

2002

ANNUAL REPORT

The Community Trust of Otago

Fast Internet Access for Rural Communities

Residents of rural towns in Otago can access cutting edge computer technology, thanks to an innovative new project launched by the Community Trust of Otago.

The introduction of broadband to 13 towns offers residents the latest technology on a par with any user worldwide, free of limitations that can accompany businesses that operate from small towns.

In an agreement with Telecom, The Community Trust has under-written the provision of a broadband service to a total sum of \$236,000, allowing Telecom to upgrade and link the rural telephone exchanges to the latest technology.

The money will be refunded, according to the number of commercial users who sign up for jetstream at each exchange, with a full refund if 30 customers sign up.

Community Trust of Otago Chief Executive Keith Ellwood says larger towns such as Wanaka, Oamaru and Alexandra will “easily get there”, and any money that is refunded may be used to roll out the project and create the same information technology

Administrator Lynley Stevenson at the CTO offices, downtown Dunedin talking via broadband with Mt Aspiring College students.



opportunities in other small Otago rural centres.

The project was driven by a need, identified by secondary school principals when the Trust commissioned research into the effectiveness of its spending on computer technology for schools.

“The researchers said yes – it was working well and it was making a difference. But the research also highlighted that a barrier to full and efficient use of computers was lack of bandwidth in rural towns.”

Towns to receive the service were selected on the basis of having a secondary school, and the first eight exchanges were connected last year, including Oamaru, Balclutha, Wanaka, Alexandra, Cromwell, Palmerston, Milton and Kurow. In five other towns the service to the exchange had to be modified before the exchange itself could be upgraded for broadband.

Ranfurly, Lawrence, Roxburgh, Owaka and Clyde will be positioned to receive the new technology between August and February next year.

While prompted by an



identified need within secondary schools, the project is bringing economic benefits to the wider community that are already becoming apparent. Examples include an Alexandra optometrist who can send digital images of eye scans to Dunedin hospital for analysis and an Auckland man who, for health reasons, is wanting to move and set up business in Kurow where he can still access jetstream.

Meanwhile in Wanaka, local radio station owner Wayne Johnston says the arrival of broadband has been “a godsend”, allowing staff to record newsfeeds in two minutes, instead of three quarters of an hour. “On jetstream I can have two computers receiving data and use the phone on the one line. It’s freed up a lot of phone lines – it’s one of the best things that’s happened to us.”

From a national perspective, the project has put Otago “way out in front” says Trust Chairperson Clive Matthewson. “Other regions are still making plans to install broadband services. We’re just getting on with the job.”

He says the initiative is a



(Above) Learning options with broadband are far reaching.

(Top left) CTO Chief Executive Keith Ellwood and Chairman Clive Matthewson signing up Telecom represented by Jane Clarkson, District Sales Manager.

(Left) The Telecom connection. Theresa Gattung Chief Executive, Telecom New Zealand reviewing the agreement with Clive Matthewson.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The 14th Annual General Meeting of The Community Trust of Otago Inc will be held on MONDAY, 22 JULY, 2002 at the Hutton Theatre, Otago Museum, 419 Great King Street, Dunedin at 4.30pm.

Business: To report on the activities and financial performance of the Trust for the year to 31 March, 2002.

K G Ellwood, Chief Executive

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



Accountability

The annual report is the main accountability document for the Community Trust of Otago. As the funds we hold belong to the Otago community, it is to Otago residents that we are accountable, both for our investment performance and for the donations that are made. And because the single guiding idea for trustees and staff is to make the very best possible difference for people in Otago, reactions to the report and to the Trust's performance will always be received in a positive spirit.

Investment Performance

The investment result for the year to March 2002 was not good. In every annual report for the last five years I have warned about "the inevitable bad year", and this year we had one. Our final result was a loss of 0.4%. This requires some explanation.

The Trust maintains a diversified portfolio with the normal range of investment classes. In New Zealand shares our managers returned a satisfactory 7.3%. In fixed interest and cash we received between 3.5% and 5.7%. However, 35% of Trust assets are invested in overseas equity markets and here a loss of 8.9% was sustained. This was a year that saw international turmoil including the September 11 attack, widespread accounting irregularities including the Enron case, insecurity about business earnings and a fast rising New Zealand dollar.

The reason that the Trust invests in shares is because we expect the return to be higher, on average, than for other investment classes. In fact, this has proved to be so. Despite very weak performance over the last three years, the long-run return for overseas shares (since funds were first invested in December 1994) is 11.4%, which compares with our result over all asset classes for the same period of 8.7%.

The trade-off for higher returns is, however, higher volatility. We do expect good years and bad years. In fact, we expect this year's result about once every ten years.

The expectation of bad years is the reason that the Trust maintains reserves, and those reserves enabled the Trust to sustain a

normal level of donations this year. However, we do not necessarily provide for successive bad years. While at 31 March free reserves are still adequate at \$17 million, trustees will be cautious about threatening the real value of the Trust's initial capital. Investment performance will continue to be monitored on a continuous basis and prolonged poor results might have implications for the donations programme.

As a separate issue, the Trust did decide during the year to change managers for all of its asset classes except New Zealand fixed interest and cash. Those remain with AMP Henderson Asset Management, while NZ shares are now with Challenger Coronet, overseas shares with the Russell International Share Fund and overseas fixed interest with Tower/PIMCo.

Donations

The Trust committed 1013 donations this year, 372 in response to discreet formal applications, to a total value of \$6.8 million. Readers can study the details elsewhere in this report.

There is something interesting in these numbers: 372 individual applications compares with 612 for last year. We are reasonably confident, however, that this is not worrying, for the following reason.

Towards the end of last financial year the Trust changed the way in which it received requests for donations less than \$10,000. Previously, there had been two close-off dates each year. Now, requests are received at any time and processed on a continuous basis. The reason for the change was to be more responsive to the community.

What we think has happened is that community groups, as a consequence, have become more relaxed about the application process. Instead of rushing to submit an application before the close-off date, they do so only when they are ready, resulting in this year's lower number. It will be interesting to see what happens next year.

Disappointments and Highlights

A continuing disappointment was that the Trust's vision of a regional results-oriented structure for economic development, to which the Trust could have contributed, was not realised. However, we accept that others are elected to decide these matters and that we can make our contribution in alternative ways.

A highlight was the role we played in introducing broadband communications to our region. I would like to describe this.

Broadband is simply the capability to transmit and receive

large amounts of data, generally into a user's business or residence via a telephone line. This means, for example, the fast exchange of pictures (including video) or large files, and includes fast internet connections.

It is widely accepted that economic development depends critically on broadband infrastructure (and also on education). But the commercial realities of expanding the rollout of broadband meant that people outside major population centres were missing out. Various government-funded feasibility studies had been set up around the country, all studying how to overcome this worldwide problem.

Meanwhile the Trust heard of the problem first-hand, from rural secondary school principals frustrated by poor quality internet connections. We took the direct approach and went directly to two telecommunications providers. The upshot was an innovative underwritten contract with Telecom that resulted in broadband being installed in Otago rural towns by December last year. Today, Otago secondary schools are using videoconferencing to deliver the same subjects to students in Owaka and Ranfurly as are obtainable in Dunedin. We think Kurow is the smallest town in the world to have broadband services, and we are starting to hear of businesses operating from Wanaka or Alexandra as well as they could from Auckland. There will be further uses that emerge, for example in health. Here is technology reducing the disadvantages of living in smaller towns.

This was all done for approximately the cost of a feasibility study and very much faster. Otago has a substantial lead over the

rest of the country. And the government announced in the budget that it is to implement nationwide regional rollouts of broadband following this example.

This was quite different from the Community Trust's normal activity, but I believe our regional perspective, responsiveness and non-bureaucratic nature make us the only existing organisation that can do something like this, and I am proud that we did.

Trustees and staff

Early in the financial year, we lost trustees Richard McKnight and Ele Ludemann. Richard and Ele chaired our two standing committees and were our two Trust Deputy Chairs, which says everything about the respect of their fellows and about their contributions. Despite our sorrow at their departure, we have been very pleased to welcome their replacements Russell Hendry and Sally Hope.

By the time this report is published, Nancy Bamford and I will have retired. The Trust has elected John Farry as the new chairperson and indeed he took office at the beginning of May. I wish John well and know that the Trust is in safe hands.

Readers of northern and business newspapers may have noticed troubles reported in other community trusts. There could not be a greater contrast with what we have experienced. Our trustees do not all think alike: we are fortunate to have significant diversity in expertise, experience and opinion. But the way in which trustees work together could hardly be improved upon. Appointments are made by the Minister of Finance after consultation with the Trust, and significant credit for our fortunate state of affairs

must go to successive Ministers and to the interest and influence of local Members of Parliament in the selection process.

We are also most fortunate with our staff. Chief Executive Keith Ellwood, Donations Assessor Carol Melville, and front office staff Fay Jackson and Lynley Stevenson are all great people. It has been a pleasure to work with them all and to note especially, in that organisationally critical chair/chief executive relationship, with Keith Ellwood.

Clive Matthewson

*Clive Matthewson
Chairperson 25 April 2002*

Trustees

Clive Matthewson, Dunedin,
(Chairperson)

John Farry, Dunedin,
Sally Hope, Oamaru

Russell Hendry, Dunedin

Mark Ryan, Dunedin

Duncan Butcher, Cromwell

David Shepherd, Wanaka

Barbara Payton, Oamaru

Hilary Allison, Dunedin

Nancy Bamford, Balclutha

Alan McLay, Oamaru

Gail Tipa, Dunedin

Trustees: Back row (l/r): Sally Hope, Russell Hendry, Mark Ryan, Duncan Butcher, David Shepherd, Keith Ellwood (Chief Executive), Carol Melville (Donations Assessor). Front row (l/r): Barbara Payton, Hilary Allison, Clive Matthewson (Chairperson), John Farry, Nancy Bamford. Inset (l/r): Alan McLay, Gail Tipa.

Trustees 2002



FINANCIAL SECTION

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| Donations Approved | \$6.8m | \$10.1m |
| Total Trust Funds | \$168m | \$180m |
| Applications Funded | 1,013 | 1,215 |
| Return on Managed Funds | (0.4%) | 3.2% |

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

| | 2002 \$000s | 2001 \$000s |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Revenue | (588) | 5,668 |
| Less Expenditure | | |
| Investments Management | 845 | 918 |
| Administration | 909 | 876 |
| Donations Paid from Income | 0 | 5,315 |
| Total Expenditure | 1,754 | 7,109 |
| (Deficit) | (2,342) | (1,441) |

FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2002

| | 2002 \$000s | 2001 \$000s |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Trust Funds | | |
| At the Start of the Year | 180,344 | 182,715 |
| (Deficit) for this Year | (2,342) | (1,441) |
| Donations Paid from Capital | (9,721) | (930) |
| At the End of the Year | 168,281 | 180,344 |
| Represented by | | |
| Investments | 165,880 | 178,402 |
| Property and Equipment | 1,304 | 1,357 |
| Bank Deposits | 967 | 484 |
| Loans | 250 | 250 |
| Total Assets | 168,401 | 180,493 |
| Less Sundry Creditors | 120 | 149 |
| Net Assets | 168,281 | 180,344 |

Approved on behalf of the Board:

