

At a Glance

2016-2017

Annual Report



Community Trust
of Southland

Te Pou Arataki Pounamu o Murihiku



► Message from the Chair



It is an enormous privilege to be a Trustee of the Community Trust of Southland. The responsibility of the position is always at the forefront of every decision made.

We are more than just a funder for the many organisations, teams, individuals and events in our

community but a strategic partner in making Southland and our funding region a thriving place to work and play.

Patience and tenaciousness are words we often hear linked to communities and community organisations and there is no better example of these values than the committee of the Curio Bay Tumu Toka Natural Heritage Centre. A grant of \$800,000 was approved in 2005. The recent blessing of the site and the turning of the first sod was a great occasion. Curio Bay is a wonderful example of a community knowing what their needs were and working hard to get them, the camping ground, waste water plant and now the Heritage Centre are just a few examples of the investments in their community and another example of a thriving Southland.

We are reminded constantly of the people making a difference in our community. Koha Kai is a shining example of this. This organisation, led by Janice Lee works with some of the most vulnerable members of our society and encourages them to contribute in a way many could never have imagined. These amazing people create nutritious, affordable meals for some of our local schools. They utilise the community to teach the participants skills they might never have gained. Koha Kai gives the participants the knowledge and confidence to live their lives to the fullness of their abilities.

Trustees were humbled to join the team at Koha Kai for lunch and were shown first-hand the difference being made to so many lives. The potential of Koha Kai is enormous, the waiting list to join the programme is huge. We have supported Koha Kai with a \$300,000 grant from our

Innovation Fund and look forward to working with them all as they contribute to a thriving Southland.

The trustees continue to be supported by the dedicated staff at the Trust. The calibre of the Trust's staff is reflective of the regard with which the trust is held. They are the face of the Trust and I want to acknowledge their continued hard work.

Our long serving CEO John Prendergast resigned from the trust in June this year. John's service to the trust for nearly 20 years means a lot of institutional knowledge and experience went with him. We thank John for his lengthy service and wish him all the best for his future endeavours.

Denis Woods has been appointed as Interim General Manager until a permanent replacement is made. Denis is well known to the Southland community through his varied business and community roles. His transition into this role has been appreciated by trustees and staff.

Through the support of our financial adviser Guy Fisher at Aon Investments we continue to build the financial strength of our capital base. This provides trustees the confidence for the continued support to the region for generations to come.

I would like to acknowledge all the trustees for having the confidence in me to be your Chair. Your constant support and encouragement has been greatly appreciated in my first few months in the role. Particular thanks to Stephen Bragg for his contribution to the board over the last four years and welcome to our new incoming trustee John Wyeth.

Next year the Community Trust of Southland will celebrate 30 years since its inception. There will be a lot to reflect on and celebrate, with much to look forward to as the trust continues to work hard for all Southlanders, ensuring we all enjoy a thriving Southland.

Margot Hishon, Chair



Margot Hishon
Chair



Lindsay Wright
Deputy Chair



John Wyeth



Mata Cherrington



Penny Simmonds



Richard Wason



Ross Jackson



Stephen O'Connor



Trish Boyle



Warren Skerrett

Funding approved
since established
in 1988:

▶ **\$179**
million

Total
Investments:

▶ **\$219**
million

Investment
return:

▶ **8.7%**

Funding approved 2016-17:

▶ **\$5.5**million

Grants: \$5,430,898 | Scholarships: \$95,500

Funding approved by CTOS pillar:

Education

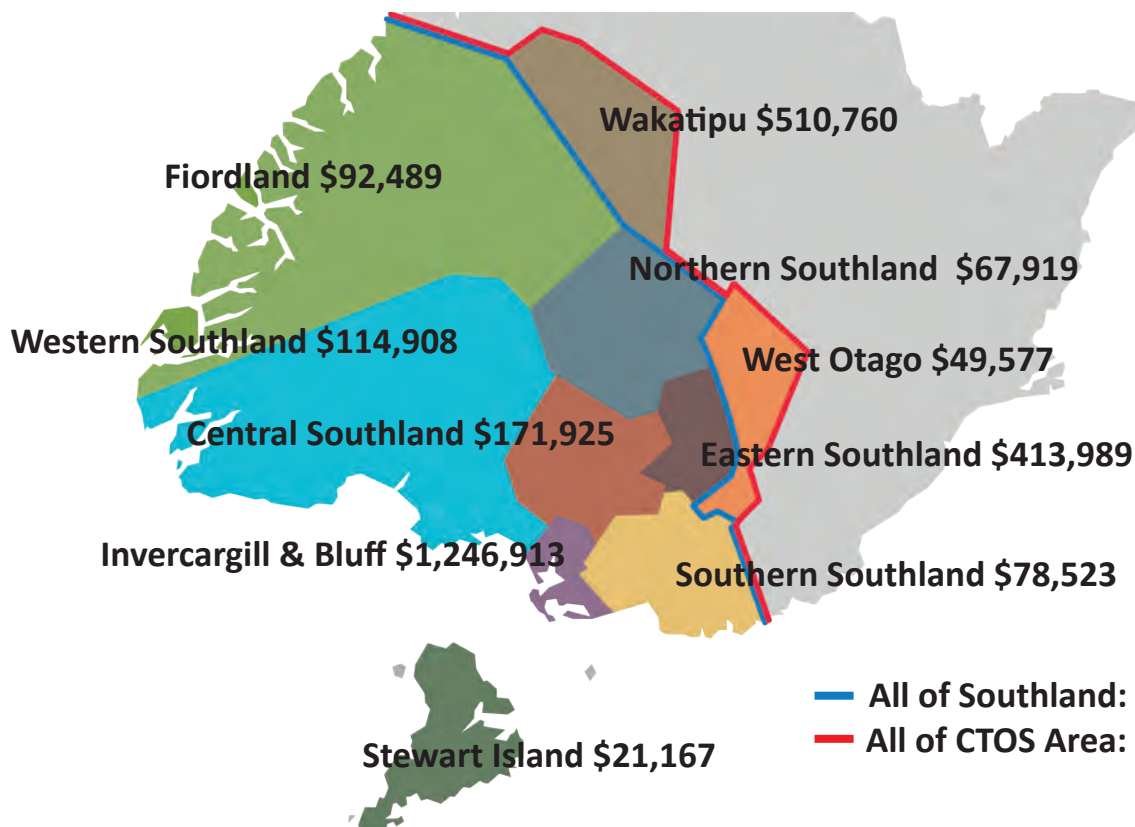
\$1,460,986 (26.4%)

Community
Development and
Community Economic
Development
\$748,944 (13.6%)

Health, Wellbeing and
Active Lifestyle
\$2,805,644 (50.8%)

Arts, Heritage and Culture
\$510,824 (9.2%)

Funding approved by sub region:



► Strategic Plan 2016-2018

- The Community Trust of Southland's strategic plan outlines the direction the Trust takes for investing in our community and forms the basis on which Trustees make their granting decisions.
- Our commitment to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi forms the foundation of the strategic framework and our vision of having 'A Thriving Southland' is underpinned by four strategic pillars, each with a related set of funding priorities.
- Our focus is on People, Partnerships, Participation and Places and we seek to look at new innovative approaches, solutions and ideas that can help to create positive change in the Community Trust of Southland region.



► Arts, Heritage and Culture

Murihiku Maori and Pasifika Cultural Trust

Aligning with CTOS priorities, including:

✓ Celebrating and preserving the cultural diversity of our region, with a focus on; preservation and development of te reo and tikanga, and supporting opportunities for the sharing and expression of all cultures.

The Murihiku Māori and Pasifika Culture Trust aim is to provide opportunities for Māori and Pasifika young people in the community.

The Community Trust of Southland has granted **\$56,000** towards operating costs of the Murihiku Māori and Pasifika Culture Trust. Projects included the Murihiku Polyfest, annual art exhibition and community workshop.

► Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle

Talent Development Southland Charitable Trust

Aligning with CTOS priorities, including:

✓ Supporting elite sport with a focus on; the development of athletes, coaches and officials to excel and reach their potential, and supporting sporting franchises operating within financially viable models.

Talent Development Southland through the Academy Southland programme aims to develop and meet the needs of elite athletes in the region.

Granted **\$90,000** in the 2016-17 year, **\$50,000** of this went towards the Mike Piper Training Centre, a facility available for Southland's athletes to train and receive specialist services in a quality environment. This facility enables collaboration between different sports, bringing together athletes, coaches and providers in a community space - Stadium Southland.

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To get to this point has been a real team effort and the contribution of the Community Trust of Southland, along with a number of other funders and organisations, has been critical to that.

