

About three weeks ago there was an article in Stuff about a huge amount of money held by IRD that was owed to thousands of people and organisations by various banks, businesses and government departments. I only looked at it to see if my mother's name was on the list because although she died in 2020 the solicitor for her estate was fairly incompetent. Sure enough ANZ owed her estate over \$500.

If you type in on Google IRD money owed to people it comes up with IRDs site with a searchable database and instructions of how to make a claim. There are a staggering number of people and organisations that are owed money, mostly from banks. The money has nothing to do with tax, IRD are just required to hold it for 20 years and then if it remains unclaimed it passes to the governments consolidated fund. Many of the amounts go back to the 1990s.

Under Mapua are the following

- 1) Mapua Amateur Athletic Club \$158.66 by ANZ
- 2) Mapua Residents Trust owed \$188.03 by ANZ
- 3) Mapua Table Tennis Club \$285.50
- 4) Mapua Volunteer Fire Brigade \$153.99 by the Bonus Bonds Trust
- 5) Mapua Waterski Club \$161.50 owed by ASB.

With the exception of the Mapua Volunteer Firebrigade all the other organisations appear to no longer exist. To obtain the money from those bank accounts it will require the signatures of at least two trustees and the last bank statement for that account. If the trustees can be found if one of them visits a branch of the bank holding the account they should be able to get a statement from the bank about the trustees and a copy of the last bank statement. Once that is obtained then one of the trustees would need to follow the instructions on the IRD site for obtaining the money. I am uncertain what to do about claiming bonus bonds if the certificate is still not around, perhaps IRD would be able to give some advice.

Can you please put the above information on your Facebook page or read it out at your meeting or publicise it any way you think is appropriate. IRD is currently holding \$165 million of unclaimed money. I suggest everyone look at the site for their name, those of family members and friends.

Sue Thomas