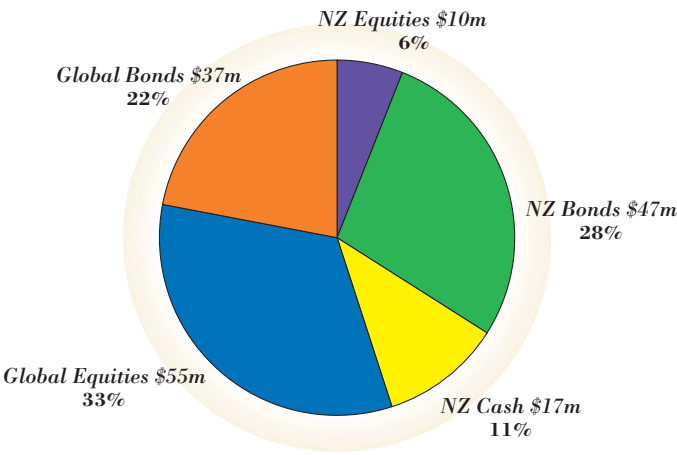
Chairperson
21 June 2002

Trustee

This financial information is a summary of the audited Annual Financial Statements. A copy of the full Financial Statements can be obtained on request by phoning the Trust's office, by writing to the Trust at P O Box 5751, Dunedin or viewed on our website: www.cto.org.nz

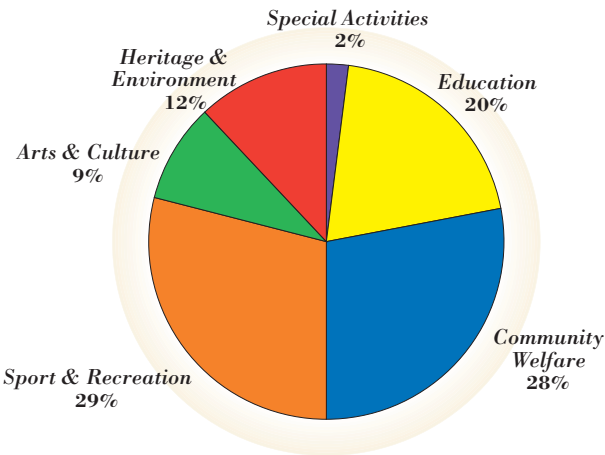
Investment of Managed Funds

at 31 March 2002 — \$166 million



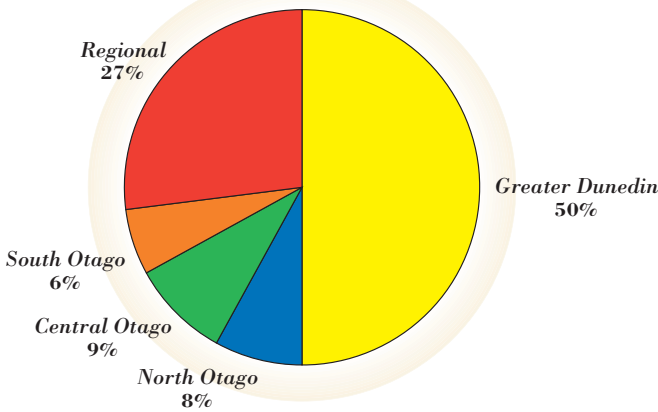
Donations by Sector

for five years ended 31 March 2002



Donations by Region

for five years ended 31 March 2002



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Trust Directory For the year ended 31 March 2002
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Donations Assessor: Carol Melville
Auditor: Taylor McLachlan, Dunedin
Solicitor: Anderson Lloyd Caudwell, Dunedin
Investment Advisors: Frank Russell Limited, Auckland
Bankers: WestpacTrust, Dunedin
Custodian: Chase Manhattan Bank, Sydney





DONATIONS

Alexandra

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|---|------------------|
| Alexandra Clay Target Club Inc | \$1,500 |
| Alexandra Council of Social Services | \$2,000 |
| Alexandra Golf Club | \$30,000 |
| Arthritis Foundation of NZ – Central Otago Branch | \$500 |
| Central Otago Compassionate Friends | \$1,500 |
| Central Otago District Council – Senior Citizens Club | \$80,000 |
| Central Otago Kindergarten Assn Inc | \$5,000 |
| Central Otago Victim Support Inc | \$2,000 |
| Central Otago Wastebusters Inc | \$5,000 |
| Central Otago Womens Support Link | \$1,000 |
| Dunstan Arm Rowing Club | \$3,500 |
| Dunstan Golf Club Inc | \$1,000 |
| Lodge Dunstan | \$5,000 |
| Project Adventure New Zealand | \$10,000 |
| REAP – Central Otago | \$2,000 |
| Scout Assn – Alexandra | \$20,000 |
| Senior Net Alexandra | \$1,500 |
| St Bathans Collie Club | \$3,000 |
| St John Baptist Parish – Alexandra | \$1,500 |
| Terrace Kindergarten | \$1,000 |
| Alexandra Total: | \$177,000 |

Balclutha

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| Balclutha Golf Club Inc | \$2,000 |
| Balclutha Parents Centre Inc | \$750 |
| Balmoral Presbyterian Church | \$1,500 |
| Big River Community Services Trust | \$20,000 |
| Big River Promotions | \$750 |
| Catlins Area School | \$2,000 |
| Catlins Beautification Soc | \$500 |
| Catlins Community Information Centre Inc | \$2,000 |
| Clutha Agricultural Development Board | \$30,000 |
| Clutha Rugby Football Club Schoolboys | \$1,500 |
| Heartland Otago/Southland Life Education Trust | \$8,000 |
| Heartland Otago/Southland Life Education Trust | \$1,430 |
| IHC – Clutha District Branch | \$2,000 |
| NZ Riding for the Disabled – Clutha District | \$15,000 |
| NZ Riding for the Disabled – Clutha District | \$2,860 |
| Owaka Baptist Church | \$2,000 |
| Owaka Bowling Club | \$500 |
| Partners Clutha Trust | \$5,000 |
| Rosebank Primary School | \$50,000 |
| Scout Assn – Balclutha | \$1,200 |
| South Otago Badminton | \$300 |
| South Otago Theatrical Soc Inc | \$6,000 |
| South Otago Woodcraft Inc | \$27,000 |
| Telford Rural Polytechnic | \$30,000 |
| Balclutha Total: | \$212,290 |

Cromwell

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| Central & Southern Autism Support Group Inc | \$500 |
| Cromwell Districts Promotion Group Inc | \$1,000 |
| Cromwell Kindergarten | \$3,000 |
| Cromwell Presbyterian Church | \$750 |
| Cromwell Town and Country Club Inc | \$2,000 |

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| Diabetes Central Otago | \$300 |
| Old Cromwell Inc | \$17,850 |
| Old Cromwell Inc | \$2,860 |
| Cromwell Total: | \$28,260 |

Dunedin

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| Advisory Support Centre Otago | \$35,000 |
| Advisory Support Centre Otago | \$2,300 |
| AFS NZ Otago Chapter | \$500 |
| Age Concern Otago | \$10,000 |
| Age Concern Otago – Age on the Go | \$2,500 |
| AIESEC Otago | \$2,500 |
| Albion Cricket Club Inc – Dunedin | \$750 |
| Alhambra Union Rugby Club | \$1,000 |
| Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc | \$500 |
| Aramoana Residents Assn Inc | \$2,860 |
| Aramoana Residents Assn Inc | \$885 |
| Arc Cafe Trust | \$20,000 |
| Aroha Ki Te Tamariki Trust | \$30,000 |
| Aroha Ki Te Tamariki Trust | \$8,000 |
| Arthritis Foundation of NZ Inc Otago Division | \$500 |
| Asthma & Respiratory Foundation of NZ | \$2,000 |
| Athletics Otago Inc | \$10,000 |
| Basketball Otago Inc | \$80,000 |
| Basketball Otago Inc | \$2,860 |
| Basketball South | \$10,000 |
| Beachlands Speedway | \$15,000 |
| Blue Oyster Arts Trust | \$750 |
| Brighton Bowling Club Inc | \$2,860 |
| Brighton Rugby Football Club Inc | \$1,000 |
| Brockville Community Church | \$400 |
| Brownies – 61st Otago Halfway Bush | \$300 |
| Caversham Petanque Club Inc | \$800 |
| Chalmers Recreational Sports Fishing Club | \$6,000 |
| Chamber Music New Zealand Inc – Dunedin Branch | \$7,500 |
| Child Health Research Foundation | \$600,000 |
| Christchurch Community Arts Council | \$15,000 |
| Clean Up New Zealand Trust | \$5,000 |
| Cleveland Living Art Centre Charitable Trust | \$35,000 |
| College Street School | \$17,000 |
| Compassionate Friends (Otago Chapter) Inc | \$1,500 |
| Concord Kindergarten | \$3,000 |
| Corpac Budgeting Service Trust | \$2,860 |
| Creative Youth Charitable Trust | \$3,000 |
| DARE Otago | \$40,000 |
| Daughters of the Dune – Middle Eastern Dance Troupe | \$500 |
| Disabled Persons Assembly NZ Inc – Dunedin Region | \$1,000 |
| District Improvement Co – Broadband | \$265,500 |
| District Improvement Co – Broadband | \$169,312 |
| Drug Arm NZ Foundation – Dunedin | \$500 |
| Dunedin Choral Society | \$4,000 |
| Dunedin City Council – Arts Guide | \$2,860 |
| Dunedin City Council – Marlow Park | \$60,000 |
| Dunedin City Council – Masters Games | \$35,000 |
| Dunedin Civic Orchestra Inc | \$60,000 |
| Dunedin District Pony Club – Dunedin Branch | \$3,000 |

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| Dunedin Fashion Incubator Inc | \$20,000 |
| Dunedin Fashion Incubator Inc | \$2,860 |
| Dunedin Horticultural Soc Inc | \$500 |
| Dunedin Lawn Bowls Stadium Inc | \$2,860 |
| Dunedin Lighthouse Trust | \$200 |
| Dunedin Methodist Mission | \$15,000 |
| Dunedin Opera Co Inc | \$7,500 |
| Dunedin Poultry, Pigeon & Cage Bird Club | \$300 |
| Dunedin Returned Services Choir | \$2,000 |
| Dunedin Rhododendron Festival Trust | \$6,000 |
| Dunedin Santa Parade Trust | \$10,000 |
| Dunedin South Presbyterian Church | \$12,700 |
| Dunedin South Presbyterian Church | \$2,860 |
| Dunedin Technical AFC | \$1,000 |
| Dunedin Vision Thru Windoz Charitable Trust | \$2,000 |
| Edmund Rice Camps | \$8,000 |
| Epilepsy Assn of NZ Inc – Otago | \$1,000 |
| Family Network Inc | \$1,500 |
| Feet of Eire School of Traditional Irish Dancing | \$500 |
| Fire in Ice Outrigger Canoe Club Inc | \$1,200 |
| Footnote Dance Company Trust Board | \$6,500 |
| Fortune Theatre Trust | \$15,000 |
| Foster Care New Zealand (Otago) Inc | \$1,500 |
| Friends of the Globe Theatre Inc | \$1,500 |
| Future Kidz Inc | \$4,000 |
| George Street Normal School | \$1,000 |
| Girl Guides – St Clair | \$850 |
| Girl Guides Assn – 21st Otago Wakari Brownie Pack | \$400 |
| Girl Guides Assn of NZ Otago Property Committee | \$2,500 |
| Girls Brigade – 17th Dunedin | \$500 |
| Girls Brigade – West Harbour 7th Dunedin | \$600 |
| Go Otago Expo Trust | \$20,000 |
| Golf Dunedin Inc | \$10,000 |
| Grants Braes Kindergarten | \$8,000 |
| Green Island Competitions Society | \$1,000 |
| Green Island Flower House | \$600 |
| Green Island Kindergarten | \$2,500 |
| Habitat for Humanity Dunedin | \$7,000 |
| Halberg Trust | \$23,000 |
| Hapuke Productions Trust | \$2,860 |
| Helen Deem Kindergarten | \$2,000 |
| Hereweka Junior Football Club | \$400 |
| Heritage Tourism NZ Trust | \$2,860 |
| Higher Trust | \$2,860 |
| Hill City (Dunedin) Athletic Club Inc | \$3,000 |
| Hocken Library – University of Otago | \$21,798 |
| Institute for Child Protection Studies | \$3,000 |
| Institute of Registered Music Teachers of NZ – Otago Branch | \$2,000 |
| Inter Church Trade & Industry Mission | \$3,000 |
| International Festival Environment Science & Technology | \$50,000 |
| International Festival Environment Science & Technology | \$35,000 |
| Island Park Golf Club Inc | \$750 |
| John McGlashan College Pipe Band | \$3,000 |
| Jonathan Rhodes Kindergarten | \$1,500 |
| Kaikorai Grays Sport & Travel Inc | \$1,000 |