It has been eight months since we began and there is still a buzz of excitement every day we walk into the Mike Piper Training Centre. The days start with banter about the ups and downs of the weekend's games or the stories of successes and failures. It never ceases to amaze me what we can learn from each other and I love watching the athletes, coaches and managers challenging and enjoying each other's company as we all look for what is going to make us better and that next opportunity to give our athletes the best possible chance to perform on the national or international stage - I often smile to myself and think how cool would Mike think this is!

Jason McKenzie, Academy Southland Programme Manager

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A sense of pride and identity has been fostered when young people have been given the opportunity to embrace and be immersed in Māori, Pasifika and their own cultures. The Community Trust has been fundamental in supporting people to preserve their heritage, language, customs and traditions.

Pauline Smith, Trust Coordinator

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Murihiku Polyfest Cultural Festival



Mike Piper Training Centre

► Education

Gore Kids Hub Charitable Trust

Aligning with CTOS priority, including:

✓ Supporting 0-5 year old children in our region to have the best start, with a focus on; engaging and supporting parents to be involved in their child's learning and development, ensuring children are well prepared to succeed by the time they start school, providing support for identified vulnerable/at risk children.

Gore Kids Hub is a collaborative project between the Gore Toy Library, Parents Centre and Play Centre with a shared vision to create a complete Hub for under 5's and their families in Gore.

The charity received **\$51,500** in funding towards the car park, playground and a workshop during 2016-17. This was in addition to a major grant approved the previous year of **\$200,000** towards the construction of the Gore Kids Hub building.

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Each of the volunteer run organisations have really benefited by being under the one roof and naturally working together for their members and other groups within the community. We have now operated successfully for 18 months and are very excited about the possibilities of growing this facility in the future.

We're looking forward to the new public playground about to be installed over the fence and most importantly developing our Toy Library, Parents Centre and Playcentre to their full potential through our amazing volunteers who have more time to invest due to less fundraising!

Bronnie Grant, Gore Kids Hub Co-ordinator

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► Community Economic Development and Community Development

South Invercargill Urban Rejuvenation Charitable Trust (South Alive)

Aligning with CTOS priority, including:

✓ Supporting communities to identify their ideas, assets, capabilities, resources and opportunities with a focus on; community led development approaches, developing volunteers and community leaders.

South Alive is an urban rejuvenation project, led by the community, with the goal of identifying the best possible future for South Invercargill and ways to make it happen. Established in 2012, volunteer action teams have developed and implemented projects with a focus on rejuvenating the South Invercargill community.

We provided a grant of **\$50,000** in 2016-2017 to fund The Pantry, a community centre, retail shop and social enterprise facility. This is in addition to previous support of **\$400,000** towards purchasing and refitting of the building.

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The opening of The Pantry, has created new opportunities for South Alive to positively enhance our community and the lives of its residents. Our adjoining community hub is also currently being constructed. CTOS' generous support of, and genuine belief in, our project has played a prime role in enabling us to take on this exciting new stage in our community-led development.

Robyn Hickman, South Alive Chair

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Gore Kids Hub



South Alive - The Pantry

► Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund was set up in 2016 to encourage transformative change and greater social impact for people and communities in the Community Trust region. This \$1 million fund seeks to support projects that encompass fresh approaches, out of the box projects, creative ideas and new solutions.

Calvary Hospital Southland

Calvary Hospital Southland is a rest home and hospital that provides professional care and support for elderly who are unable to live independently.

Calvary Hospital Southland was granted **\$50,000** from the Innovation Fund in March 2016 to undertake a feasibility study investigating the concept of establishing a dementia village, based on the innovative De Hogeweyk approach for dementia care pioneered in The Netherlands 20 years ago.

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We were thrilled to be one of the first recipients of funding from the new Innovation Fund. This project has hugely exciting possibilities for those living with dementia, for families with loved ones needing care and the wider Southland community.

Jan Dunne, Calvary Hospital Southland Chair

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Calvary Hospital Southland

► Scholarships

The Community Trust of Southland was proud to support five Olympic representatives and an official at the Rio Olympics 2016.

- Genevieve Behrent - Rowing
- Edward Dawkins - Cycling
- Helen Christie - Equestrian official
- Natasha Hansen - Cycling
- Jade Uru - Rowing
- Pieter Bulling - Cycling

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