



Newsletter - August, 2020

Hello to all our Members and Supporters,

The Trustees of the Ōtorohanga Charitable Trust are pleased to let you all know we have launched our new website, and invite you all to take a look at it - otoct.org.nz The website has been designed and made by local Kieng Sim from KS Design. Our new email address is info@otoct.org.nz These addresses are in line with our new level of professionalism, and our documents now feature our new name which has a macron added to the 'O' in Ōtorohanga. The website features the history of the Trust, our new vision, mission, and values statements, as well as our goals and our online application form.

The Trust recently held its AGM, which is open to members of the Trust. If you would like to join as a member or a corporate member, please email us and let us know and we will email the forms to you. Annual membership of the Trust is \$35 and Corporate membership is \$115 inclu GST.

Please note that 100% of membership fees are distributed back as grants to the community.

The Trust presented brief updates at the AGM of some of our larger grants made over the past year :

Thrive Trust Youth Mentor - \$10,000 – This is a new program from the Thrive Trust. The mentor is in the College on almost a fulltime basis, providing a neutral listening ear and general pastoral support for any of the young people in the College. The College management said “We are incredibly grateful for the financial support of the OCT in this vital service for our young people.”

Beattie Dementia Unit - \$100,000 – The Trust has pledged this money to the new 22 bed facility, which has just started construction. The Beattie Trustees were very grateful and commented “The OCT is a very valuable part of our local community’, and encouraged the Trust to “keep up the great work you do so well.”

Maru Trust Warmer Homes Project - \$10,000 – To date 8 homes in Ōtorohanga have been insulated and 3 installs are booked for July. There has been a total of 26 inquiries from home owners in our district, and further installations and assessments will be booked. The Maru Trust thanked the OCT for their support, and commented the level of enquiry remains steady, and they expect that to increase in the coming weeks.

Ōtorohanga Riding for the Disabled - \$5,500 – The OCT granted the RDA these funds to the RDA for the purchase of a new horse and saddlery. RDA are delighted with how well ‘Coco’ has settled in. “Coco is a very solid and strong horse without being too tall, so is extremely versatile for both younger and older riders. Thank you so much for your support in helping us to reach more riders and change more lives.”

Ōtorohanga Medical - Our building continues to be a wonderful asset to the Community. It performed very well during the recent COVID19 pandemic and staff and patients alike are very happy to work and visit there. The Trust has just added one of the final artistic touches to the building – a karakia chosen with guidance from Tom Roa & Dan Ormsby. This has been installed by local graphic artist David Wild from KS Design. The Trustees are very pleased with the result, “The simple and subtle colours enhance the beautiful karakia, which is situated on the high wall as you go towards the pharmacy in the building. Our Hinewai carving is also very soon going to be joined by an etched plaque, detailing her significance to the descendants of Maniapoto, and how this relates to the holistic elements of health, and enriches all who visit Ōtorohanga Medical.”

The Trustees for 2020/2021 are Kim Ingham – Chairperson, Bob Strawbridge – Vice Chairperson & Treasurer, Arnold Van Straalen, Bronwyn Tubman, Deb Wilshier, Andrea Pye – Publicity, Daniel Ormsby and Barbara Jones – Meeting Secretary.

The Trustees have been working with experienced facilitator Bev Gatenby over the past year and are very grateful for her assistance with moving the Trust and its processes forward to this point.

The Trustees are very grateful for the wonderful support and positive feedback that they continue to receive from the Ōtorohanga community. We intend to keep progressing the Trust forward and aim to achieve our mission “to invest wisely and grant effectively for our community.”

“Doing the most good for the most people.”

Kim Ingham - Chairperson

