



Annual Report
01/07/13 to 30/06/14

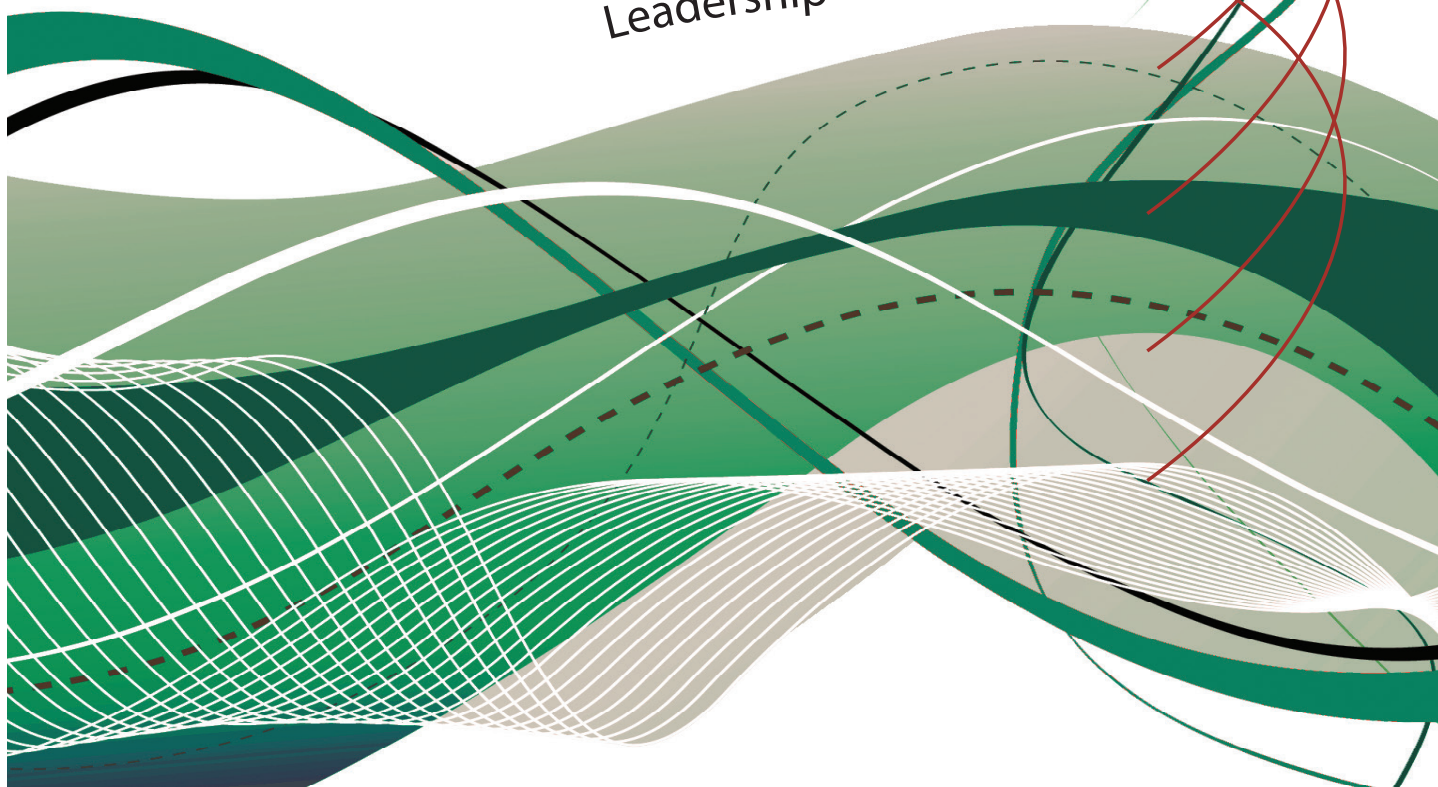
Organisational Strength

Community Economic Development

Advocacy

Connection

Leadership





We continue to be grateful for, and honoured by the contribution of Matua Fred Holloway as our Kaumatua.

As well as attending and officiating at a large number of public events, 'Papa Fred' attends all our Board meetings and always provides wise counsel and important insights. We are much richer for this contribution.

E Te Matua

Ka nui nga mihi ki a koe

Tēnā Koe

Ma te tutuki pai o nga mahi e pupuu ake ai te whakanaatanga

Accomplished tasks bring profound satisfaction

Vision

Community Waitakere is a Charitable Trust dedicated to achieving our vision of a sustainable Waitakere with thriving connected communities

Mission

Community Waitakere achieves our vision by supporting and strengthening community organisations, undertaking community development initiatives, fostering collaborative action and promoting community economic development.

Values

- to act with integrity
- to grow sustainability
- to inspire
- to partner
- to be inclusive

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While it's been a rollercoaster year - one of the great rewards of being Community Waitakere Co-chair in a time of change has been the chance to be somewhat more closely involved with the day to day work of our staff.