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| Kaikorai Presbyterian Church | \$10,000 |
| Kelsey Yaralla Kindergarten | \$5,000 |
| Landmarks Project – Celebrating Women Trust | \$5,000 |
| Lifeline Otago Inc | \$5,000 |
| Macandrew Bay School | \$5,000 |
| Malcam Charitable Trust | \$30,000 |
| Malcam Charitable Trust | \$2,860 |
| Mihiwaka Art Circus Inc | \$1,000 |
| Moana House – Downie Stewart Foundation | \$75,000 |
| Moana Tennis Club Inc | \$2,000 |
| Murray McGeorge Toy Library Inc | \$500 |
| Muscular Dystrophy Assn of NZ Inc | \$5,000 |
| North East Valley Bowling Club Inc | \$3,000 |
| NZ Actors Company Ltd | \$2,500 |
| NZ CCS Dunedin Inc | \$4,000 |
| NZ Choral Federation – Otago Region | \$1,500 |
| NZ Historic Places Trust | \$3,500 |
| NZ National Youth Choir | \$5,000 |
| NZ Red Cross Inc – Southern Region | \$35,000 |
| NZ Salmon Anglers Assn Otago Branch | \$10,000 |
| NZ Secondary Students Choir | \$5,000 |
| NZ Special Olympics South Island Regional Council | \$5,000 |
| NZ Sunburst Assn – Otago Branch | \$300 |
| Ocean View School | \$750 |
| Opoho Playcentre | \$800 |
| Opoho Tennis Club | \$500 |
| Order of St John – Southern Region | \$20,000 |
| Otago Accommodation Trust | \$20,000 |
| Otago Amateur Weightlifting Assn | \$900 |
| Otago Area Floral Art Soc of NZ | \$500 |
| Otago Centre – Piping & Dancing Assn of NZ Inc | \$1,500 |
| Otago Chess Club Inc | \$5,000 |
| Otago Community Broadcasters Trust – Hills Radio Trust | \$3,000 |
| Otago Cricket Assn | \$90,000 |
| Otago Croquet Assn Inc | \$750 |
| Otago Festival of the Arts | \$200,000 |
| Otago Gang Show | \$5,000 |
| Otago Intermediate Schools Music Festival | \$4,000 |
| Otago Life Education Community Trust | \$17,500 |
| Otago Museum | \$2,860 |
| Otago Peninsula Museum & Historical Soc Inc | \$5,000 |
| Otago Polytechnic | \$7,800 |
| Otago Polytechnic – Community Computing Centre | \$50,000 |
| Otago Polytechnic – Fashion & Design | \$2,000 |
| Otago Provincial Golf Assn Inc | \$5,000 |
| Otago Railway and Locomotive Soc Inc | \$785 |
| Otago Rowing Assn | \$22,500 |
| Otago Rowing Club | \$50,000 |
| Otago Rugby Football Union Inc | \$65,000 |
| Otago Secondary Schools Sport Assn | \$10,000 |
| Otago Softball Assn Inc | \$1,000 |
| Otago Southland Speak Easy Assn Inc | \$3,000 |
| Otago Sports Car Club Inc | \$17,500 |
| Otago Surf Life Saving Assn | \$28,000 |
| Otago Tennis Assn | \$20,000 |
| Otago Theatre Trust – Dogbird Limited | \$5,000 |

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| Otago University ITF Taekwon-Do Club | \$3,000 |
| Otago University Mountain Bike Club | \$300 |
| Otago University Students Assn – Indian Cultural Society | \$1,500 |
| Otago Woodturners Guild | \$3,000 |
| Otago Youth Wellness Trust | \$2,860 |
| Outward Bound Trust of NZ | \$60,000 |
| Peninsula Pony Club | \$500 |
| Pine Hill School | \$98,000 |
| Pirates Football Club Inc | \$4,000 |
| Port Chalmers Bowling Club Inc | \$2,000 |
| Port Chalmers School | \$2,500 |
| Port Chalmers United Rowing Club | \$4,000 |
| Presbyterian Support Services | \$172,500 |
| Presbyterian Support Services | \$2,860 |
| Prisoners Aid & Rehabilitation Soc Inc | \$3,000 |
| Project K | \$50,000 |
| Purakanui School | \$4,000 |
| Queenstown Lakes District Council – Art Publication | \$30,000 |
| Rakiura Health Ltd | \$2,000 |
| Ravensbourne Youth Yachting Trust | \$15,000 |
| Rotary Park School | \$500 |
| Royal New Zealand Ballet | \$21,000 |
| Royal NZ Foundation for the Blind | \$5,000 |
| Rural Schools Special Project | \$220,000 |
| Salvation Army | \$55,000 |
| Saturday Morning Music Classes Dunedin Soc Inc | \$1,500 |
| Sawyers Bay Playcentre | \$400 |
| School of Pharmacy | \$1,000 |
| Scout Assn – Green Island | \$500 |
| Scout Assn – Kaikorai Valley | \$750 |
| Scout Assn – Otago Area | \$2,860 |
| Scout Assn – Pitcairn | \$450 |
| Scout Assn – St Johns | \$500 |
| Skeggs Foundation | \$21,000 |
| Skeggs Foundation | \$18,000 |
| South Sound Missionary Trust | \$2,860 |
| Southern Festival of Speed Inc | \$7,500 |
| Southern Youth Choir | \$1,500 |
| Specialist Education Services | \$20,000 |
| Speld Dunedin Inc | \$750 |
| Sport Otago | \$350,500 |
| Sport Otago | \$2,860 |
| Spring Chamber Music | \$1,000 |
| St Andrew Street Church of Christ | \$500 |
| St Bernadettes Parish – Forbury | \$2,000 |
| St Brigids School | \$7,000 |
| St Clair Golf Club Inc | \$7,500 |
| St Clair Surf Lifesaving Assn – NZ Big Wave Surfing Inc | \$5,000 |
| St Johns Parish – Roslyn | \$20,000 |
| St Josephs Cathedral | \$200,000 |
| St Kilda Brass Band Inc | \$20,000 |
| St Kilda Petanque Club | \$3,000 |
| St Leonards School | \$1,000 |
| St Patricks School | \$700 |
| Statehighway 88 Beautification Trust | \$3,000 |
| Strive Charitable Trust | \$2,860 |
| Talking House | \$8,500 |
| Te Hou Ora Otepoti Inc | \$4,000 |
| United Church of Port Chalmers | \$20,000 |
| University of Otago – Research Project | \$144,514 |
| Voice of Chinese in Dunedin | \$500 |
| Wakari Art Group | \$200 |



DONATIONS

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| Wakari Kindergarten | \$3,000 |
| Wakari School | \$10,000 |
| Warrington Memorial Hall Society Inc | \$700 |
| Womens Golf Otago Inc | \$7,500 |
| Work Opportunities Trust | \$40,000 |
| Work Opportunities Trust | \$2,860 |
| Wow Productions Trust | \$25,000 |
| Youthline Dunedin Inc | \$3,000 |
| Youthworks (Otago Employment Trust) | \$2,860 |
| Dunedin Total: | \$4,548,704 |

Milton

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| Beaumont Hall | \$2,500 |
| NZ Rodeo Cowboys Assn Inc – Lawrence Rodeo Club | \$10,000 |
| St Marys School | \$4,000 |
| Tokomairiro Community Youth Worker Trust | \$12,500 |
| Tokomairiro High School | \$2,860 |
| Tokomairiro Toy Library | \$500 |
| Waitahuna Volunteer Fire Brigade | \$5,000 |
| Milton Total: | \$37,360 |

Mosgiel

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| Arahina Community House Trust | \$6,000 |
| Dunedin City Council – West Taieri Cemetery | \$6,000 |
| La Leche League – Taieri | \$200 |
| Lamplighters Singing Group | \$300 |
| Momona Hall Society | \$4,000 |
| Mosgiel Christian Centre | \$10,000 |
| Mosgiel District Motorcycle Club Inc | \$35,000 |
| Mosgiel Okinawa Goju Ryu Karate Centre | \$300 |
| Mosgiel West School | \$1,000 |
| Nga Tutukitanga O Taieri Charitable Trust | \$5,500 |
| North Taieri Whanau Centre | \$6,000 |
| Outram Public Library | \$400 |
| Sassenachs Rugby Football Club | \$500 |
| St Marys School – Mosgiel | \$2,400 |
| Taieri Amateur Wrestling Club | \$5,000 |
| Taieri Musical Society Inc | \$4,000 |
| Taieri Parents Centre Inc | \$300 |
| WestpacTrust Otago Equestrian Centre Inc | \$3,000 |
| Wyllies Crossing School | \$4,000 |
| Mosgiel Total: | \$93,900 |

Oamaru

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| Aoraki Secondary Schools Sports Directorate | \$2,000 |
| Awamoa Croquet Club Inc | \$500 |
| Boys Brigade 2nd Oamaru Company | \$500 |
| Camp Iona Management Board | \$2,000 |
| Central Coast Country Music Assn Inc | \$500 |
| Friends of Oamaru Hospital | \$10,000 |
| Girls Brigade – Oamaru 2nd Company | \$500 |
| Holmes Kindergarten | \$500 |
| Kurow Area School | \$5,000 |
| Kurow Tennis Club | \$1,000 |
| Literacy North Otago Inc | \$1,280 |
| North Otago Agricultural & Pastoral Assn | \$200 |
| North Otago Electricity Heritage Trust | \$1,500 |
| North Otago Hockey Assn Inc | \$1,500 |
| North Otago Photographic Soc Inc | \$1,000 |

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| North Otago Womens Club Inc | \$750 |
| NZ Oamaru Live Stone Art Inc | \$7,500 |
| Oamaru Combined Churches | \$1,200 |
| Oamaru Gospel Chapel – Summer Camp | \$500 |
| Oamaru Multisport Club | \$500 |
| Oamaru North School | \$1,500 |
| Oamaru Parents Centre | \$1,000 |
| Oamaru Playcentre | \$750 |
| Oamaru Poultry Pigeon & Canary Soc | \$400 |
| Oamaru Rowing Club Inc | \$4,000 |
| Oamaru Squash & Badminton Club Inc | \$1,000 |
| Oamaru Steam & Rail Restoration Soc Inc | \$10,000 |
| Oamaru Stroke Support Group | \$2,000 |
| Oamaru Tap Dancing Assn | \$750 |
| Oamaru Union Parish Church | \$2,500 |
| Oamaru Victorian Heritage Celebrations Committee | \$5,000 |
| Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust | \$250,000 |
| Senior Net Waitaki Valley Inc | \$700 |
| St Martins Anglican Church | \$5,000 |
| Tokarahi Golf Club Inc | \$3,000 |
| Upper Waitaki Pioneer Gallery & Museum | \$2,860 |
| Upper Waitaki Rural Women | \$500 |
| Valley Rugby Football Club Inc | \$5,000 |
| Vanished World Inc | \$50,000 |
| Waiareka Weston Presbyterian Parish | \$20,000 |
| Waitaki Community Recreation Centre Trust | \$4,000 |
| Waitaki Development Board | \$30,000 |
| Waitaki Dist Council – Pukeuri War Memorial Hall | \$500 |
| Waitaki Dist Council – Waitaki Development Board | \$400,000 |
| Waitaki District Community House Trust | \$315 |
| Waitaki District Special Olympics | \$1,500 |
| Waitaki Education Centre | \$5,000 |
| Waitaki Education Centre | \$3,000 |
| Waitaki Presbyterian Parish | \$200 |
| Waitaki Safer Community Council | \$25,000 |
| Waitaki Woodturners Guild | \$3,500 |
| Whitestone Kidskando Club | \$500 |
| Oamaru Total: | \$877,905 |

