



## ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

It is with great pleasure that I present the seventh annual report for Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour Trust.

### Introduction

The Porirua Harbour and Catchment Community Trust (marketed as Porirua Harbour Trust) was formally established on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and has now been in existence for seven 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. Significant work was 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 seven years has made considerable progress with its objectives, completing nearly all of the actions in its first two three year action plans. A great achievement for a Trust which is solely dependent on volunteers.

The key accomplishments during the 2017/18 year are:

- Our flagship education resource and delivery of teacher training and support across schools in the catchment continues to be extremely successful. Our resource is being used in forty three 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. One of the highlights from our education programme is the number of children and school groups that provided submissions into the recent PCC Long Term Plan process, all of which were catchment or harbour related.
- Students from six primary schools worked with Pataka, local artists, writers, designers and historians, to create a wonderful journal, which they named 'The Current'. Over 400 copies have been distributed to all the primary schools in the catchment.
- We released in March the fifth 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, especially in the quality of water in our streams and on our swimming beaches and with issues with soft mud particularly in the Pauatahanui Inlet.
- We have continued to provide information on our website and facebook page on events in the catchment.
- For the third year running we had a stall as part of Waitangi Day celebrations manned by trustees, to increase awareness of the catchment and harbour issues.
- We continue to receive valuable 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
  - Council Annual Plans and Long Term Plans
  - Natural Resources Plan
  - GWRC Parks Plan
  - Wellington Water workshops on Porirua Wastewater project

## **The Year Ahead**

In the year ahead our concentration will be on establishing a revised vision for the Trust for the next 5 – 10 years along with a new strategic plan with work focussed around:

- Contributing input into the draft Whaitua committee report for the catchment when it is released.
- Continued support for 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 sixth harbour scorecard and announcing these results.

- Increasing our engagement with community across the catchment on catchment and harbour matters.
- 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 small surplus 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 three Nominated Trustees, seven appointed trustees and three Advisory trustees.

#### **Nominated Trustees**

Anita Baker, representing the Porirua City Council

Jenny Brash, representing the Greater Wellington Regional Council and

Peter Gilberd, representing Wellington City Council

The Ngati Toa Rangatira role is currently vacant.

#### **Appointed Trustees**

Grant Baker, Daryl Hayes, Lindsay Gow, Mark Neeson, Larissa Toelupe, Kylie Wihapi and Ray Baker-Underhill.

#### **Advisory Trustees**

Christine Stanley representing the rural sector.

Donna Sherlock representing the southern catchment.

Peter Sherwin providing financial management support.

#### **Departing Trustees**

During the last year Rex Brady has stepped down from the Trust and I wish to express my thanks for his contribution while on the Trust.

#### **Acknowledgements**

I would like to acknowledge the invaluable work carried out by the Keith Calder with assistance from Tim Porteous (Greater Wellington) and Myfanwy Emeny (Wellington City) in working with the Trust over the last year. I want to especially mention Dr Megan Oliver from Greater

Wellington for her support with the data for the Annual Scorecard Report and for her advice on our analysis of the data.

Special thanks go to the Philipp Family Foundation for their generous sponsorship of the education programme over the last four 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'm pleased to advise that they will be supporting the education programme for at least the next two years.

I also want to acknowledge the work of the team of Lindsay Gow 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 and Lauren James our secretary.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grant Baker".

Grant Baker  
Chairperson  
September 2018.