It has been a privilege to see the team rise to the challenge of the uncertain times that seem to now characterise the community sector environment. I am deeply grateful for their passion and commitment and humbled at the amount they get done. Being Co-chair has also involved me in many informative conversations with a surprising range of people in our communities. A consistent theme has been the high regard in which our staff team is held.

Personally I am impressed with the synergy between our staff's work with the environment and community. Looking to the future - we all face the twinned challenge of working and living within what are very likely to be increasingly stressed ecological and social environments. Our staff's capacity to work effectively in this context is a huge asset for West Auckland and I want to take this chance to thank them for their wisdom and hard work. PS – despite legislative moves to the contrary - we absolutely promise we won't take your tea breaks away!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank some others. Firstly - Sue Russell for all her hard work, care and innovative thinking through 2013 and 2014. Sue made a great contribution to Community Waitakere and she is missed. Secondly - my co-chair Charlie Moore who has been a delight to work with and whose support and hard-work I've deeply appreciated. He deserves much praise for his graciousness in stepping up to fill the CE seat while we take the opportunity between now and March 2015 to ponder the big 'so what next?' questions. Thanks Charlie!

The board of Community Waitakere also deserve praise and thanks for their dedication, willingness to engage with the hard stuff and offer sage advice. Thank you especially to our Kaumatua Papa Fred Holloway. Your presence and guardianship at our meetings continually remind me of the truth of the Irish whakatauki that "we live in the shelter of each other".

Finally I want to thank our many supporters in the community. I have been very moved by the support, care and advice offered to us over the last 12 months. It is apparent to me that the roots of Community Waitakere run deep and have received good nurture over the years. Thank you all – you are too numerous to name but you know who you are.

Nga mihi ki a koutou

David Kenkel
Co-Chair
Community Waitakere Charitable Trust



David Kenkel



Penny Hulse

Penny Hulse was selected to be the first Deputy Mayor for all of Auckland for her “inclusive style and fairness” and skill in uniting communities and groups across the political spectrum.

She has most recently led the public engagement on Auckland Council’s draft Unitary Plan, the document now being adapted by the community to govern how the Auckland region will grow over the next 30 years.

Through this, the 3-year-old Auckland Council is “starting to walk the talk in truly partnering with local boards and communities. I’ve always said that councils need to incorporate views from the grassroots up in order to govern effectively. The draft Unitary Plan has shown that in action”

Steel and determination are traits which Penny has regularly shown as Deputy Mayor of Auckland, and also previously as deputy Mayor of Waitakere City. Colleagues say she is highly principled, judges every case on its merits and takes responsibility for council decisions, even those she argued against.

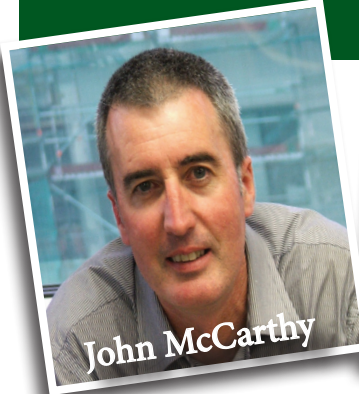
Standing as an independent, she was the highest-polling candidate in the Waitakere ward and served for 18 years on Waitakere local bodies, the last three as Deputy Mayor to long-serving Mayor Sir Bob Harvey, before the creation of Auckland Council in 2010.

Penny threw her support behind the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area legislation and regional funding for Project Twin Streams, a community and environmental restoration project that has mobilised 10,000 volunteers.

Penny has strong links with her community and cares passionately about the Auckland region. She is Chair of the Auckland Development Committee and CCO Governance and Monitoring Committee, and Deputy Chair of the Unitary Plan Committee.

She was born in South Africa and came to New Zealand when she was 16; Penny also recently became a grandmother.

Board members 2013-14



John McCarthy

John McCarthy is the Manager of the Tindall Foundation. John took up this position in early 2014 after 6 years as General Manager of Lifewise. Prior to that he was the Regional Manager for Richmond NZ and the Director the SAFE Programme. He has a keen interest in understanding how community development approaches can help address and prevent significant social issues at a local level. John lives with his partner and his two teenage children, and in his spare time enjoys anything reasonably adventurous in the outdoors.



Fiona Ironside

I am a Westie & returning board member having served 2 years when I was managing Barnardos Waitakere. As a social worker by trade, I specialised in Child & Adolescent Mental Health & more recently have completed a post grad diploma in Business Administration & Management. My career has spanned both District Health Board clinical positions & NGO management roles with a highly educational stint as the Mental Health Funder for Waitemata DHB. I am currently the Operations Manager for Child, Youth & Family Mental Health Services at Waitemata DHB. I feel strongly about building robust & healthy communities to grow our young people in.



