this site.

You can contact The Stellar Trust through  
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***The Stellar Trust Inc is a registered charity formed in late 2008 by members of the Rotary Club of Auckland East to help combat one of the most damaging influences on New Zealand society, crystal methamphetamine (P) addiction.***

Early fundraising efforts and the support of other charitable organisations secured sufficient funding to recruit and appoint a full time Chief Executive, Mike Williams. His role is to secure further funding to support the Trust's ambitious goals of introducing nation-wide programmes to combat the pernicious influence of P on our society.

He is supported in this task by our Patron, Judge Peter Boshier, a dedicated Board of Trustees and an Advisory Board featuring many high profile and notable New Zealanders. This Advisory Board, notable for its wide mix of expertise, is also supported by the Trust's volunteer Ambassador, Paul Holmes.

### **The main objectives of the Trust are:**

- Providing education in schools on the harm of the drug.
- Providing education for parents with children potentially exposed to the use of P.
- Providing courses in workplaces for businesses with staff or customers with P problems.
- Working with central and local governments to establish partnerships to tackle the demand for P.
- Raising public awareness of the problem to encourage all levels of society to Rise Above P.

### **The P Issue**

In just 10 years New Zealand has become the country with the highest recorded per capita use of methamphetamine ("P") in the world. We have the unenviable record of surpassing, in just a decade, a level of use that took 30 years to reach in the United States.

There has never been another drug that is as addictive as crystal methamphetamine with P now recognised as the world's worst drug problem – worse than heroin and cocaine combined.

### **In New Zealand:**

- About 60% of High Court cases involve meth

manufacture or dealing.

- The average P user will commit around \$24,000 of crime every six months while a frequent P user requires around \$2,000 per day to support their habit.
- Absenteeism and theft by addicts is thought to cost \$47,500 per addict in lost productivity.
- 34% of all meth labs found in New Zealand had children living in them with up to 90% of those children testing test positive for toxic levels of chemicals.
- 1600 meth labs have been dismantled by New Zealand police
- In 2006 the social costs of P addiction was calculated at up to \$550 million.
- Customs estimate they intercept 10-20% of imports while in the past four years they have seized enough pseudoephedrine to make more than \$500 million of the drug

### **Turning the Tide Against P**

The Trust is now conducting a series of Pilot Programmes – using available expertise – to take into schools and the community. The aim is to assess these programmes before launching them nationally.

The Trust will remain politically neutral but will engage with Government and the relevant ministries in an effort to influence policy to achieve our goal to turn the tide against this vicious drug.

### **Fundraising**

The Trust has set very ambitious fund raising goals and our aim is for a net target of 90% of funds raised to go to our various programmes. Our funding will be fully audited and available for scrutiny at the appropriate time.