

Ngā Mahi Āhurangi

Our Climate Action

Recognising that better environmental outcomes benefit all our communities, the Trust is pleased to report on its progress against the Aotearoa Funders Commitment on Climate Action for the 2025 year.

Reflect Te Tiriti o Waitangi and supporting Māori aspirations regarding climate change

The Trust's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi is reflected in the establishment of the Pou Ārahi Māori role, which embodies the principles of partnership, participation, and protection. This role has provided a strong foundation from which to support Māori aspirations regarding climate change. The mātauranga shared through this role has opened meaningful conversations about beginning to embed Māori leadership and knowledge into our climate strategy, strengthening outcomes for the whenua and all the communities the Trust serves.

Foster an equitable transition

Community Trust South's new strategic aspiration places climate and sustainability at its core, underpinned by a commitment to a just and equitable transition. Recognising that climate change disproportionately affects vulnerable communities, the Trust focuses on priority populations to support their lived experiences being reflected in this transition. This approach reflects a commitment to a just, collaborative, and inclusive response to climate change.

Enable Leadership

Over the past year, the Trust deepened its understanding of climate leadership across its communities by updating funding applications to capture climate action data. The results show a growing number of applicants developing climate plans and tracking emissions - a promising sign of increasing leadership and commitment to climate action across our rohe/region.

Commit and share resources

As an active member of the Combined Community Trusts Climate Action Working Group, Community Trust South is committed to resourcing impactful, community-led climate initiatives. This year, we contributed \$25,000 to the inaugural Kaupapa of National Significance Climate Action Fund. This investment strengthens community resilience through circular economy practices, and nature-based solutions - reflecting our commitment to shared leadership and meaningful climate action.

Learn and grow

Community Trust South is committed to growing climate knowledge across our Trustees, staff, and communities. Regular learning opportunities, including climate-focused workshops and a standing board agenda item, have helped build shared understanding, spark new insights, and foster momentum for meaningful climate engagement and action.

Decarbonise our investments and operations

To support our commitment to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or earlier, Community Trust South is actively decarbonising its operations, granting, and investments. This year, we worked with investment advisors JANA to embed climate considerations into decision-making and identify opportunities to reduce our carbon footprint over time.