Stephen Parker

Stephen lives with his wife and adult children on a block in Oratia. In August 2014 he retired after nearly 40 yrs. with the same multinational group and was the GM/Director in NZ, reporting to Sydney and a member of the regional Board. Previously he was a senior executive in the European organisation before transferring to NZ for lifestyle reasons in 2004. Over the last 2 years he has served as a trustee, and is currently chair of the Finance Sub-Committee for the Board for VisionWest Community Trust. He is passionate about ensuring that the "community sector" has input from and access to the best business practise/expertise.



David Kenkel

David lives with his partner and children in West Auckland. His background includes social work, counselling, family therapy, group facilitation, men's stopping violence programmes, policy work and child advocacy. David has worked extensively alongside children and families in hardship, particularly with children who witness violence in the home. He regards the children and families he has worked with as his best teachers. He presently lectures part-time in social work and consults and advocates for children. David is active in his local community in many collaborative projects.



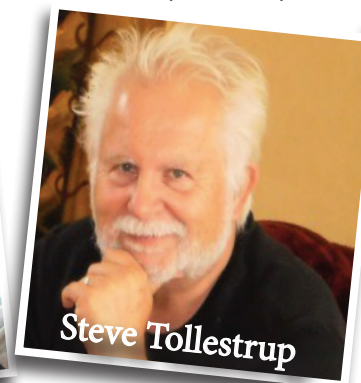
Charlie Moore

Charlie has spent many years working in a variety of public sector and community roles including with the Dept of Labour, (including 3 years as General Manager of the Community Employment Group (CEG)), with the Dept of Internal Affairs, the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector and most recently with the Families Commission. A constant theme has been a recognition of the critical importance of community development and working to improve the connection between community and government systems. In Auckland he has lived in Glen Eden and Titirangi and is currently well settled in Woodlands Park with children and grandchildren close by.



Paula Bold-Wilson

Paula currently manages the Waitemata Community Law Service which provides free legal services to individuals who have high unmet legal socio-economic needs. She is a passionate social practitioner with a strong commitment to social justice & systemic change. Paula graduated from Unitec Institute of Technology in 2008 with a Bachelor of Social Practice majoring in Community Development, & is currently completing her masters. However, her greatest learning's has come through her experience in the community & her voluntary work. She is married to Grant & together they have six children.



Steve Tollestrup

Steve is a highly experienced third sector leader & consultant. He has worked in both executive management & governance & consulted for a wide range of organisations both in New Zealand and internationally. Steve is an organisational innovator & social entrepreneur who believes the third sector & the values based economy is at the heart of healthy, just & prosperous communities. He is an astute strategist, creative fundraiser, engaging trainer & community organiser. He is committed to empowering not for profit & values focused organisations to develop capacity, think originally & strategically & build an independent & secure funding base.



Eddy Helm

Eddy is the co-director and founder of Curative, an agency that works to enable community communication. Before Curative, Eddy worked for a number of advertising agencies managing sponsorship, events, websites, consumer promotions, producing radio & television ads and developing PR campaigns. She has experience across a wide range of categories including FMCG, travel, electronics, fashion, retail, media and of course, not-for-profit. With her broad range of experience, she's learnt that a good idea has the power to change attitudes and behaviour, and loves the challenge of making ideas come to life to work in the real world.

Chief Executive Report



Charlie Moore

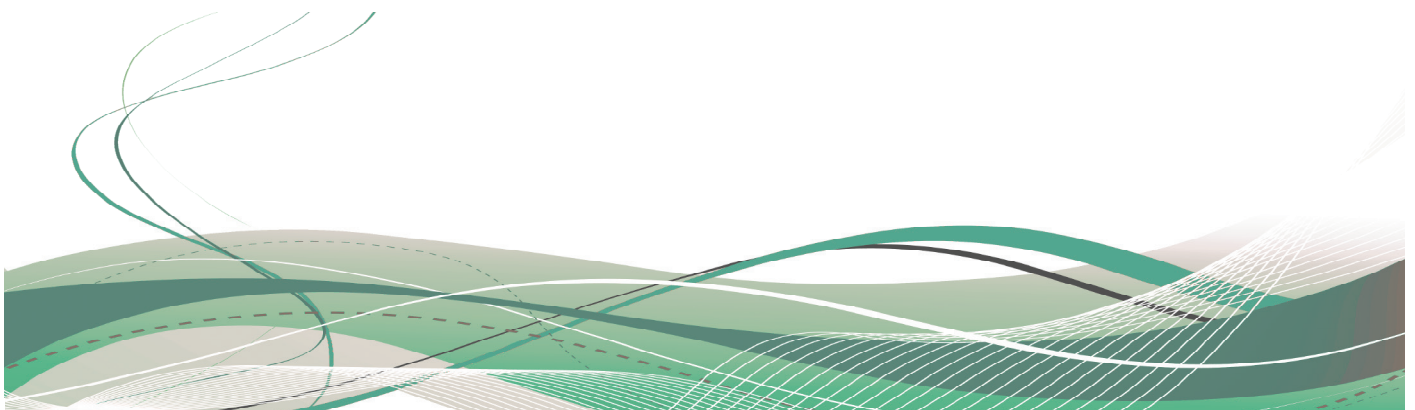
I currently have the privilege of being the Acting Manager for Community Waitakere – a role that is stimulating and has also reminded me of the importance and the opportunity inherent in what we do.

