



ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

I have great pleasure in presenting the fifth annual report for the Porirua Harbour Trust.

Introduction

The Porirua Harbour and Catchment Community Trust (marketed as Porirua Harbour Trust) was formally established on the 11th March 2011 and has now been in existence for five years.

The need for a Trust that covered both arms of the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour was first identified in the Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust (PICT)'s Action Plan. The Porirua Harbour Advisory Group founded PICT in 2000 to ensure strong community, local government and Iwi input into working to improve the state of Pauatahanui Inlet. Significant work was then carried out by Porirua City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Wellington City Council and Ngati Toa Rangatira as the parties recognised the value of having an independent advocate group to focus on both Onepoto and Pauatahanui arms of Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour. The result was the establishment of the Porirua Harbour and Catchment Community Trust in 2011 with a role that is also recognised in the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategic and Detailed Action Plan adopted by 15 agencies in 2011 and reconfirmed in 2015.

The work of the Trust covers the catchments and the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour comprising the Onepoto Arm, the Pauatahanui Inlet and the outer harbour.

The objectives of the Trust are to promote the sustainable management of the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and its catchment by:

- (a) Advocating for the sustainable management of the harbour and its catchment;
- (b) Fostering the understanding of ecological and environmental issues associated with the harbour and its catchment through education and community awareness;
- (c) Coordinating input from community groups on issues relating to the harbour and its catchment;
- (d) Supporting, promoting and contributing to programmes and projects aimed at improvements to the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and its catchment, where appropriate;
- (e) Engaging in any other activities and processes that are complementary to any of the forgoing objectives.

Trust Activities

The Trust in its first five years has made considerable progress within its objectives and has completed all of the actions in its first three year action plan and is now on its second three year plan.

The key accomplishments during the 2015/16 year are:

- Our flagship education resource is being used in thirty seven of the fifty one schools throughout the catchment, an amazing achievement since its launch in November 2014. Several teacher workshops have been run this year by our Education Coordinator and these have been well attended by teachers across the catchment.
- Winner of the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards, Heritage and Environment Category for Porirua City as a result of our education programme and the Maota I le Talafatai – Home to Harbour documentary.
- We released in February the third annual “State of the Harbour” scorecard on progress towards a healthy harbour. This report showed a slight overall improvement in the state of the harbour but with much work still to be done.
- We have continued to provide information on our website and facebook page on events in the catchment.
- We had a stall as part of “Festival of the Elements” manned by trustees, to increase awareness of the catchment and harbour issues. This will be repeated again in 2017.
- We continue to receive funding support from the Philipp Family Foundation Charitable Trust for the education programme and our education coordinator.
- We provided input on:
 - Transmission Gully mitigation for the harbour
 - Estuary Restoration projects
 - Re-vegetation plan for the Porirua Stream
 - Council Annual Plans and Long Term Plans

The reports, education programme and our Outcome Plan are available on our website.

The Year Ahead

In the year ahead our concentration will be on:

- Providing input into the Greater Wellington Regional Council Natural Resources plan for the catchment.
- Continued expansion of our education resource for schools in the catchment and supporting teachers in using the resource in their school so that awareness of the catchments and harbour are increased.

- Preparation of the first student art project and presentation on the harbor to be held in term 4 along with a puppet show which will be available to schools.
- Carrying out the fourth harbour scorecard and announcing these results.
- Ongoing engagement with the Transmission Gully project team.
- Continuing to work with the three councils on plans to do with the catchment and harbour including, restoration, re-vegetation and water planning.
- Engaging with our community through our website and social media on activities and events in the catchment and harbour.

Financial Results

The Trust has a policy of seeking funding for our major projects through grants. During the year we have continued to fund our Education programme with support from grants and the Philipp Family Foundation. The financial report shows a loss for the year but also shows that grant funding available from previous years has been used for ongoing support to our projects.

Management of the Trust

The Trust continues to receive significant support from officers in Porirua City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Wellington City Councils.

Trustees

The Trust currently has four Nominated Trustees, nine appointed trustees and two Advisory trustees.

Nominated Trustees

Sharli-Jo Solomon, representing Te Runanga O Toa Rangitira Incorporated
 Bronwyn Kropp, representing the Porirua City Council
 Jenny Brash, representing the Greater Wellington Regional Council and
 Malcolm Sparrow, representing Wellington City Council

Appointed Trustees

Grant Baker, Yvonne Carroll, Daryl Hayes, Lindsay Gow, Mark Neeson, Larissa Toelupe.
 Tendai Nyamdela, Donna Sherlock and Peter Gilbert were appointed during the year.

Advisory Trustees

Christine Stanley representing the rural sector.
 Peter Sherwin providing financial management support.

Departing Trustees

During the last year Trustees, John Wells and Adi Sutherland have resigned and I wish to express my thanks for their contribution while on the Trust.

Special thanks to John Wells who was one of the original founding trustees who has provided invaluable input into the trust over the five years.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the invaluable work carried out by the Keith Calder with assistance from Tim Porteous (Greater Wellington) and Nicci Wood (Wellington City) in working with the Trust over the last year. I note that Nicci has now been replaced with Myfanwy Emeny and we look forward to her involvement with the Trust.

Special thanks go to the Philipp Family Foundation for the generous sponsorship of the education programme over the next few years. The regular contact that Rebecca has with the Philipp Family Foundation and especially Robin Philipp and Peter Sherwin has assisted tremendously in furthering our education programme during the past year. I trust that they will continue to be a long term partner with the trust

I also want to acknowledge the work of the team of Lindsay Gow, John McKoy and Clive Anstey who carry out the annual review of the "State of the Harbour" annual scorecard.

Finally a big thank you to all trustees who have volunteered to be involved with the trust, especially our treasurer Daryl Hayes without whom information to the trust would not be complete.



Grant Baker
Chairperson
September 2016.