Ranfurly

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| Central Otago Dist Council – Maniototo Community Board | \$140,000 |
| Central Otago Dist Council – Rural Art Deco Maniototo | \$5,000 |
| Central Otago Dist Council – Rural Art Deco Maniototo | \$2,860 |
| Central Otago District Council – Ranfurly | \$10,000 |
| Maniototo Community Arts Council | \$750 |
| Maniototo Curling International Trust | \$200,000 |
| Maniototo Health Services | \$1,500 |
| Poolburn School | \$15,000 |
| Wedderburn Community Assn | \$7,000 |
| Ranfurly Total: | \$382,110 |

Roxburgh

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| Millers Flat Bowling Club | \$1,000 |
| Millers Flat School | \$15,000 |
| Roxburgh Golf Club | \$3,000 |
| Teviot Valley Educare Centre | \$4,000 |
| Teviot Valley Toy Library Inc | \$500 |
| Roxburgh Total: | \$23,500 |

Waikouaiti/ Palmerston

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| Ardleigh Golf Club Inc | \$10,000 |
| Blueskin Youth Group | \$300 |
| East Otago Country Craft Groups | \$500 |
| East Otago Relief Network | \$1,500 |
| East Otago Youth Worker Trust | \$3,000 |
| Karitane School | \$2,500 |
| Kati Huirapa Runanga Ki Puketeraki | \$4,000 |
| Katiki Point Penguin Trust | \$7,500 |
| Palmerston Gateway to Gold Charitable Trust | \$12,000 |
| Progress of Waikouaiti Area | \$500 |
| RNZ Plunket – Waikouaiti-Karitane | \$6,000 |
| Te Runanga O Moeraki Inc | \$2,860 |
| Waitaki District Council – Palmerston Community | \$5,000 |
| Waitati School | \$500 |
| Warrington Playcentre | \$3,000 |
| Waik/Palm Total: | \$59,160 |

Wanaka

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| Makarora Primary School | \$250 |
| Mt Aspiring College | \$5,000 |
| Order of St John – Wanaka | \$200,000 |
| Queenstown Lakes District Council – Luggate Tennis Court | \$15,000 |
| Queenstown Lakes District Council – Wanaka Library | \$150,000 |
| St Columbas Anglican Church | \$5,000 |
| Upper Clutha Resource Centre | \$2,000 |
| Upper Clutha Support Group for People with Disabilities | \$1,000 |
| Wanaka Community Toy Library Inc | \$500 |
| Wanaka Croquet Club Inc | \$2,000 |
| Wanaka Pottery Group | \$220 |
| Wanaka Tennis Club Inc | \$40,000 |
| Wanaka Total: | \$420,970 |



Donation Applications

Community projects in this Annual Report have been assisted by a donation from The Community Trust of Otago.

Are you uncertain as to whether your project fits our criteria?

Special Project: Hocken Library

Dunedin residents and visitors to the city can enjoy a significant emblem of the city’s history at the Hocken Library, where the painting *The ‘Dunedin’ off the English Coast* is on public display in the library foyer.

The painting represents a triumph of Dunedin enterprise and collaboration, purchased within a two week time frame after the Hocken Library learned that the painting was to come up for auction.

Hocken Librarian Stuart Strachan says the oil painting of the cargo ship ‘Dunedin’, by Frederick Tudgay, is an “iconic work”. It represents the first shipment of refrigerated meat from Otago and is the most contemporary painting of its time, as it is the only one painted in the original Albion colours of black and gold.

“We’d had a glimmer that the painting was around but we were unaware of the imminence of the sale. Then suddenly – there it was.”

Stuart says the painting was going to cost “a lot more than we could manage from our own resources” and money had to be found very quickly. “I was extremely impressed by the willingness of The Community Trust of Otago to come to the party. They worked very speedily and it was all able to happen within two weeks.”

The Hocken made a successful bid, then sent the painting to Auckland for conserving. “We didn’t want to bring it back when it couldn’t be displayed and appreciated. We wanted the painting to arrive looking its best.”

A public function was held to celebrate its arrival in November and the painting has been on display at the Hocken Library since. “The painting is well lit and is hanging in the foyer. Any member of the public can come in and see it.”

Do you want to know more about making an application for your organisation?

Do you need a copy of the application form?

Phone us today on 479 0994 (Dunedin callers) or toll free 0800 101 240, or fax us on

03 477 1869, email info@cto.org.nz
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Project K



Project K participants pose for that all-important team photograph prior to departure. Project K offers long term support by linking young people to their communities.

A nationwide programme instigated by climber and adventurer Graeme Dingle to maximise the potential of young people is now running in Dunedin, through a unique agency partnership.

Project K, set up in 1995, stated its aims as empowering young people, teaching them key skills for life and opening their eyes to new horizons, through independent trusts set up to administer the programme.

Last year, the programme was adopted in Dunedin by the Dunedin Youth Wellness Trust, after Project K approached the Dunedin City Council for an agency to take up the initiative.

Project K Director Liz Schreiber says the adoption of Project K by an existing Trust is an ideal partnership. "It uses an existing infrastructure and there's also a very good synergy between Youth Wellness Trust and the programme. It sits very well here."

Like other centres, Dunedin's Project K programme is available to young people from the wider community, with participants recruited from Year 10 (4th form) mainstream classes at local secondary schools.

Two groups of 12 pupils from Bayfield High School and two groups from Queens High School have participated in Project K to date.

The programme has three complementary components. The Wilderness Adventure, delivered in partnership with Orokanui Outdoor Pursuits Centre, provides a physical and mental challenge over 19 days which highlights students' potential and abilities. The Community Challenge then links the students into their own community for five days and one week, spread across six weeks,



where they identify community resources and opportunities and volunteer for local projects.

"The special feature that differentiates Project K from other programmes is that it offers long term support by linking young people to their communities."

Liz says the programme is very testing, and students are finding their own resourcefulness and gaining important insights.

The Community Trust of Otago's donation of \$50,000, given on condition it would be matched, provided the security to go ahead with the project, says Ms Schreiber, and provided leverage to gain other financial support from the community.

Aroha Ki Te Tamariki Trust

A Dunedin based programme where young teenagers with drug and alcohol issues can explore their problems and make positive choices is providing hope to scores of young people from Otago and Southland.

The only service of its kind in the region, the programme was started by Aroha Ki Te Tamariki Trust in March last year, funded by the former Health Funding Authority after a need was identified for a service to support 13 to 17 year olds.

Three permanent staff and other contracted staff provide a range of therapeutic activities to groups of eight teenagers who attend the programme five days a week for ten weeks, with the option of continuing.

The Alcohol and Drug Day Programme is a broad mix of therapy, education and activities aimed at providing opportunities for youths to explore ways to manage their lives safely and productively. Group and individual therapy are essential components, along with creative workshops and adventure therapy says Adventure Based Counsellor Clodagh Byars.

The programme is able to offer regular weekly activities such as surfing, rock climbing, kayaking and adventure based challenges, thanks to support from the

Community Trust of Otago, says Clodagh.

had enough funding to run the programme, but a lot of additional resources were needed to give the programme an edge."

Part of the Trust's donation of \$30,000 has been used to purchase outdoor equipment such as rock climbing and camping gear, wetsuits and sleeping bags. The gear has been "invaluable" says Clodagh, both on Adventure Wednesdays, held each week and for the week-long camps which take place every eight weeks.

"The camp provides young people with a fantastic opportunity to try new activities that were not previously available to them. It's often where they're able to make a positive shift. I don't know how we could have done it without the gear. It's been brilliant."

The donation was also used to pay \$10,000 towards the cost of a van and funded the purchase of a television, video and video camera for the programme. The Mirror Counselling Service also received \$8,000 donation.



Photo ODT

Dunedin Civic Orchestra (Southern Sinfonia)

'Orchestral excellence' is the well deserved by-line for Dunedin's Southern Sinfonia, which last year continued to offer an extensive repertoire, supported by visiting conductors and players of international standing.

General Manager Philippa Harris says generous funding, which includes a Community Trust of Otago donation of \$60,000, has enabled the orchestra to continue to add quality and variety to the programme it offers.

In the past 12 months, the orchestra has presented an all-Russian orchestral programme, featuring a Russian conductor and Russian cello soloist. Other programme highlights have featured conductors from Australia and London, and English and Australian artists.

Ms Harris says the opportunity to host visiting musicians stimulates the players and enables them to present more demanding works. "It means the players continue to improve artistically and it means we can provide better concerts for our audiences."

Funding has also been used to cover costs of running masterclasses and workshops for Sinfonia players and musicians in the wider community. Workshops held last year included one for French horn, led by an NZSO player, and a jazz workshop led by jazz musician Russ Garcia.

Daughters of the Dunes

Belly dancing is growing in popularity in Dunedin, and dancers were recently able to develop their skills at an advanced workshop with an overseas tutor.

Australian belly dancer Cynthia Delaney was brought to New Zealand for the third consecutive year by belly dancing enthusiasts, Daughters of the Dunes, who successfully sought \$500 funding for costs from the Community Trust of Otago.

Cynthia has been booked to provide more workshops in Dunedin in 2002, and Lucy says people are valuing the continuity of having the same teacher providing input each year.



Ki Te Tamariki Trust's Dunedin based programme for young teenagers with drug and alcohol issues. The programme which includes individual therapy encourages youths to explore ways to manage their lives safely and positively.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Outward Bound

“An experience of a lifetime” is how Mark Jones of South Otago sums up his experience at the Outward Bound course at Anakiwa in February this year.

A year 13 (7th form) pupil at South Otago High School, Mark was one of 16 pupils from Otago-wide secondary schools who took up an Outward Bound scholarship, funded by The Community Trust of Otago.

In the first initiative of its type, the Trust wrote to all 26 secondary schools in the province, offering a \$2000 scholarship to each, to be awarded by the school to a pupil who could “demonstrate potential leadership skills and would benefit from personal development.” The remaining \$500 cost plus transport costs were to be funded from other sources.

Sixteen schools have taken up the offer to date, sending one pupil each to the 22 day Mind Body Soul Outward Bound course, targeted to young people 16 and 17 years old.

Mark says the opportunity has improved his fitness and made him “more mentally tough.” He also made many new friends and learned how to be a good team member.

South Otago High School Principal Wayne Dixon says Mark, who is now Deputy Head Boy, brought leadership skills into his role, which developed from the experience. “This is a great concept and we’re



delighted to be able to send him. The cost of Outward Bound is higher than a student can manage, and it’s great that pupils can get this experience through the assistance of the Community Trust.”

Twenty six Outward Bound \$2000 scholarships were awarded, one for each of the province’s twenty six secondary schools by The Community Trust of Otago for students that demonstrated potential leadership skills and would benefit from personal development.



St Andrew Street Church of Christ

Christmas became a celebration for 160 people who may have spent the day alone last year, thanks to a free Christmas dinner, hosted by the St Andrew Street Church of Christ.

With two Fire Brigade crews on hand to help prepare and serve, along with other community volunteers, the guests were treated to drinks and chips, a traditional main course and dessert, and were each given a present.

Minister Dave Brown says the event has steadily grown since it began 12 years ago. Last Christmas two Dunedin churches hosted similar events, but numbers at the Church of Christ were still nearly as high as the record 200 who attended the previous year.

The Community Trust of Otago gave \$500 towards the event, with other funding coming from the Dunedin City Council and from individuals in the congregation.

