



# RAINBOW DINNER & AUCTION WITH HELEN CLARK

Sunday 9 September 2018

Rainbow New Zealand Charitable Trust, Aotearoa's longest running LGBTI+ charity, is delighted to announce details of its dinner and auction fundraiser on Sunday 9th September at the Cordis Hotel in Auckland.

Building on almost 20 years of fundraising tradition, the evening of fine dining, entertainment and auction will feature internationally renowned guest speaker, Helen Clark, the 37th Prime Minister of New Zealand and former Head of the United Nations Development Programme.

The fundraiser will host up to 500 opinion leaders and supporters from the community, business sector and political arena.

Tickets are available from [www.rainbownzcharitabletrust.org.nz](http://www.rainbownzcharitabletrust.org.nz)

This is the first fundraising event the Trust has held since the GABA Charitable Trust became the Rainbow New Zealand Charitable Trust taking on a national purpose beyond Auckland.

"We are extremely delighted to have a guest of Helen Clark's calibre and profile, and are proud to call her a friend", says Trust Chair, Gresham Bradley.

Gresham comments that while NZ is a world leader in LGBTI+ rights, there was still much work to be done and raising much-needed funds for distribution to the community is Rainbow NZ Trust's purpose. Since its founding, the Trust has donated over \$300,000 to fund a broad range of LGBTIQ+ community organisations, projects and initiatives.

## GUEST SPEAKER HELEN CLARK

Helen Clark is a long time supporter of the LGBTI+ community. As the Head of the United Nations Development Programme she addressed the 2016 Rainbow Auckland fund-raiser live by Skype to loud appreciation from the hundreds in attendance at the SkyCity venue.

In 2000, then Prime Minister Helen Clark stood up for the LGBTI+ community during changes to include same-sex relationships in the Matrimonial Property Act. Then in 2002 she issued an apology to the LGBTI+ community on behalf of the Government for many years of discrimination.

More recently as Head of the United Nations Development Programme Helen spoke on International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia, stating that UNDP supported initiatives to promote understanding of the negative impact of homophobia and transphobia, and to reducing human rights violations.

## VIP Function with Helen

A strictly limited number of guests will have the opportunity to meet Helen Clark in person at this exclusive event. Beverages and canapes will be served. This private function will take place in the Grey's Room (set in standing cocktail style) from 5:30pm to 6:30pm prior to the event start at 7:00pm.

## RAINBOW NEW ZEALAND CHARITABLE TRUST

### Background:

'The Rainbow New Zealand Charitable Trust' has a long history of giving back to the LGBTIQ community. Since its founding, the Trust has donated over \$300,000 to fund a broad range of LGBTIQ organisations, individuals, projects and initiatives.

The Trust formally changed its name in January, 2018, becoming the 'Rainbow New Zealand Charitable Trust'. The new name adopts the now universally understood term "Rainbow" as reflecting the LGBTIQ communities, better communicates the national purpose of the Trust, and more closely aligns the Trust's name with 'Rainbow Auckland' (formerly GABA), 'Rainbow Tick' and the many other "Rainbow" organisations in New Zealand. [www.rainbownzcharitabletrust.org.nz](http://www.rainbownzcharitabletrust.org.nz)

For more information about the 'Rainbow Dinner & Auction with Helen Clark' and the Trust's ongoing activities please contact:

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