Preparing an annual report entails looking again at what we have done – and reflecting on what has made the most difference and gone well, as well on those things we might do a little differently in the future. I certainly hope you have the chance to look through this report and to get a sense of both the scope and scale of what we get involved in. We are a very small organisation, which can be both our strength and our challenge. It means it is always important that we apply ourselves in areas that we think will make a difference; it also means we can be nimble and can respond quickly to situations that emerge, hopefully with a minimum of bureaucracy.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our key partners, both in Auckland Council and also more widely in the community sector. For some years now we have partnered with the Council both in the context of a shared work programme focused on community development and also in the context of Project Twin Streams. It attests to good will on both sides that this approach continues to be valued – and valuable, and does deliver outcomes within our communities that would not otherwise be possible. Similarly, we could not achieve anything working in isolation from an extensive network of community organisations and less formal groupings. The health and strength of this network needs to be constantly attended to and invested in. Without it a community voice is not possible and the vision of thriving and connected communities will wither.

I would also like to thank the full range of our funders, who alongside Council, support our activities both in the context of specific projects and through the provision of vitally important 'core' funding that helps keep our doors open. The sustained resourcing of an organisation such as ours is never easy and is dependent on a number of contributors who see value in what we do and are committed to investing in community based approaches. Thank you again.

Finally I would like to support the comments of our co- chair, David Kenkel in acknowledging and thanking our staff for the terrific work they do and the commitment that is always evident. Our staff are at the heart of Community Waitakere – and I have no doubt at all that we are in good heart indeed!



Community Waitakere Team

Sue Russell
Chief Executive



Sue moved from Dunedin where she was Executive Officer for the Council of Social Services in Dunedin (COSSD). She brought to Community Waitakere her experience from working in various sectors; multinational, corporate, tourism, small business, tertiary, research, & adult education. Sue served for 4 years on the NZCOSS Executive and has worked nationally with organisations and government departments on various Community Sector initiatives. She has a passion for community economic development and working cross sector to meet challenges and opportunities that are facing our communities and people in a world that is becoming more complex.

Jaclyn Bonnici
Community Developer



Jaclyn has a background in international development and has worked for a number of years at Oxfam New Zealand. She has a Master of Arts in Development Studies and her research into urban poverty and the social exclusion of women market sellers was situated in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. She is passionate about inclusive, place-based community development that enables people to be actors of social change. Her role is to walk alongside diverse Community Waitakere stakeholders to support transformative community-led development. Jaclyn was raised in Green Bay, lives in Avondale and welcomes your contact

Chris Burton
Community Environmental
Team Leader



Chris has a background in education, outdoor leadership and injury prevention. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Outdoor Education as well as a Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching. His role is to assist community groups, schools and businesses in the restoration of Henderson Creek through a hands on approach, strengthening community spirit and educating about the broader issues of sustainability.

Simon Grant
Community Environmental
CoOrdinator



Simon has an unusual working background that includes, writing, ecological restoration, drama and landscape gardening. His sense of theatre and mischief has often led him to engage with the community through drama and film. Most of his work is to do with Project Twin Streams and furthering other community-led environmental activities. Simon has also written a number of children books and will read them to anyone who is willing to listen – including pigs.

Jack Ryder
Nursery Assistant



Jack works in the Community Waitakere Environmental team as the Nursery Assistant. He has worked with us since December 2013 looking after the community nursery located at Henderson Primary School. His role includes the maintenance of eco-sourced native seedlings, and propagating future stock. Jack also assists in educating others about propagation and nursery techniques, as well as sharing his passion for rare native plants

Marie Jenkins
Organisational Development
Administrator



Marie is originally from the UK and came to New Zealand in 1998. She joined the Community Waitakere team in February 2012 and has extensive knowledge and experience in business administration, human resources, payroll and accounting. She has been working in the Not for profit sector since 2004 and is responsible for the provision of financial and operational support to the Community Waitakere team.

Mandy Spencer
Resource Centre
Coordinator



Mandy's role is to administer the day to day operation of the Waitakere Community Resource Centre in Henderson, which offers affordable meeting room hire, low cost office accommodation and a range of services to support local community groups. Mandy is keen to keep our community informed and maintains our community e-noticeboard.