Arthritis Foundation

A one day seminar on fibromyalgia, designed to give information about how to self-manage the condition, has produced a further benefit of linking people with that form of arthritis through a support group.

Organised by Arthritis Foundation Field Officer, Julie Pickford, the seminar at Dunedin Hospital in September attracted more than 100 people, including health professionals as well as people with fibromyalgia. A \$500 grant from The Community Trust of Otago paid for venue hire and advertising costs.

Julie says she decided to run the seminar because there has been little support or information available, even though many people have the condition which causes extreme muscle tenderness. “It’s very common – I get people ringing in all the time. There’s not been a lot of support out there for them.”

A North Island based rehabilitation counsellor whose specialty is fibromyalgia was guest speaker at the seminar and provided practical coping strategies.

The main feedback from people attending the conference was that they had found hope, says Julie. “Evaluations were saying things like - I’m not alone, and this is not a life sentence.”

The support group, formed by interested people at the seminar, meets every two months.

Clutha Agricultural Development Board

People are Clutha district’s greatest asset – that’s one of the key prompts behind Operation Backyard, a promotion to encourage young people to return to the region after completing their tertiary education.

The promotion has been spearheaded by the Clutha Agricultural Development Board, working collaboratively with representatives from wide ranging organisations, government agencies and schools.

The Board’s Executive Officer John Labes says the broad thrust of the year-long promotion is to encourage people aged from teenage to 20’s to recognise and value what’s “at home” in Clutha, by providing activities such as work experience, seminars and visiting motivational speakers.

“The programme will embrace a wide range of community projects, which aim to give people a warm feeling about the community spirit that’s here.”

John says the \$30,000 donation from The Community Trust of



Otago has enabled the Board to broaden the scope of its operation beyond an agricultural focus to include the projects that address social issues.

Meanwhile nearly one third of the grant has been used to support planning and facilitation of Rural Women’s Week in early May. The packed programme of events attracted

1700 attendees, the highest number since the annual event started four years ago.

Rural Women’s Week Coordinator Lorraine McLean says it was great to “fly the Community Trust flag” at the event. “People can see that it’s locals who are putting money back into the district, which is really excellent.”



Operation Backyard-a promotion to encourage young people to return to the Clutha region after completing their tertiary education-is being watched with great interest by other District and Regional Councils. This is a Clutha Agricultural Board Development initiative with support from many organisations, government agencies and schools.



Ravensbourne Youth Yachting Trust

Russell Coutts found his sea legs and learned how to sail in Otago Harbour, then went on to skipper Team New Zealand's winning race in the America's Cup in San Diego in 1995. Now the former Ravensbourne Boating Club member is helping to foster opportunities for success for other promising young Otago sailors, with support from The Community Trust of Otago. Coutts and the Trust are among the main benefactors of the Ravensbourne Youth Yachting Trust, set up in May 2000 to provide a professional coaching and physical



The world's pre-eminent yachtsman and the America's Cup winning skipper Russell Coutts returned to his hometown Dunedin to set up a professional coaching programme for the Ravensbourne Youth Yachting Trust.

development programme, to enable high performing sailors to reach their potential as national and international competitors. Trust Chairperson Mike O'Cain says while the focus for the first year was on acquiring 29er yachts, which are high performance skiffs, the thrust for the past year has been on securing coaches with the right experience, linking with Otago University for a physical development programme and taking Otago sailors to as many national regattas as possible. Thirteen sailors aged 14 to early 20's are being trained through the Trust, including three from Central Otago and one from Oamaru. Their race results in national regattas are already proving the value of the programme, says Mr O'Cain. "We had four in the top ten places and a winner in the open class at the youth nationals over Easter. We expect in time to have further national success." Meanwhile, he says The Community Trust of Otago's donation of \$15,000 was invaluable for covering costs associated with the programme. "We were delighted with the Trust's support. We couldn't have achieved what we have without it."

Oamaru Combined Churches

The stocking of staple foods at Oamaru's foodbank is one of the outcomes of a \$1200 funding boost from The Community Trust of Otago for the Oamaru Combined Churches. The group, representing the town's 12 churches, runs the foodbank and two other welfare projects which offer health support and life skills training. Foodbank treasurer Bernard Wilkinson says \$500 of the grant went to purchase staples, to supplement the "colossal support" and gifts of perishable foods from the community. A further \$500 will be used to pay GP and pharmacy bills for clients who are unable to pay when a request is made by an independent agency, while the remaining \$200 has been dedicated to covering promotion costs for a practical life skills programme offering classes in cooking, sewing and gardening.



Upper Clutha Support Group

Swimming is not off the agenda for elderly people and older people with disabilities in Wanaka, where a support group is coordinating supervised and structured water therapy sessions. The popular course, run by the Upper Clutha Support Group for People with Disabilities, was held twice in early and late summer, offering five weekly sessions with support from a

physiotherapist, St John Ambulance officers and several volunteers who go into the water to provide support. The group's President Joy Hislop says the course used to run once a year, but was repeated, thanks to support from The Community Trust of Otago which doubled its donation to \$1000. "We're very grateful to The Community Trust. People are so sold on it."

Foster Care New Zealand



Otago families who foster children are kept in touch with news, thanks to a monthly newsletter, funded by the Community Trust of Otago. 'Otago News and Views' editor, Peter Foster, says the \$1500 donation enables the newsletter to reach 140 foster families and 50 organisations with relevant information as well as providing a forum for views and ideas. "We're also able to keep foster parents and caregivers informed about legislation and any seminars and courses that may interest them."

The Governor General Dame Silvia Cartwright with Mrs Margaret Foster (second left), Chairperson of Otago Foster Care and a selection of foster care parents at the Annual Conference held in Wanganui.

Foster Care New Zealand was formed in 1972 to link and support fostering families. Peter took up the editing role for the Otago newsletter five years ago, and has since set up a website, which carries a copy of the newsletter. The website address is <http://nzfostering.netfirms.com/>

Arahina Community House Trust

A new garment is just one of many positive spin-offs for women attending the learn-to-sew class at Arahina Community House in Mosgiel, according to Coordinator Angela Ware. Angela describes the class as "one of our most important courses", made possible by a Community Trust of Otago donation of \$6000 which covers the cost of employing a tutor.



George Street Normal School

Forty budding young writers have a book featuring their own work on a bookshelf at home – the product of a workshop which ran at the Dunedin Art Gallery last year. Organiser Raymond Huber set up the workshop for Year 6 (standard four) pupils, inviting every Dunedin school to send one or two of their "very best" young writers. "The idea was to get kids who were enthusiastic and skilled together for two days, to give them a chance to spend some extended time on writing." The event also offered professional tutoring from established writers and illustrators of children's literature, and the opportunity to contribute to a book. The 40 who attended spent one day at the Art Gallery, working in small groups with Dunedin illustrator David Elliot, Oamaru children's novelist, Elizabeth Pulford, Alexandra based children's author Pauline Cartwright and Dunedin Art Gallery Education Officer John Neumegen. The children chose a work of art, discussed it, then wrote a short story that related to the work. They edited and typed their stories on the second day of the workshop, and these were then published, along with copies of the paintings that had inspired their work. Every pupil who attended received a free copy of the finished book. The workshop, the second to be run for young writers, was funded by the \$1000 donation from the Community Trust of Otago.

SPECIAL PROJECTS



Photo Hocken Library

New Zealand Historic Places Trust

The lack of acknowledgement for the contribution of Chinese immigrants to Otago's history is being redressed as part of a New Zealand Historic Places project.

Archaeologist Nigel Chan has been contracted by the Trust to research 18 Otago sites, identified as significant in terms of Chinese history in Otago. The sites were selected by Dr Jim Ng and by archaeologists who have been working in Otago.

The project addresses what Heritage Advisor Janet Stephenson calls "a woeful lack of recognition" for Chinese related heritage. "The Chinese have played a significant role, (yet) on the current register there are just two Chinese related sites out of more than a thousand sites."

Five thousand Chinese came to Otago during the gold mining era to take up work in the gold fields and in a range of other occupations, including importing, market gardening and as store keepers.

Nigel was contracted to begin his research in July 2001, compiling information and researching the sites. Research on nine of the 18 sites will be presented as proposals for registration with the Historic Places Trust and the remaining nine sites will be researched and evaluated.

The project has been part funded by a \$3,500 donation from The Community Trust of Otago.

State Highway 88

The desire of West Harbour residents to create something splendid for cruise ship tourists and to celebrate their part of the world has inspired the creation of a giant mural on Highway 88.

Covering a wall owned by Palmers Quarry, the mural 'maps' the area, from Logan Park to Aramoana, showing its distinguishing features such as the hills, harbour, railway, containers and fertiliser works.

More than four hundred images have been overlaid on the background, depicting the aspects of life in West Harbour that matter most to its school aged residents.

The images were provided by pupils at the eight schools in the area, at the invitation of Dunedin artist Janet de Wagt who has been overseeing the design of the project. Invited to draw what made the area special, the

children responded with pictures such as the fish and chip shop, the milkman, the train, trucks and their grandma. These were then copied freehand onto the mural wall by volunteers.

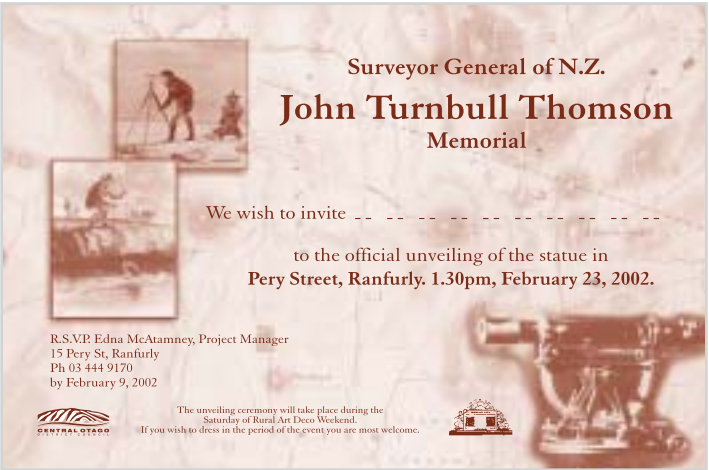
State Highway Beautification Trust Treasurer Lana Oranje says the project was "a joy to do" and worth the two years of fundraising and preparation that were required. Three thousand dollars of the total cost of \$13,000 were donated by The Community Trust of Otago.

"We are the West Harbour. We're proud of where we live and we're showing it off. It's great what you can do together."

The location of the mural on a busy road prevented an official opening, however each school has been presented with a photograph of the mural, along with certificates from 'Keep Dunedin Beautiful'.



Photo ODT



Ranfurly - Sculpture



The man who surveyed Otago in 1858 and gave animal names to many parts of the Maniototo has had a statue erected in his honour.

Responsible for names such as Sowburn, Hogburn, Fillyburn and Mareburn, General John Turnbull Thompson was also an artist, engineer and the first Surveyor General of New Zealand.

His contribution to Ranfurly and the wider Maniototo area prompted the Community Board to commission a life-sized statue, unveiled in February during Ranfurly's Art Deco weekend.

Project Coordinator Edna McAtamney says the life-like statue, made of marble resin, copper and bronze, has attracted a great deal of interest. "The re-

sponse has been unbelievable. People are coming to photograph it all the time." The Community Trust of Otago's donation of \$10,000 to the cost of the project, with a similar amount coming from the descendants of John Turnbull Thompson.

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Otago Arts Guide

Otago art is more visible and artists easier to find, with the publication in February of an Otago Arts Guide.

The project aimed to promote the work of regional artists has had "fantastic outcomes" according to Project Manager Kari Morseth, with enquiries coming from as far away as North America. "A group of overseas art collectors are now planning an art road trip to Otago on the strength of seeing the book."

