



ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13

I have great pleasure in presenting the third 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 second 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.

During the first year PHACCT provided significant input into the Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy which was signed off by the three councils and Ngati Toa and endorsed by numerous other agencies and the community including PHACCT in March 2012. This strategy document and the Action Plan are the definitive documents identifying key initiatives to achieve “A healthy catchment, waterways and harbour, enjoyed and valued by the community”.

Trust Activities

The Trust in this our second full year has:

- Established our logo and launched our website (Poriruaharbourtrust.org.nz) so that we can fully participate with other groups involved in work associated with the catchments and Porirua Harbour.
- Carried out regular clean-up of Porirua Harbour and the catchment through summer with initial clean ups in the Onepoto Arm of the harbour.
- Installed 200 fish plates on storm water drains in Tawa in conjunction with Tawa School and Tawa Rotary to raise awareness of storm water and its path to the harbour.
- Developed an education resource and set of tools for teachers, accessible from our website, based on the “*Living Waters DVD’s*” which will be available in the 2014 year.
- Started the discussion on how we intend to engage with the wider community and volunteer groups interested in participating in the programmes to meet the actions in the action plan.
- 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>Work is continuing on identifying key monitoring data and establishing an independent panel to assess the score for the catchment and harbour.</p> <p>The first “scorecard” should be available 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	Our new website uses Porirua Harbour Trust for marketing purposes and can be found at: Poriruaharbourtrust.org.nz The website has been available since mid year.
	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. Facebook is now being used to communicate with volunteers.
Education	4. Provide education resources and professional development for teachers 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 in final draft and workshops are intended to be held for teachers in the catchment in term 4 this year.
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:

- Completing the education resource kit for teachers and rolling it out to schools in the catchment so that awareness of the catchments and harbour are increased.
- Establishing the baseline for the harbour scorecard and announcing these results.
- Completing a 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.
- Engage 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 and from officers in Greater Wellington and Wellington City Councils. During the year our first secretary Seema Singh left and was initially replaced by Julie Richards and then Larissa Toelupe.

Trustees

The Trust has eight Founding Trustees, four of whom are Nominated Trustees, six appointed trustees and two Advisory trustees.

Nominated Trustees

Reina Solomon, representing Te Runanga O Toa Rangitira Incorporated from March 2013

Wiremu Wineera through to March 2013

Ana Coffey, representing the Porirua City Council from March 2013

Liz Kelly through to March 2013

Jenny Brash, representing the Greater Wellington Regional Council and

Ngairi Best, representing Wellington City Council

Founding Trustees

Grant Baker, Lindsay Gow, John Morrison and John Wells

Appointed Trustees

Wendy Barry, Daryl Hayes, George Elkington, James King, Peter Sherwin and Christine Stanley

Advisory Trustees

Barrie Shute representing developers and Larissa Toelupe (secretary).

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.

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.

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Grant Baker
Chairperson
September 2013.