Bonnie-May Shantz
Community Development
Manager
Aug 11 - Nov 13



Matt Appleyard
Community Developerr
Mar 12- Aug 13



Sophie Allen
Community Environmental
Coordinator
Feb 12- Nov 13



Louise Stokes
Business Development Manager
April 10 - Jan 14



Strategic Plan 2010-2015

The following are our focus areas and associated objectives. Over the next pages we will report on the work we have done towards our objectives so far. We then close with a conclusion and consideration of the future work for Community Waitakere.

Focus Area: Connection

Community Waitakere connects neighbourhoods, community organisations, local business and government so as to maximise opportunities to deliver desired community outcomes.

- We facilitate workshops, gatherings, seminars & education which connect and strengthen communities.
- We enable communities to access current and relevant information through web-based media.
- We broker cross-sectoral relationships that strengthen and enable the achievement of community outcomes.
- We establish strong, mutually beneficial relationships with the business sector.
- We provide office accommodation and meeting-room space at the Waitakere Community Resource Centre which supports, strengthens and connects community organisations and networks.

Focus Area: Leadership

Community Waitakere fosters local leadership so that neighbourhoods and community organisations are resilient and sustainable.

- We role model collaborative leadership and community empowerment principles.
- We identify, support and promote community leaders so that community development is locally led.
- We advance the bicultural framework of Aotearoa as a foundation to supporting and realising all aspirations.

Focus Area: Community Economic Development

Community Waitakere practises and promotes community economic development to grow the resilience and sustainability of the community.

- We establish the national Community Economic Development network which grows the movement and progresses this work.
- We establish a centre of excellence which provides opportunities for peer learning, social innovation and community enterprise.
- We form relationships with the business and philanthropic sectors which attract new forms of community investment.

Focus Area: Advocacy

Community Waitakere is recognised locally, regionally and nationally as a key advocate for empowered, self-determined communities.

- We are a credible and effective advocate with and on behalf of community organisations, which leads to informed and responsible policy decision making.
- We assist Local Boards and the Auckland Council to understand and address community needs and issues.
- We assist community organisations and communities to undertake advocacy for themselves.

Focus Area: Organisational Strength

Community Waitakere builds its own capacity and sustainability so as to assist community organisations and services to do the same.

- Management and governance are focussed and effective.
- Internal processes and policies are concise, robust and clearly understood.
- All activities are enhanced by current information, research and technology.
- The organisation is financially sustainable with income accessed through a variety of sources including self-generation.
- We embrace and advance our commitment, partnership and obligations to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Rights.

Infographic of 2013 - 2014 Stats

RESOURCE CENTRE USAGE



965
TOTAL HOURS

RESOURCE CENTRE

174

Groups used
the
RESOURCE
CENTRE

TRAINING

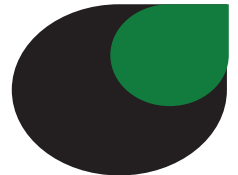
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PEOPLE
ATTENDED
TRAINING

COURSE RATINGS

85%

RATED OUR COURSES
EXCELLENT OR VERY
GOOD



OPEN DOOR DAYS



8
OPEN DOOR
DAYS HELD

SUBMISSIONS



7
SUBMISSIONS
MADE

NEWSLETTER

909
PEOPLE



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER

WEBSITE VISITS

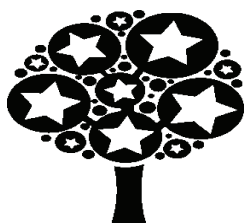
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NEW VISITORS

8191

TOTAL VISITS

PLANTING



2520
PLANTS
PLANTED

RUBBISH



169
RUBBISH BAGS
COLLECTED FROM HENDERSON CREEK

VOLUNTEERS

2176
VOLUNTEERS
HELPED



VOLUNTEER HOURS

3272
VOLUNTEER
HOURS



Focus Area: Connection

Strategic Objective: Community Waitakere connects neighbourhoods, community organisations, local business and government so as to maximise opportunities to deliver desired community outcomes.



Open Door Days: Quotes from Survey Monkey

"Community Waitakere did a great job handling the surprisingly large group, gave everyone adequate space to speak, and managed to keep us on track. Great job".

"The opportunity to network, promote community services and how we can assist/work with each other is invaluable".

Capacity & Capacity Building - Community Infrastructure

Community Education

Community education and training provided by Community Waitakere is growing from strength to strength. This past year we continued to host two training courses per month at the Waitakere Community Resource Centre and in the year ahead we will begin integrating our education and training programme with other strands of our mentoring and capability building work. As always, we aim to be responsive to our communities' training needs as they arise.

A range of education and training options were offered this year including Communication and Better Team Work, Developing a Successful Board, Organisational Planning, Managing Change in small community organisations, Conflict Resolution, Managing Stress, Everyday Leadership, Development a Mindset of Success, Training for Trainers and Grant Writing. A wide range of community organisations and individuals attended our training courses with 60% of attendees coming from Henderson-Massey Local Board area, 13% from the Waitakere Ranges and 21% from the Whau. A further 6% of participants joined us from as far as Hamilton and Warkworth.