Around 250 artists are featured in the 200 page book, along

with businesses such as cafes and wineries that support local artists. The aim of the project was to raise the profile of artists in the region and to make their work more accessible to the public, says Kari. "Artists are traditionally not very visible and that makes it harder to make an income."

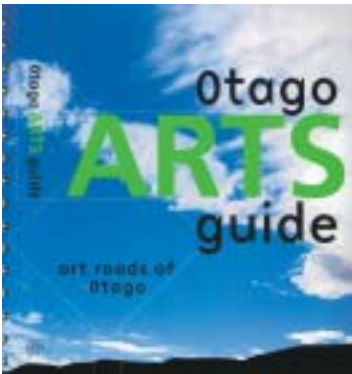
The project is also timely because of the growth now taking place in cultural tourism from domestic and international travellers, says Kari. "It has brought to travellers' attention the wealth of creativity that is here in Otago."

Three thousand copies had been sold within eight weeks of the book's launch and Kari says artists are already reaping the benefits of the publicity. "Galleries are finding artists and contacting them for work, and community groups are approaching artists to do paid workshops. "A lot of people are buying the book because it's beautiful," says Kari. "It's almost a coffee table book, but it's also very useful."

The book, which retails for \$19.95, gives an introduction to the history and development of

Otago art, provides profiles on a selection of artists and has quarter to full page listings, providing contact details and photographs of the artists' work. The artists are linked into districts, with maps giving details for tourism trails.

The Community Trust of Otago, one of three major donors, donated \$30,000 to the project. "We would like to do another edition in another couple of years to keep it current," says Kari. "Ultimately we want it to be self-funding."



COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT



Athletics Otago

Precision timing equipment to monitor athletics events has now been installed at Dunedin's Caledonian Ground, allowing the district to host major national track and field events.

Athletics Otago fitted the new computerised system last year, in time for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships in December, attended by 1,500 competitors. Part funded by the Community Trust of Otago, the system upgrade provides a photo finish through a camera linked to computer software.

The equipment means Athletics Otago will be able to host the New Zealand National Track and Field Championships in 2003 and the Inter-Provincial Championships, grades 12 and 13, in 2004.

Athletics Otago President Paul Tyson says the equipment provides essential information that will benefit all athletes. "It's better because it provides more accuracy for athletes, and it also allows us to track national records." He says the system will now be used on a regular basis for all races "from children, right through."

Meanwhile the \$10,000 Community Trust of Otago donation has also helped provide pole vault pads and a cover, enabling local athletes to participate in the sport. The old pads did not meet Occupational Safety and Health requirements, and until they were replaced, athletes had to travel to Invercargill or Christchurch to compete.

Events:

Age on the Go

'Age on the Go' lived up to its name in October when thousands of Otago's senior residents participated in a host of activities to celebrate positive aging.

The ten day annual event started in Dunedin in 1990 as a first for New Zealand and has since spread to other regions, offering cultural and sporting activities, coordinated by a committee representing groups that support or represent elderly people.

The event also reached rural towns through the Country Concerts which toured Roxburgh, Owaka and Kurow and the South Dunedin Town Hall.

The Community Trust Of Otago's donation of \$2,500 helped cover promotion and administration costs for the event.

Kelsey Yaralla Kindergarten

Ninety children at Kelsey Yaralla Kindergarten are very happy customers, thanks to a major re-vamp of their play area.

A \$21,000 project to provide new play structures and swings and create a safer and more attractive play area has been welcomed by the teachers and their charges, says committee treasurer Sheryl Logie.

The old playground had unusable swings, an old fort and a "not very nice play area" says Sheryl. Work began in August last year and was completed in time for the fair in September.

The land was flattened out and new play facilities erected in the middle of the playground, surrounded by a new wood-chipped area and grassed area. "The kids think it's fantastic!"

Even the preparation phase was fun, says Sheryl "The area was fenced off and the children would watch the diggers. That was a learning experience for them as well."

The Kindergarten fundraised \$11,000, and raised the rest of the money through donations, including \$5,000 from The Community Trust of Otago.



Ranfurly Stadium

Sports bodies and the wider community in Ranfurly and the Maniototo district are enjoying access to excellent facilities, following the recent upgrade to the Maniototo stadium.

The existing stadium had an upstairs lounge which couldn't be used because of fire regulations. After-match functions were being held inside the main stadium in the basketball court area, and there was no public use lounge.

Alexandra Senior Citizens

After enduring two floods and the ongoing threat of flooding at their previous premises, senior citizens in Alexandra can now relax in safe and attractive new rooms.

The group was offered a new home at the upgraded War Memorial Hall. The hall was upgraded, with a supper room and relocated modern kitchen made available as club rooms for the Senior Citizens Club.

facility in the town. "There was a genuine community need and the whole of the community got behind the project."

The Community Trust of Otago gave \$140,000 towards the extension and upgrade, which included a lounge at ground level with a capacity for 150 to 200 people, a new changing room and shower block and a renovated kitchen and new bar. The upstairs lounge was also renovated with a viewing deck added over the rugby field and the alarm system was "significantly upgraded."

Former Senior Citizens Coordinator Jan Wells says the new premises are "beautiful and sunny" and provide the added bonus being centrally located. "We'll have the rooms open permanently so if people are out shopping they can come in and have a sit-down and a cup of tea."

The Senior Citizens are "very grateful" to The Community Trust of Otago for contributing \$80,000 towards the project.

Otago Rowing Club

Otago Rowing Club has a robust membership of around 100 keen rowers. It also has a sturdy clubhouse for its facility, thanks to a labour of love by members, backed by community support, including a Community Trust of Otago donation.

Until recently the club premises were "the pits", says Club President Russell Garbutt. "The roof was shocking, the cladding was rotten and the frames were rotten beyond repair."

The club considered the option of knocking the Kitchener Street building down and starting again, but discovered the main structure was still sound, despite the harsh marine conditions. "A new building would have cost us half a million, but we put together a budget of \$140,000 to reroof, reclad, replace windows and increase the floor area by 50%."

The Community Trust of Otago gave \$50,000 toward the project and volunteers took up tools and started work. "One of the huge advantages of having a strong Masters membership is

that several are retired. Four or five of them spent last winter working here every day. The only professional input was the cladding and roofing."

With the exterior finished, Russell says the club is now "two thirds of the way there", with the next stage focusing on lining the building and installing kitchen facilities.

The difference already is "stunning" says Russell, and would not have taken place without the Trust's support.

"There's no question about it. Without The Community Trust of Otago this wouldn't have happened. Three years down the track the building would have fallen over. We wouldn't have had a club - it's as simple as that!"

Hats off to President Russell Garbutt, and members of the Otago Rowing Club for their enterprise in taking the renovation initiative. The amazing transformation of this high visibility, historic club house has captured the attention of the Dunedin community at large.





St Clair Salt Water Pool

A two-fold increase in usage of the St Clair Hot Salt Water Pool is predicted, now that a \$2 million upgrade of the pool has been completed.

The Dunedin City Council pledged \$950,000 and a further \$1.1 million was raised from charities and the wider community to carry out a revamp of the unique facility, situated at St Clair beach. The Community Trust of Otago donated \$600,000 towards the project.

Described by Fundraising Chairperson Keith Neumegen as

“one of the most successful DCC and community projects ever,” the generous support has funded new changing rooms, a new paddling pool, a new viewing area and the retiling of the pool.

“People saw the pool as a good facility that needed revamping. The sympathy towards raising money has overwhelmed us.”

The upgraded pool was officially opened on 29 June. It will be open to the public for six months a year, from late September until late March.

Employment Initiative: Heritage Tourism NZ Trust

Streetscapes of Dunedin’s Central Business District across every decade from 1860 to the present day will be available for viewing, thanks to a Community Employment Initiative, jointly funded by WINZ and The Community Trust of Otago.

The Taskforce Green project, initiated by Heritage Tourism New Zealand, provided employment for a person to seek out photographs from each decade, then scan and reproduce them.

Trustee and Project Manager Ann Barsby says the project helps create awareness of our heritage by making resources accessible to Dunedin people and to visitors. “It’s also a tourism tool that we are not currently making the most of.”

The photographs and information were sourced from old prints and old books at the Hocken Library and Otago Settlers Museum. It is hoped that the photographs will ultimately be displayed in an exhibition format.

Poolburn School

When cooling off becomes a priority in the heat of summer in the Ida Valley, Poolburn School is the place to be.

The primary school has the only pool in the district and is a focal point for the wider community says Principal Kim Scott.

“The vision was to create a good place for people to come in weekends, and we put together a whole lot of bits and pieces.”

The \$52,000 project focused on the swimming pool and play area. Plans included installing a toilet at the pool, roofing the changing rooms and creating shade areas.

The Community Trust of Otago gave \$15,000 towards the project, which will be finished by summer.

Decorative touches came from Poolburn School ex-pupil Louise Sim who painted two “gorgeous” murals, depicting a shipwreck and a coral reef, on the changing room walls.

Current pupils will also leave a creative legacy by painting their own sea creature outside the swimming pool area.

Employment Initiative: Upper Waitaki Pioneer Museum and Art Gallery

Kurow’s history has been available for viewing seven days a week, thanks to a Taskforce Green Scheme, part funded by The Community Trust of Otago.

The Upper Waitaki Pioneer Museum and Art Gallery had previously been open one hour a day over summer, then successfully applied for funds to employ a worker 30 hours a week for six months.

Committee secretary, Thea Chapman, says the appointment was very worthwhile, and enabled the museum to stay open for visitors every day, with volunteers staffing the gallery on weekends.

“The number of visitors increased dramatically. We had over a thousand visitors between October and April.

As well as cataloguing and tidying up the items held in the gallery, the worker was able to scan and enlarge old photographs for sale, and also hold an evening, showing slides of early Kurow.



Work Opportunities Trust

Work Opportunities Trust has its first permanent home from which to train and support people with psychiatric disabilities who are seeking mainstream employment.

The Trust, which has rented premises since it began operating about 15 years ago, raised money to purchase a property early this year. It then applied successfully to The Community Trust of Otago for funds to renovate and modify the building.

The \$40,000 donation has been used to adapt the South Dunedin house for wheelchair access, including adding a ramp and converting the bathroom. The house was also painted and recarpeted and a garage added for storage.

Work Opportunities Trust works with clients who are capable of obtaining mainstream employment, and assists them with placement, training and on-going support. The Trust currently has 75 people in placement work.

Trust Manager Stuart Ellwood says the new base is easy to access in South Dunedin and clients appreciate the environment. “They comment that they feel more comfortable in a house rather than an office.”

Stuart says the Trust is very grateful for the funding from The Community Trust of Otago. “If it weren’t for the Trust it wouldn’t work the way it does. It would have been a non-starter.”

Employment Initiative: SPORT OTAGO SPORTING CHANCE

Children who are keen to play sport but are held back by financial barriers can now access funds through a new programme, Sporting Chance.

Launched in April by Sport Otago, Sporting Chance aims to enable financially disadvantaged children to participate in sport by providing money for membership fees, transport or sports gear.

Sport Otago Chief Executive Paul Allison says research has shown that nearly 10% of Dunedin children could not afford to participate in sport. The fund is available to all form 1 to 7 children in the Otago province. Eligibility is based on intent and willingness to participate.

The programme has been under development since October last year when a Project Coordinator was employed through Community Employment Initiative, partly funded by The Community Trust of Otago.

Employment Initiative: Scout Association Otago Area

Much of the early history of scouting in the Otago Area has been unearthed, thanks to two Community Employment Initiatives which provided six months’ funding for two researchers.

Part funded by The Community Trust of Otago, the first project paid for a worker to carry out oral histories with past members and others who are still involved in the scouting movement, some of whom are now in their 80s.

