

# Mission Adventure Trust

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The strengthening breeze stole Mike's words away but the message was still clear; there are some things in life that just have to be experienced! The ship barrelled down the Rangitoto Channel under full sail on a warm Sunday afternoon. We were aboard the famous Soren Larsen at the invitation of the Floating Classroom Trust. Mike was explaining to the school principals, head teachers, and many others, the work ahead of us in getting the sense of adventure back into their children in safe, fun, and exciting ways on the water. He should know, Mike and Dee Pignegy had been doing this stuff for nearly 20 years.

Mission Adventure Trust will be working alongside The Floating Classroom Trust, along with others, to invest in the youth of New Zealand.

We at Mission Adventure Trust are sure of the success of our endeavours and the ongoing income through taking school kids out as part of their education outside the classroom curriculum. We have taken the bold initiative of not only accepting donations (which are by far the very best monetary investment in our view) but also accepting private loans.

This is a new approach to fund-raising for work carried out by Mission Adventure Trust. It allows interested parties, who are in the position of being able to loan rather than just donate funds, to be fully involved in the project. It's the bridge we are building now that is the critical element.

Once Maggie has been paid for completely, we will work through the process of having her go into survey. This means we can legally have paying passengers aboard. Once in survey, we will be available for charter by the Floating Classroom Trust for school children and other organisations. At that stage we will be running a 'not-for-profit' business which will focus the returns on paying back the private loans.

Because of windows in our work schedule the Trustees are able to get together to spend time in prayer and strategy for the next move. One such day resulted in Doug and me meeting with key people in the Spirit of Adventure Trust, running the big black sailing training ship in New Zealand. We found incredible favour throughout the meeting. They are so supportive and making helpful and valuable offers to us, underpinned by a genuine desire for us to succeed. Immediately after that meeting we had a similar one with people in the Maritime Museum on the waterfront in downtown Auckland city.

This has been a month of surging ahead in the promise of things to come. The website is up and going thanks to many hours of resolute tenacity and determined focus from Jenny van der Mespel. Check out [www.mission-adventure.org.nz](http://www.mission-adventure.org.nz) Money has continued to come in from sometimes unknown and surprising sources. Just in the last few weeks MAT has received \$338 in cash, a \$1000 cheque and another \$100 in cash, then another \$50 in cash. Thank you for your help. Please check the website (how can we be involved?) or contact us for more information on funding options.

We have been told 'the industry is screaming out for people like you'. There is a serious shortage of suitable ships. This gives us the privilege of impacting the children and industry with a very different world view. This is an exciting venture with long term positive impact for the Country and the world.

We look forward to having you on board to help Mission Adventure Trust to bring

- **'I can do this'** – I can overcome my fears, learn who I am, and be part of a great team.
- **Adventure is Fun** – Life is for learning. There maybe discomfort, but it's worth the risk.
- **Encounter moments** – islands, sea sunsets, dolphins, whales, and life's surprises

**Next month:** Sail training begins

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