Open Door Days

Open Door Days continued to provide a valuable networking forum for people working within, and wishing to connect with, West Auckland's community sector. They provide an interactive space for people to share information about current services and upcoming events and opportunities. Open Door Days attract a diverse range of representatives from community, health, disability, family services, environmental, social services, central and local government and beyond. Over the past year a total of eight regular Open Door Days were hosted at the Waitakere Community Resource Centre and our inaugural Open Door Day in the Waitakere Ranges was hosted at McCahon House. In addition, we convened two Special Open Door Days with national and international guests who offered the network important insights and updates. In the year ahead our Open Door Days will also be hosted in the Whau area

E-noticeboard and website

Community Waitakere continued to keep our community informed through our community e-noticeboard in which current information is shared several times a week to over 900 subscribers. Our e-noticeboard promotes a wide range of events, services, programmes, employment opportunities and newsletters and informs and educates the community with news, updates about relevant funding and legislation. We endeavour to provide information that encourages community engagement and connectedness and offers people a birds-eye-view of the rich tapestry of local happenings. We continue to maintain our website and are set for a complete re-design and launch of a new website soon so watch this space – www.communitywaitakere.org.nz

Other Workshops & Collaborations

As well as offering our own suite of community education and training courses we have worked collaboratively to convene and support additional workshops and community forums including:

- Providing administrative support to Inspiring Communities, assisting with the Summer Series of Short Sharp Skills Workshops, Provocative Breakfast Series and Jim Diers' New Zealand tour March/April 2014.
- Hosting funding support workshops in conjunction with the Department of Internal Affairs including 'Are you Ready for Funding', COGs and Lotteries Funding and Funding Accountability.
- Working collaboratively with Volunteering NZ, the Community and Voluntary Research Centre, Social Development Partners and NZ Council of Social Services on 'Community Dialogues' to collate national perspectives on key issues for the community sector and how to best link with our local experiences.
- Co-convening a workshop with ANGOA to learn more about the imminent changes to the way that government agencies contract with NGOs and the potential implications for community.
- Leading 'Taking it to the Streets', an interactive community conversation in which we asked residents throughout West Auckland what they cared about in their community and what they'd like to ask their local candidates in the lead up to the Auckland Council Elections 2013. Community responses were provided to local candidates and disseminated through our website and e-noticeboard.

Waitakere Community Resource Centre

Community Waitakere continues to sublease and manage the Waitakere Community Resource Centre. The following community groups have been tenants during July 2013 to June 2014: Waitakere Ethnic Board; Settlement Support; West Links Family Services; United Reformed Christian Church of Kiribati & Tuvalu in NZ; Waitakere Community Aotearoa Trust and International Alliance of Guardian Angels NZ Charitable Trust. The Waitakere Community Resource Centre continues to be a place well utilised by a diverse range of community groups and organisations for meeting space, bringing a richness and vibrancy to the Centre. The centre creates increased opportunities for collaboration amongst a diverse range of organisations and individuals who often operate in isolation. This ability to bring a diversity of groups to one central place is a real strength of the centre, and displays the wide reach of the work that we do. In terms of usage, the Resource Centre is more popular for hireage after-hours and at weekends than it is during the working week. Having realised this, we continue to take the opportunity to promote the centre for more daytime activities during the week, including hosting forums and holding training courses to further develop the space as a centre of learning, and to ensure the centre is being utilised to its maximum potential.