Synopses of the interviews have been typed up and it’s hoped these will be included in a book on the history of scouting, to be published in 2006 to honour the scouting centenary the following year.

In the second project a history student from Otago University has been employed to investigate the history of local scouting from old records held at the Hocken Library.

Scouting Otago Area Commissioner Hec Browett says the research has confirmed that Scouting came to Otago in 1908, the same year that it was introduced into New Zealand.



Photo Oamaru Mail

Blue Penguin Colony Oamaru

Growing tourist numbers to Oamaru's little blue penguin colony are expected to increase still further when a viewing stand for 300 people is erected at the site in September this year.

The platform is part of a million dollar development at a site near Oamaru's harbour, where 200 to 300 little blue penguins have established their breeding ground. First stage of the project was a visitors' centre, completed in January, which offers an education area, retail shop, administration offices and toilets.

Waitaki Development Board General Manager Susan Owen says merchandise sales are "through the roof" since the centre opened, and visitor numbers for the year had reached 40,000

by 1 July, up 5,000 on the previous year.

The viewing stand, which is being assembled off site, will more than treble the number of people who are able to watch the nightly arrival of little blue penguins to their colony after living at sea by day.

The attraction is now being promoted strongly both in New Zealand and overseas, and was recently filmed by a Japanese film crew, for broadcast in Japan, says Susan. "Every visitor that comes to the colony - we know they're here for the night. It's boosting the tourism figures and our economy."

The Community Trust of Otago donated \$400,000 towards the development project.

Economic Development:

Dunedin Fashion Incubator Inc.



Dunedin has a growing international profile as home to several world-class fashion brands such as Carlson and Nom *D. Now up and coming designers are being offered their best chance at launching a successful fashion label in the city through the Dunedin Fashion Incubator, a new business support facility,

Four graduate design students were selected from a number of applicants, and are now being trained and supported towards establishing their own independent businesses, says Incubator Manager, Geoff Terpstra.

"We're teaching them the basics of business, such as operating a cash book, dealing with the bank, correct costing of their garments and marketing," Geoff says the Incubator designers are also supported through the provision of a lockable studio space and a fully equipped shared production work room.

All four designers have successfully set up wholesale contracts around the country since joining the Incubator, says Geoff, and also have a very positive retail opportunity through the DFI shop, staffed on a rostered basis by the designers where they offer their own garments for sale. "The store is a unique concept - no one else in the world is doing it, as far as we know."

The DCC provided initial funding and further financial support has come from a range of sources. Geoff Terpstra says the donation of \$20,000 from the Community Trust of Otago was "very helpful" in covering plant and equipment costs, including workroom machines, office equipment and kitchen appliances. "Without that funding it wouldn't have been possible. We're very very appreciative of that support."

Otago Peninsula Museum and Historical Society

The Otago Peninsula Museum and Historical Society's expanding collection of historic memorabilia will take on a new dimension later this year when a blacksmith will set up shop at a forge, based at the museum at Portobello.

Dunedin blacksmith Guy Garey has agreed to move into a blacksmith shop, currently being built beside one of three buildings which the Society has erected on the waterfront site to display the district's historical artefacts.

The Society was formed 27 years ago and has since established a purpose built museum and barn to house items for static display and relocated a settler's cottage.

The next phase will "bring it to life", says Society Secretary

Virginia Marriott.

"There are layers of history here and the number of visitors is increasing all the time. The blacksmith's forge will attract a lot of interest and will bring even more people into the museum."

The new working blacksmith's shop will be next door to the site where the original forge operated over 100 years ago. The Community Trust of Otago has contributed \$5,000 towards the total project cost of \$14,000.

The museum is managed by volunteers who open the facility on Sunday afternoons and take visitors through by arrangement at other times. Among the Society's 146 members are people with family connections to the peninsula, including Sir James Fletcher.



(Right) Martin Phelan and Danny Still from Theatreworks are using the new Marantz professional mini disc recorder (650)

Otago Community Broadcasters

Community groups and individuals who want to broadcast their own programmes on community access station, Hills AM, can now use portable mini-discs, thanks to a donation from The Community Trust of Otago.

The station, which is a non-profit organisation, received \$3,000 from the Trust to help purchase a mini-disc recorder and CD-Writer,

Station Manager Ros Rice says the equipment is a huge improvement on the cassette recorders that were used until now when people wanted to record material away from the station. "They were eight years old and it was amazing they were still going. It was difficult to get the levels right and they didn't have good sound quality. They'd come

to the end of their days."

The mini-discs are sturdy, simple to use and produce a better sound, says Ros. "They're more up to the rough and tumble of being taken out by non-technical people."

Ros says the addition of a CD-Writer has also been invaluable, particularly for archiving and managing the hard-drive system. "It also enables us to record something special in CD format for people to take away."

The Community Trust of Otago support has been "invaluable" because of the non-profit nature of the organisation. "We have to fundraise for all of our capital expenditure. It's fantastic to get help from groups like The Community Trust of Otago - it enables us to stay in operation."

Employment Initiative:

Kati Huirapa Runaka Ki Puketeraki

A carved archway in the shape of a rainbow was erected at Huriawa Peninsula in April, the first Maori carving to be carried out in Karitane for over 100 years.

Kati Huirapa Runaka Ki Puketeraki commissioned and carried out the project, setting up the archway as a welcome to the peninsula, which was returned to the iwi under the 1998 Ngai Tahu Settlement Act.

Coordinator Joy Smith says about 25 members of the Runaka carved the traditional designs over ten weeks, tutored by Ngai Tahu carver James York. "We've been talking about carving for a long time and we decided to go ahead in March last year."

The arch has been called Tiakataka, with the rainbow representing a journey. The rainbow god Katakoura is depicted on the arch, which is made from West Coast totara and stained with a mixture of linseed oil and ochre clay from the peninsula.

Twelve sets of chisels were required for the carving, purchased with a \$4000 donation from The Community Trust of Otago.

Over a hundred people attended the dawn service to mark the opening of the gateway in April. The archway leads to walking tracks which have been established by local people around the former pa site over the past two years.



Photo ODT

Ngai Tahu's James York crafting the first Maori carving to be carried out at Karitane for over 100 years.



Rosebank Primary School

Before January this year pupils at Rosebank Primary School in Balclutha could barely fit into the school hall at one sitting.

Now the year one to eight pupils have ample room, and parents are also regularly attending assembly events, thanks to a major renovation part funded by the Community Trust of Otago.

The Trust's donation of \$50,000 was in recognition of the wide community use for which the school hall caters. It supplemented Ministry of Education funding and a New Zealand Lotteries Board grant which paid for upgrades to the hall and library and the relocation of the administration block.

The School Board contributed \$124,000 from reserves and two years of fund raising activities raised another \$20,000. Meanwhile the Parent Home and School Association is raising money for curtains, a sound system and overhead projection facilities.

School Principal Bill Mellon says the new facility has been excellent for the school because it allows a much wider scope of activities and is also an asset for the wider community which is increasingly making use of the hall for activities such as bowling, singing performances and youth activity programmes.



Photo ODT

Wanaka Tennis Club

Wanaka Tennis Club has doubled its membership in a year, helped in part by a recent major upgrade to its facilities.

The club, which moved into its current site three years ago, has added two courts to its existing two courts, with a fifth court due to be laid in October this year.

Relieving President Keith Baldwin says about half of the 250 members are "out-of-towners" who use the courts when they are on holiday. "The club also has a strong local membership which is getting stronger."

A donation of \$40,000 from The Community Trust of Otago has helped fund the two new Astroturf courts, and will contribute towards the cost of the proposed Synpave court, which was delayed due to bad weather.

Keith says the courts were top priority for the club, and members will now focus on completing the clubrooms, which were moved onto the site a year ago.

The additional courts have enabled the club to provide social tennis, which 12 to 24 people attend twice a week, and to extend invitations to tennis clubs in North Otago, Dunedin and Christchurch.

The club will also "resurrect" the Wanaka Tournament, which hasn't been offered since 1993, says Keith. "It's going to be a large tournament and we're expecting players to come from across the South Island."

Moana House

Moana House, set up to provide a residential therapeutic programme for criminal offenders, is well on the way to being able to offer training in recognised education qualifications.

Extensive renovations, as sited by a donation from The Community Trust of Otago of \$75,000 enabled the centre to set up an education and training room in a second house purchased four years ago.

Fire In Ice - Outrigger Canoe

The Fire and Ice Outrigger Canoe Club has added a two-person outrigger canoe to its traditional six person outrigger boats with Community Trust of Otago help.

The Trust's \$1,200 donation contributed more than a quarter of the cost of acquiring the double outrigger canoe. Spokesperson Kari Morseth says the new boat is ideal for training as it can accommodate experienced and non-experienced paddlers together.

Other advantages include its smaller size and its ability to steer by rudder. "It's often difficult to



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Order of St John, Wanaka

Wanaka now boasts a new million-dollar ambulance facility, in response to the growing needs of a burgeoning population.

Area Chairman of the Order of St John Roy Summers, says the previous ambulance station held two vehicles and was "totally inadequate".

"There's been dramatic growth over recent years and call-outs have dramatically increased. We could see that it was imperative that we have a new building."

The \$1 million required for the project was raised by St John

Wanaka Branch within two years, with \$200,000 donated by The Community Trust of Otago. The new building has four ambulance bays, a large training area, offices, two bedrooms, crew facilities and a sluice station.

The purpose-built facility was officially opened in late June by joint patrons Sir Tim and Lady Wallis and has received very positive comments, says Roy. "The community has been right behind this project and is very proud of the new building."



Beachlands Speedway

Drivers racing at Beachlands Speedway in Dunedin will soon have access to their exact speed every time they race, when an electronic timing data system is installed in October this year.

The 80 drivers who use the dirt racing track have been manually monitored by lap counters until now, and have never had an exact record of their times.

Beachlands Speedway club secretary Sue Lavender says the first stage of installing electronic

loops took place in November last year, and a \$15,000 donation from The Community Trust of Otago will enable the club to purchase equipment and software to receive the information electronically.

Drivers will be responsible for buying the \$600 transmitters which are attached to their cars.

The Beachlands Speedway hosts about 14 meetings each year, attracting drivers from as far afield as Invercargill, Central Otago and Christchurch.

Momona Hall

A unique work of art is the mural tucked inside Momona Hall and covering all four walls from floor to ceiling. This was completed in 1931 by local identity Albie Timms.

The work, painted in a Renaissance illusionist painting tradition, has the side walls painted with imitation brick or stone walls, and depicts New Zealand landscapes viewed through vaults, while the back wall portrays a mountain landscape with rivers and streams.

The Community Trust of Otago has donated \$4,000 to the project.



Photo ODT

Computing 4 Free

When Otago Polytechnic advertised a free computing course to bring people into the institution during Open Access Week two Christmas holidays ago, organisers had little idea they were launching what would become one of the Polytech's most popular courses ever.

The pilot programme drew enquiries from a thousand people; 600 were given places for training, and the rest went onto a waiting list. The response was a complete surprise, says Stephen. "We had no idea there would be such a phenomenal demand".

The message was picked up by the Polytechnic, which proceeded to convert a garage and ambulance bay on site into a brand new computer suite. Computers and software were the

next requirement, and fund-raising efforts netted sufficient money to fully equip the suite with 46 computers by the time it opened in May last year. Among the support was The Community Trust of Otago's donation of \$50,000.

Since then there's been no let-up of interest. He attributes the popularity of the course to several factors: "People can work at their own pace - they can do a lesson three times over if they need to, and if they're stuck they can ask for help from a (student) tutor".

The fact that lessons are free is also a huge draw card, and people like the flexibility of classes, he says. The suite is open from 8.30am until 8.30pm four days a week, until 6.30pm on Friday and from 9am to 5pm on Saturdays.

