



ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

I have great pleasure in presenting the fourth 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 four years.

The need for a Trust that covered both arms of the 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 to focus on both Onepoto and Pauatahanui arms of Porirua Harbour. The result was the establishment of Porirua Harbour and Catchment Community Trust in 2011 with a role that is also recognised in the Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategic and Detailed Action Plan adopted by 15 agencies (including the above) in 2011.

The work of the Trust covers the catchments and the 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 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 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 four years has made considerable progress within its objectives and has completed all of the actions in its first three year action plan.

The key accomplishments during the 2014/15 year are:

- Released in February the second annual “State of the Harbour” scorecard on progress towards a healthy harbour.
- Produced a documentary on Porirua Harbour along the lines of the “*Living Waters DVD’s*” in the Samoan language and released over 500 DVD’s to schools, community groups and families in the catchment. The documentary is on the PHT website and is used as part of our education programme.
- Our flagship education resource is being used in schools throughout the catchment, and since its launch in November 2014 twenty six schools in the catchment are engaged with the resource.
- Produced a map of the catchment which can be used as a digital resource, as well as displayed on classroom walls.
- Secured long term funding support from the Philipp Family Foundation Charitable Trust the education programme and our education coordinator.
- Participated in the Sustainable Coastlines – Love Your Coast month during November with various schools throughout the catchment.
- 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
- Established an Outcomes plan for the next three years of the trust as a guiding document for our focus.

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 feedback on the review of the Porirua Harbour Strategy.
- 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.
- Carrying out the third 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 completed and implemented the Education programme with support from grants received in previous years and with ongoing support from the Philipp Family Foundation. We have also raised funds to cover the costs of the Samoan documentary. The financial report shows a loss for the year but also shows that grant funding available from previous years has been used for the completion of the 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, ten appointed trustees and one Advisory trustees.

Nominated Trustees

Reina Solomon, representing Te Runanga O Toa Rangitira Incorporated
Bronwyn Kropp, representing the Porirua City Council from August 2015
(Ana Coffey through to July 2015)
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, John Morrison, Peter Sherwin, Larissa Toelupe and John Wells.
Adi Sutherland and Mark Neeson were appointed at the start of June 2015.

Advisory Trustees

Christine Stanley representing the rural sector.

Departing Trustees

During the last year the following Trustees have resigned and I wish to express my thanks for their contribution while on the Trust. Wendy Barry, Mark Nicholas and John Morrison.

Special thanks to Wendy Barry who was the driver and developer of the education resource which is our showcase programme for the trust and to John Morrison one of the original founding trustees who has provided invaluable input into the trust over the five years.

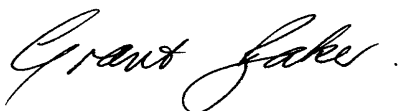
Acknowledgements

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.

Thanks go to the Philipp Family Foundation for the generous sponsorship of the education programme over the next few years. I trust that they will 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant Baker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Grant Baker
Chairperson
September 2015.