



ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

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 completed its third full year.

The need for the trust was identified in the initial Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust (PICT) Action Plan in 2000 and significant work was then carried out by Porirua City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Wellington City Council and Ngati Toa Rangatira and the Porirua Harbour Advisory Group which included PICT to ensure that there is strong community, local government and iwi input in working toward improving the state of the Porirua Harbour. As a result the parties recognized the value of having an independent advocate for the Porirua Harbour and its catchment and the Porirua Harbour and Catchment Community Trust was formed.

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 this our third year has:

- Established and released in February the first annual “State of the Harbour” scorecard on progress towards a healthy harbour.

- Developed an education resource and set of tools for schools, accessible from our website, based on the “*Living Waters DVD’s*”.
- With funding support from the Philipp Family Foundation Charitable Trust, established an Education Coordinator to help schools make best use of the education resource.
- Participated in the Sustainable Coastlines – Love Your Coast month during November with various schools throughout the catchment.
- Carried out regular clean-ups of Porirua Harbour and the catchment through summer and mid winter primarily around the Porirua Stream part of the Onepoto Arm of the harbour.
- Commenced the production of a resource in the Samoan language utilising the key messages along the lines of the “*Living Waters DVD’s*” for use with people with Samoan as their first language.
- Provided input on:
 - Transmission Gully mitigation for the harbour
 - Estuary Restoration projects
 - Revegetation plan
 - Council Annual Plans
- Worked on achieving outcomes from our first three year action plan. (see summary below).

Work stream	Big Ideas	Actions for implementation	Progress
Advocacy	1. Identify our priorities issues for advocacy action.	Create an annual “scorecard” showing how well local bodies have delivered on strategy and setting a base for future progress for the catchment and harbour	<p>A panel of PHT trustees and two independents is in place.</p> <p>The base scorecard and five key indicators have been agreed and parameters set.</p> <p>The first “scorecard” was released in February this year.</p>
Communication	2. Create a website that serves as a portal for all community based information about harbour and catchment issues relating to the strategy. It’s also a place where people can find out about the Trust, who we are and what we do.	Lead the web development to conclusion and launch our new website	<p>Our new website uses Porirua Harbour Trust for marketing purposes and can be found at:</p> <p>Poriruaharbourtrust.org.nz</p> <p>The website is regularly updated with news, events, links and reports.</p>

	3. Reach a wide range of stakeholders with information about the Harbour and Catchment with a view to engage them in the strategy and generate interest and participation.	Create a database of interest groups	A database of interested groups is being established and will be in place by year end. We have over 300 regular followers and a reach of over 1500 for our Facebook page.
Education	4. Provide education resources and professional development for schools in the catchment	Use <i>Living Waters</i> as a learning resource, with online tools and lessons with supporting workshops for teachers	The education resource is completed and funding has been gained to run the education programme. The initial workshop and launch will take place by the end of this year with the programme running in earnest next year. A Samoan DVD based on <i>Living Waters</i> is nearing completion.
Facilitation	5. Enable public participation in environmental action by holding regular clean up events, stormwater plaques, planting days	Regular summer clean ups, coinciding with existing initiatives, aiming for catchment wide community involvement and support	Tyres (>200), road cones, plastic and debris removed from the mouth of the Porirua Stream and the shoreline. Our next clean ups are scheduled for 22 November and 6 December 2013
		Drains to stream plaques for Tawa community	200 "ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN" plaques were installed on Tawa storm water sumps by Tawa School and Tawa Rotary
		Participate and promote in catchment and estuarine planting	In discussion with GWRC and PCC

The Year Ahead

In the year ahead our concentration will be on:

- Preparing our next three year plan
- Providing feedback on the review of the Porirua Harbour Strategy.
- Holding the first education resource workshop 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 second harbour scorecard and announcing these results.
- Completing the Living Waters DVD in Samoan specifically for the Samoan community in Porirua and elsewhere.
- Engaging with the successful consortium on Transmission Gully.
- Continuing to work with the three councils on plans to do with the catchment and harbour including, restoration, revegetation and water planning.
- Engaging with our community through our website and social media on activities and events in the catchment and harbour.

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

Ana Coffey, representing the Porirua City Council

Jenny Brash, representing the Greater Wellington Regional Council and

Malcolm Sparrow, representing Wellington City Council from November 2013

(Ngairi Best, through to October 2013)

Appointed Trustees

Grant Baker, Wendy Barry, Daryl Hayes, Lindsay Gow, John Morrison, Peter Sherwin, Larissa Toelupe and John Wells. Yvonne Carroll and Mark Nicholas were appointed at the start of July 2014.

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. George Elkington, James King and Barrie Shute.

Acknowledgements

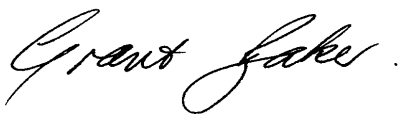
I would like to acknowledge the invaluable work carried out by the Keith Calder with assistance from Tim Porteous (Greater Wellington) and Nicci Wood (Wellington City) in working with the Trust.

A special thanks to Wendy Barry who was the driver and developer of the education resource which is our showcase programme for the trust. I look forward to the contract for the education coordinator being put in place in the coming weeks and to seeing multiple schools utilising the resource and the opportunities that it presents for children in the catchment.

Thanks go to the Philipp Family Foundation for the generous sponsorship of the education programme.

I also want to acknowledge the work of James King and Lindsay Gow in establishing the indicators and parameters for the "State of the Harbour" annual scorecard and for the review team of Lindsay, John McKoy and Clive Anstey who established the baseline scorecard.

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

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

Grant Baker
Chairperson
September 2014.