Dunedin HPP Project (Pine Hill School)

The opportunity to talk about books regularly with an adult is changing the lives of hundreds of young primary school children in Dunedin and the wider district, says Pine Hill School Principal Greg Carroll.

As coordinator of the HPP Programme (Hei Awhiwhi Tamariki Ki te Panui Pukapuka), Mr Carroll says the 23 participating schools in Dunedin and Mosgiel and three in South Otago have observed dramatic changes for children, who are spending half an hour twice a week doing one-on-one oral reading with a trained volunteer.

The programme was designed to reach children who are not getting a rich oral language at home is a pre-requisite for getting into literature at school, says Mr

Carroll. Children selected have a reading age of less than seven and have a language need.

The donation of \$98,000 from The Community Trust of Otago that pays for volunteer training, establishment costs and relief time for teachers, is making a 'huge difference' in children's lives, says Mr Carroll. "The pupils are making remarkable progress. They are going up two ready-to-read levels every ten weeks on average. That could be a year's progress for some kids. Others have gone up by nine levels in 10 weeks".

"Once they start talking they never go back - it's changing lives for kids. This is a programme that always makes changes and they're always positive".

Smokefree Stage Challenge

Twelve hundred secondary school pupils and 2,600 supporters enjoyed an extravaganza of theatre, dance and music at the Smokefree Stage Challenge, held in Dunedin's Regent Theatre in May.

Pupils from thirteen high schools in Otago took part in the two day event, performing their own creative interpretation of a contemporary theme, set to a five to eight minute track of pre-recorded music.

The Dunedin shows,

supported by a \$3,000 donation from The Community Trust of Otago, were two of 136 held nationally and Smokefree Stage Challenge Producer John Page says he was very impressed with the high calibre of the event.

He says the Stage Challenge has an important and increasing educational value, with the introduction of the new arts curriculum which gives secondary schools a "world leading obligation" to teach the arts.



Dunedin RTLB Cluster Project

All new entrants at four Dunedin primary schools are taking part in a unique activity based programme which promises to boost their co-ordination, dexterity and fitness.

The Perceptual Motor Programme, developed in Australia, has been brought to the four schools in the Dunedin West cluster group by the RTLB group (Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour), after its successful implementation in other parts of the country.

RTLB Co-ordinator Ngaire van Midden says the programme, which involves structured physical activities and some language, has been developed to address difficulties many five year olds have when they start school. "Many come to school unable to hold a pencil, unable to sit for long periods of time and without a good ability in eye tracking. PMP addresses all these areas of development."

Between 30 and 60 five- and six-year-olds from each of the participating schools, which include Halfway Bush, Kaikorai, Wakari and Mornington Primary Schools, spend about 30 minutes on the programme every day for two terms. The children work in small groups with especially designed equipment, overseen by parents who received training for their role in June.

Ngaire van Midden says the RTLB group is "very grateful" to The Community Trust of Otago for its \$10,000 donation, which provided most of the funds required to carry out the programme. It's hoped that the project will eventually will be rolled out to the 10 other schools in the West Dunedin cluster group.

Pine Hill School Principal Greg Carroll practising what he preaches. The development of children's oral skills through one-on-one reading with a trained adult volunteer.



Photo ODT



Telford Rural Polytechnic

Livestock in some of Otago's rural districts will be playing host to a high-tech visitor over coming months. They'll be sharing their paddocks with a bus, decked out with computers and satellite dish, to help local farmers bone up on computer skills.

The mobile Information Technology Training Facility is the initiative of Telford Rural Polytechnic, in an effort to meet farmers' IT training needs, while accommodating the demands of their work.

Offsite Programme Co-ordinator Lisa Biginato says the mobile unit, launched in April, has had a "fabulous response" from potential users, with bookings backed up for three months.

"We were aware that this was a need, and we were anticipating a strong demand. The response has confirmed it."

The Community Trust of Otago gave \$30,000 towards the project, which involved purchasing and gutting a bus then refurbishing it with 12 computers, a satellite dish and a generator, giving it the capacity to operate in remote areas, without relying on electricity.

The facility can offer a half day or full day of training in a range of information technology skills to up to 12 learners. Courses cost \$50 a day, and have attracted bookings from rurally based companies, schools and rural groups, as well as individual farmers.



Quick Pads

Primary school children at Wylies Crossing School on the Taieri are now able to publish scores of stories every week, with the arrival last year of a class load of new word processors.

The 26 Alphasmart Quick Pads, part funded by a \$4000 donation from The Community Trust of Otago, mean every child in a class can work on a keyboard simultaneously, instead of taking turns to use the three computers that are available to them, says Principal Jenny McDonald.

"In one day they're able to publish a story or article which has a really professional look to

it. The kids are so proud of their work now."

As well as boosting output, the motivation to write is also stronger across the board, and pupils are demonstrating better language and keyboarding skills. "They've been a wonderful addition to the classroom, and everyone is getting hands-on time, whether they have a computer at home or not."

The word processors are battery powered and portable, so they can be used in a range of settings. After writing and editing, work is downloaded onto computer where graphic features can be added before publication.

Rural Schools Project

When senior students attend class at one of Otago's rural secondary schools, chances are they might be sharing the lesson with pupils who are hundreds of kilometres away.

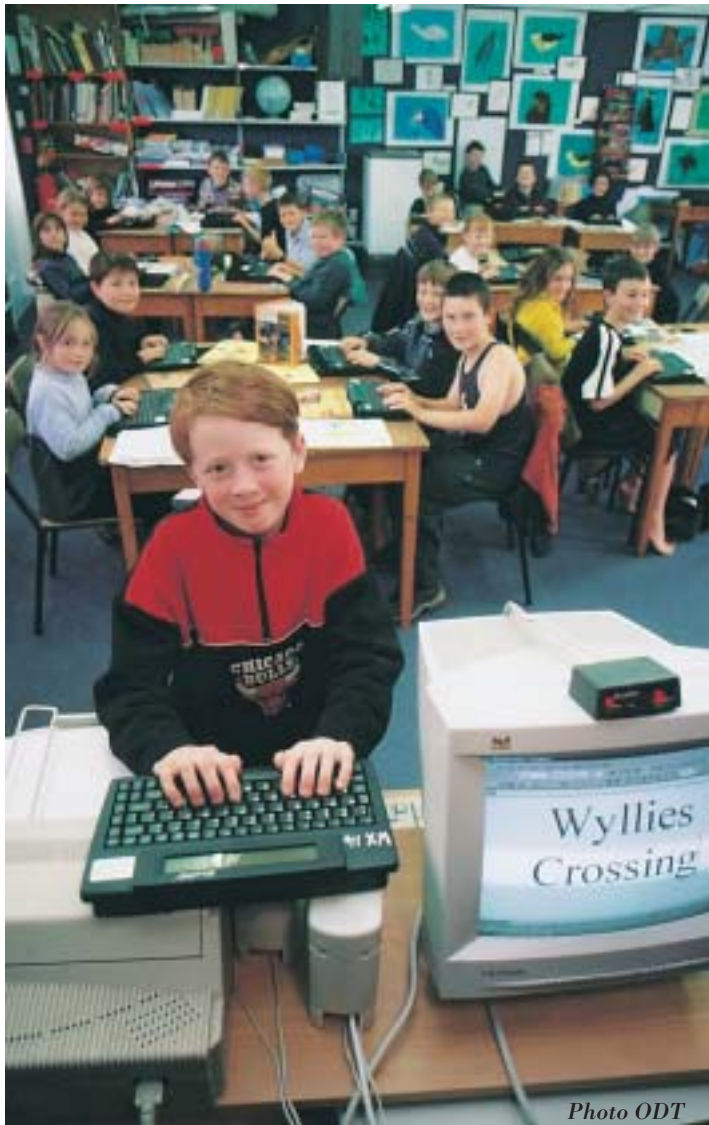
Nine schools have linked together in a virtual private network that enables them to set up virtual classrooms in which teachers and pupils link through voice activated video-conferencing facilities.

Called OtagoNet, the schools have also been joined by the Correspondence school, and are running the \$500,000 project with support from the Community Trust of Otago (\$220,000) and the Ministry of Education (\$100,000).

The network has come about as a result of broadband being introduced to most rural towns with secondary schools in Otago (see story, page one) which enables high speed data transfer required for video-conferencing.

East Otago High School Principal Tony Jenkins says the opportunity for students to access lessons from other high schools has strengthened the curriculum and widened the availability of quality courses in all subject areas.

Mt Aspiring students using a document camera to capture data for high speed broadband transmission.



"This project addresses the perception that students who attend rural schools are somehow educationally disadvantaged."

He says while timetabling across several schools was a challenge, it was "amazing" how it all came together. "It's a fairly full-on weekly timetable. Every curriculum area is taught for a one hour session once a week, with different schools taking it."

Video links include students from Roxburgh and Maniototo Secondary schools who tune into East Otago High School for senior physics, meanwhile East Otago High School's three calculus students connect to Kurow High School for 7th form calculus.

There are multiple advantages for all concerned, according to Tony. "There are benefits to the students in the form of dedicated support. There are benefits to staff because it keeps specialist teachers in schools. There are benefits in the area of professional development where teachers can talk through assessment issues and discuss ideas."

He finds the students are also more motivated than they might have been when connecting on subject matters through email or telephone. "The kids are saying: 'This motivates us to get our work done'. Now they're on-line they don't want to appear unprepared."

The opportunity to provide students with a top quality education is also having benefits for families, says Tony, and ultimately for the economy of rural towns. "Families are saved the expense and hassle of sending their kids off to boarding school, and the towns themselves benefit because the young people stay in the district."

The broadband facility also enables the schools to communicate with one another at no extra cost by phone and computer and provides high speed access to the internet without blocking use of the line for telephone calls.

The schools are making the video-conferencing suites available to individuals and groups in their local communities, says Tony. "There are a number of ways the facilities could be used, for example the Otago Rugby Football Union are training on-line. There's huge scope and we want to encourage community links."

Tony says the rural schools project is a fantastic initiative on the part of The Community Trust of Otago. They got right behind the project."



MASTERS GAMES

Eight thousand plus participants who turned up in February to compete in Dunedin's Masters Games were greeted by an army of smart, smiling volunteers in uniform whose brief was to support and guide participants through the 11 days of competition. Their involvement was part of the Community Volunteer Programme initiative funded by a \$35,000 donation from The Community Trust of Otago.



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Footnote Dance Company: A project aimed to band together a national touring contemporary dance company and high profile dub-reggae band with local musicians and communities in Otago "struck a chord" according to the organiser. The Community Trust of Otago supported the event with a donation of \$2500.



Gang Show: More than 70 Scouts and Guides from across Otago took to the boards in July last year, performing their biennial Gang Show to capacity crowds. A donation of \$5000 from The Community Trust of Otago helped to subsidise travel costs, pay for hire equipment and provide costumes.

Dance Week: The spirit of Dance Week is still reverberating throughout Dunedin and is having positive influences in many ways for students of African Dance. Bringing dance to the people is the purpose of Dance Week. Supported by The Otago Community Trust and Dunedin City Council.



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Otago Sports Car Club: The Otago Rally, organised by The Dunedin Sports Car Club is setting the region up as a national leader in classic car rallying and is gaining the attention of international rally drivers. The Community Trust of Otago donation of \$17,500 assisted with the events costs.

Dunedin Youth Expo: Concern about the rising rate of youth suicide prompted a first time Expo in Dunedin in March 2002. The Expo was directed to building emotional and mental resilience and help-seeking behaviour in teenagers. The Community Trust of Otago contributed \$8000 towards costs.



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South Island Dog Trial Championships: One hundred and fifty South Island Competitors and 36 from the North Island contributed to making the "most successful championships ever run". The Community Trust of Otago donated \$3000 towards event costs of \$11,000, which included purchasing grain for stock and transporting sheep to the venue.



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