Resource Centre Users

A Supported Life	Harbourview Sculpture Trail	Northern Family Works	Te Whanau o Waipereira Trust
Abhay Ballau	Haven Foundation	NZ Career College	The Disabled Citizens Society
Age Concern	Health & Disability Advocacy Trust	NZ Election Campaign	The Fono
Amitabha Hospice	Healthmatters NZ Ltd	Outline NZ	The Gifted Education Centre
ANCT	Health West Youth Health Hub	Parkinson's Auckland Parnell Trust	The Kauri Trust
Asthma Auckland	HealthWEST Limited	Pasifika Migrant Services	The Phobic Trust
At Heart	Helensville Women & Family Centre	Patumahoe Looking After Locals	The Tui Centre
Auckland Asian Association	Help Auckland	People First	Thrive Teen Parent Support Trust
Auckland Chamber of Commerce	Henderson Library	Perceptive Consulting Ltd	Toi Ora Live Art Trust
Auckland Council	Herald Island R&R Heritage Subcommittee	Piha Surf Life Saving Club	Totally Horse
Auckland Deaf Society Incorporated	Housing Call To Action	Post Natal Distress Support	Tuvalu Community Trust
Auckland Libraries	IDEA Services	R.R. Hub	Tuvalu Kiribati Church
Auckland Regional Migrant Services	Innovate Change	Raeburn House	TYMS
Auckland Women's Centre	Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation Foundation	Rangeview Intermediate School	Unitec
BARK NZ Ltd	IRIS	R Clarke	Unitec Early Learning Centre Inc
Barnardos	IT's Accessible	Recovery Solutions	United Way NZ
Bays Community Housing Trust	J Heteraka	Refugee Services	Urban Pantry
Bethany Healing	Joan O'Keeffe	Repeat Read Aloud	Violence Free Waitakere
Birthmatters	Joyworkz	Restored Life Ministries	Visionary HR Solutions
Blockhouse Bay Baptist Church	Kauri Trust	Revel Yoga	VisonWest Community Trust
Breakthrough Church Auckland	Kelston Community Hub	Safari Playgroup	Wai Care, Auckland Council
BUPA Care Services	Kiribati / Tuvalu Church of Aotearoa	Salvation Army	Waiaatarua Community Patrol
Business Professional Services Limited	Konini School	Saraban Tree Limited	Waitakere Community Law Centre
Cancer Society	L Pou	Service and Food Workers Union	Waitakere Central Community Arts Council
CARE Waitakere Trust	Life Education Trust	Shambaya Yoga	Waitakere Community Church
CCS Disability Action	Lorna More	Soloman Group	Waitakere Ethnic Board
Changing Minds	Love to Live	Spectrum Care	Waitakere Special Olympics
Child Matters	Mareana Masters	Sport Waitakere	Waitakere Womens's Wellness Support Group
Church of the Good Shepherd	Massey Anglican Church	Spotlight on Housing	Walsh Trust
City Impact Church	Massey Community House	Strategic Awareness for Enhancement	WAVES Trust
Comprehensive Care Ltd	Massey Community Mens Shed	Strategic Wellbeing Consulting Services	Way Out West / 249
Corban Estate Arts Centre	Matea Trust	Stroke Foundation of New Zealand	Weaverweb
D Talia	Migrant Action Trust	Stronger Local Economies	Well Women Post Natal Support
D Walther	Monte Cecilia Housing Trust	Supporting Families in Mental Illness	Westside Counselling - Massey
Department of Internal Affairs	MPHS	Taikura Trust	Whau River Catchment Trust
Diabetes NZ - Auckland Branch	Multiple Sclerosis Auckland	Taumatua	WISE Collective
E Telaepa	Muscular Dystrophy Northern	Te Ata	Youth Horizons
ECE West Akld Network	N Tipelu	Te Atatu Peninsula Community Hse	Youthlaw
EcoMatters Environment Trust	Nanumea Auckland Community	Te Ukaipo	YWCA Auckland
Education Action Ltd	Neighbourhood Support Waitakere		
Enterprising Communities Project	New Zealand Alliance of Guardian Angels		
Family Planning	New Zealand Blind Foundation		
Family Works Northern	New Zealand Nepal Society		
Flaxroots	New Zealand Nurses Organisation		
Foundation for Youth Development	North Shore Playcentre Association		
Freeth Accountancy Services			
Glendene Community Society Hub			



Focus Area: Connection (cont.)



Environmental Community Development

Community Engagement

Community Waitakere provides a range of groups and individuals opportunities to engage with their environment through Project Twin Streams Henderson Creek. During 2013/14 we engaged with over 2000 individuals in the community.

We ensure that the type of engagement is relevant for the groups and their desired learning outcomes. We also strive to ensure that engagement opportunities are beneficial for the people involved, the environment and the wider community.

Overall during the 2013/2014 financial year a total of 2520 plants were planted on Henderson Creek by Community groups; a combination of infill and tertiary species. As well as this approximately 168 bags of rubbish were removed.

Throughout the year Community Waitakere hosted a number of public events including Stream Clean Ups, Community Planting Days, Night Walks as well as the ongoing group 'The Henderson Stream Team'. These events provide opportunities for the wider Community to engage with the local environment.

Ongoing Physical Work

Community Waitakere have continued to manage the aftercare programme on Henderson Creek, covering stream areas from Central Henderson to the North Western Motorway.

Maintenance, planting and weed control has been undertaken by a range of new and existing community groups, community members, volunteers and corrections crews. The MPHS Environmental Team have been contracted for requested physical works and technical support for Corrections.

Our nursery at Henderson Primary continues to allow us flexibility in the way we work, as well as providing education and engagement opportunities. Eco sourced plants are raised from seed and planted back on to Henderson Creek to assist the aftercare programme.

