

## Report to the Board of

### The Little River / Wairewa Community Trust

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The Trust has been busy this year. The Canterbury earthquakes and the Trusts representation on the flooding of Little River in 2013 and 2014 have contributed in many ways to the activities of the Trust today.

The Little River / Wairewa Community Trust has evolved into a reliable, professional, dynamic and resilient organisation. At the commencement of the year the Trustees decided to continue to support a considerable series of events to strengthen community resilience. Previously a part time paid secretary / coordinator had been engaged to assist the Trustees with the increasing workload. The success of this decision can be seen from the presentation running in the background. That position has also permitted a start in developing systems that will better manage the day to day running of the Trust. The trust activities this year have been many and varied;

Eighteen months ago the Trust engaged Dr Suzanne Vallance to produce a scoping document in terms of the expectations and wishes of the community. When completed this document stimulated the creation of the Working Party in 2015 through the Akaroa Wairewa Community Board. The results were publicly presented in October of 2016 this year for the first time at the very successful Little River Community Breakfast run by members of this Trust. This was an example of the way in which the Trust works so cooperatively and positively with other community organisations.

During the year the Trust has assisted The Living Streams Nursery in resolving the water supply issue thus making the Nursery's future more certain. Living Streams is now able to move forward and evolve into an independent and self sustaining entity which bodes well for the future. The Trust has, too, supported the Love Little River campaign for improved safety on SH75 through Little River.

Members of the community were interested in an after school care programme. Therefore the Trust applied for and gained funding to engage the 180 degrees group from the university to conduct a full feasibility study into a pre and after school student care programme in Little River. (O.S.C.A.R.). That definitive study has been completed. Copies of the document are available for public scrutiny in the local Library as posted on the Trust website.

Additionally the Trust responded to community and input applied for and received funding to address the matter of Carpooling. The same university group were engaged to define the alternatives available to us. This issue is complex but links strongly with the Trusts Deed in terms of our environmental stewardship. The completed document has been tabled and has been treated similarly to the O.S.C.A.R result.

To justify the expenditure, time and work that went into these documents it is essential that those who have the interest in the community will within the next few months have commenced working on models of these programmes. This will then have benefited the community as intended.

The Trust is already aware of other programmes that will need its attention and support in the near future. One is the Wasp control programme which is in the development stage at the moment by other organisations. We hope to be able to play our part in this.

The Trust has had representation at some forty seven meetings this year apart from internal meetings and deliberations. It has also been represented at a number of development programmes which have resulted in positive outcomes both practically and administratively.

The Trust was instrumental in assisting with the Mutual Ground Ceremony at Birdlings Flat. There after the Trust organised the signing of the building contract for Te Whare Tupere o te Mata Hapuku which was completed in June of this year at the Wairewa Marae with the cooperation of the Rununga. This action was the culmination of a series of more than twelve meetings that have been necessary to underpin the success of this build. The build has commenced on schedule and all being well will be completed in the first quarter of the New Year. The Trust is responsible for the management of Te Mata when completed for the next two years when responsibility for this will be handed over to the Birdlings Flat Community.

The Trust has been involved with 18 events this year. On its own the Trust has itself proposed and run twelve of these. Each one required the full documentation of a project brief, review and evaluation. A considerable amount of time is required to do this which has to be available for audit purposes. But, the Trust has collectively managed it all. Such community spirit and leadership is the mark of a cohesive and caring Board and Trust membership.

In the presentation you will not the words "The Future Awaits Us". The Trust has grown to meet a future that we could not have envisaged 3 or even 2 years ago. The Trust has been able to do this because of the support that has been received so freely from four key groups. The Christchurch City Council, the Community Advisors, the Rununga and the past Akaroa / Wairewa Community Board and its members. The Trust acknowledges their contribution in terms of time, local knowledge and professional guidance so freely given. We look forward to a continued open dialogue with both the Council and with the new Banks Peninsula Community Board as well as to an enduring relationship with the local Runanga.

As we step forward into the future so it becomes ever more important for the Trust to be able to meet the growing requirements of Public Accountability and transparency in all that we do. This is not easy since we are navigating in an ever changing administrative landscape. As new legislation is enacted we are informed after the event and required to respond. Promptly!

Our responsibility to meet these requirements has required the creation of a number of documents which the Trust had not previously held. Interleaved with the meetings

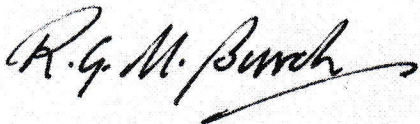


events and projects the Trust has now generated its own VCA document requested in February this year. In March it also generated the framework for a business plan for future use. The requirement for Tier 3 and 4 accounting of funds was notified in early June, followed by an audit request in that reached us in late September from Internal Affairs. The Trusts past decision to ensure that our accounts were fully audited together with the generation of other documentation was a lynchpin to our being able to reply effectively.

The Trust accounts have received thorough and careful stewardship from our Treasurer again this year. The Bank Balance of Public Monies held by this Trust has grown by a factor of ten as you will learn shortly.

The professional and supportive Board have been able to achieve many effective and positive outcomes this year. There is no such thing as a setback, only a challenge.

Finally we welcome our new Trust Secretary / Coordinator Barb Gaeth who was engaged in mid October. The year has been busy, the year has been demanding and enjoyable and the Trust has achieved remarkable success,  
Kia kaha, "The Future Awaits Us."

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R.G.M. Burch" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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