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| **Final report template for Community Projects and Internet Research - to be sent to nicole@internetnz.net.nz on the date specified in your contract** | |
| Grant reference number: | PR201500001 |
| Name of recipient | Simon Howard |
| Name of organisation *(if applicable)* | Kiwicon Heavy Industries Ltd |
| Title of project/research | **Kiwicon 9 (2015)** |
| Amount of funding received | *$20,000* |
| Budget details | *List a breakdown of any expenditure to date and compare it with your expected expenditure*<br><br>The attached spreadsheet contains the costs for running the conference. The surplus in the account at the end of the conference has gone towards the 1<sup>st</sup> venue down payment for Kiwicon 10 ($8,459.69)<br><br>Kiwicon9_Costs.pdf<br><br>*Have you achieved what you expected to achieved and with this spend? (If "No", please provide more details)*<br><br>We believe we ran a very successful conference and attendees loved the event. Feedback was great and the city was abuzz with Kiwicon attendees enjoying themselves.<br><br>*Please account for any areas of overspend or underspend.*<br><br>Underspend was due to higher than anticipated ticket sales and additional sponsorship provided at the last moment. |
| Project/research approach and methods | *How did you undertake this project, what were your strategies and timelines?* |

| | As soon as Kiwicon ends, planning for the next Kiwicon starts. Having run this event for 9 years now it is a fairly well-oiled machine. Each element of the project (venue, merchandise, artwork, entertainment) has different timelines but through regular communication via our dedicated IRC channel and in-person meetings we were able to pull it all together. |
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| | The core Kiwicon team is split into different responsibilities:<br><ul><li>Simon – Venue, Training, Financials, Sponsorship, Swag</li><li>Adam – Look & Feel, Artwork, MC, Merchandise</li><li>Chris – Logistics, Volunteers</li><li>Mike – Events / Speaker Handler</li><li>Joh – High-Rollers, Look & Feel, Theming</li><li>Matt – Audio / Visual</li><li>Sefton – Audio / Visual / Stage Management</li></ul> |
| Summary of project/research outcomes | *Did you achieve what you set out to and how did it go?*<br><br>We delivered a world-class event to almost 1500 people. The event was a huge success and ran with very minimal issues. Our objective of entertaining and educating our audience was achieved. |
| Achievements | *Please outline your positive outcomes*<br><br>As with previous years there was huge support and feedback from the community.<br><br>We believe the conference itself contributes significantly to not only the local economy but to the information security education for a vast majority of New Zealanders.<br><br>Our conference is diverse with a good cross-section of speakers and attendees from different races and genders. People feel safe when attending the conference which is extremely important to us. Our code-of- |

| | conduct has been used by multiple organisations as an example of what to do. |
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| | The director of the GCSB was also a speaker, which was a major achievement for the team, showing that they message we deliver is relevant to New Zealand. |
| Difficulties | *Please outline any difficulties you had and how you managed them* |
| | No major difficulties were experienced this year. We had some speaker scheduling issues which were easily resolved. Our badges were also late arriving but we managed to get them delivered and assembled in time by calling in some favours. |
| | We did not have to eject anyone from the conference for violation of our code of conduct as we had with previous years which led to significantly lower stress levels for the team. |
| Findings/learnings | *What were your major take away points or discoveries in doing this work?* |
| | Having run the conference for 9 years now we feel that it is a fairly well-oiled machine. However we are always continually learning new ways to do things, steamline our processes and make the event better. |
| Do you anticipate their being anything media-worthy in your project/research* | *Any outstanding discoveries, good-news stories or unique work (in your opinion?) *Please note we may use this information in a media release.* |
| | A number of the presentations that were delivered during the conference were picked up by media outlets http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/12/11/hundreds_of_thousands_of_engine_immobilers_hackable_over_the_net/ http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/12/10/american_hacker_duo_throws_pwns_on_iot_bbqs_grills_open_admin/ http://www.itnews.com.au/news/australias-infosec-students-prepare-for-cyber-battle-408850 |

| | http://www.theregister.co.uk/2016/01/15/kiwi_hackers_crack_crap_algo_showcase_40caliter_diy_fuel_discounts/ |
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| | We don't explicitly covet media coverage, however there are a number of trusted journalists we invite to cover stories of interest to the general public. |