The following groups have been involved with Project Twin Streams Henderson Creek during the 2013/2014 financial year:

- ACG Sunderland Primary & College
- ANZ Central
- Arohanui Special School
- Barnardos Early Childhood, Cranwell Park
- Art of Living, Auckland
- The Boaties
- Bunnings Mt Roskill
- Corrections West
- Child Youth, Family Henderson
- Chinese New Settlers Service
- Pomaria Primary School
- Rotary Youth Leadership Programme
- ACG Sunderland College
- Cornerstone on Demand
- Flanshaw Rd School and Kaitiaki Group
- Henderson Stream Team
- Henderson Primary School and Nursery Club
- Jireh School
- Korean Presbyterian Church
- Te-Korowai Youth Trust
- Chinese Conservation Education Trust
- Tamil Christian Group
- Te Atatu Keas/Cubs
- Rutherford College

The following interviews are from a range of community members who are involved with Project Twin Streams Henderson Creek. They have shared their perspectives and stories of what the project means to them and their associated groups.

Shaki Padayatchi, Associate Principal

Arohanui Special School

Shaki Padayatchi is the Associate Principal at Arohanui Special School. A group of young men from the school have been regulars on Henderson creek for a number of years. Assisting with all aspects of restoration work whilst being provided opportunities to learn new skills.

What is special about your school?

We have a range of students aged between 5 and 21 years old, with a range of disabilities, across many many different spectrums and you'll find a range of teaching methods across the school as well and varying contexts in order for kids to learn. I suppose that's where Project Twin Streams came in, as a real hands on context for the kids to learn.

How did the school become involved with Project Twin Streams?

Many years ago a Twin Streams newsletter had come to school and I saw it there were schools who volunteered some help along the way for planting along Henderson creek. At that time we had a small group of young men who could really do with some community work experience type of things; and so that was a really good opportunity to be able to do that.

Have you seen any change with the kids from having done that program? And how has it benefitted them?

I think we look at progress beyond just being in a classroom and for us success for our kids is when they learn a skill with their teachers in their classroom and are able to use those skills outside of their classroom.

For some of them, it was being able to work independently which so many of them can do now which never happened to begin with. I think when you think again about that particular group of students and being able to follow through with a task from the beginning to end and knowing exactly "what I'm supposed to do first and what comes next", they can do that now. Because it was 'hands on' and again that group of students learn best when things are hands on as oppose to written down for them.

How are these skills going to help them do you think?

For us it's about our kids and for them to take away something that says "Well, actually this is what I did". You know, this is what I'm able to do. For some of our kids you can see that fitting into their CV's when they go on to work, you know, because they have skills that they've learnt.

Well we've had, of that group there are three students who are part of a Works Skills program in a commercial sector, a department in a commercial sector. Those skills came in handy with the department they were working at. You know, so again transference of skills and being able to maintain some of those skills.

Are there things that you can think of which have worked particularly well?

It's what really defines the programme is the people who run it, without a doubt because you get to know our kids at the level that we would and I don't think there's a lot of companies, organisations that we've worked with who really get to know our children at that level. Being able to have a program specifically catered for that group of students, again our students don't have many opportunities in that regard.

I think you've taken into consideration who our kids are, what we as a school value for our kids and I think you've taken those things and you've created a really lovely program that values those kids in that environment. You value the work that they do in that environment and I think for them that is the biggest thing ever. You know, to have some value from people they don't see on a daily basis.

The arts play a huge role as a context for our kids, and over the years there's always been some kind of art element that's been part of the Twin Streams, so kids have taken their learning and put into the beautiful art form. I think again, you know you valued something that we really value and have taught our kids and I think again when you look at what they're doing this year and creating their skills books, it's huge.

Is there anything else that you kind of feel that you want to add?

I think the schools, and particularly our school with the students that we have, we have very limited opportunities for our students to be able to go and give back to the community in some way. In a way that they can manage, whereas this program was about our kids being able to give back in the way they could.



Focus Area: Connection (cont.)



Graeme Tearle, The Boaties

Graeme Tearle is a West Auckland local who has been involved with Project Twin Streams through his work with the Henderson Men's Shed as well as being the informal Captain of the Henderson Creek Boaties!

How have you been involved with Project Twin Streams Henderson Creek?

About 3 years ago a few of us friends with boats got together with Project Twin Streams coordinators to cruise up Henderson creek to extract rubbish onto the boats and bring it back for disposal.

How did you get started?

The catalyst was a friend of mine who lives in Chillcot Rd and he backs onto Henderson Creek. He happened to bump into a previous co-ordinator who was arranging a stream clean-up. He mentioned he had a friend with a boat, and that we should grab him. So, he volunteered my services and with me came a few others. Generally, the guys who came with their boats have come regularly.

So what's in it for you guys?

Just fun, making a small contribution to the total sum of human happiness. Creating a cleaner environment. I have to admit, it's not totally about the environment but it's about a third for environment. Just contributing to the area that we live in, the environment is part of that.

What are the other two thirds?

It's fun and it's putting an asset (the boats) to good use. It's different to what we normally use them for. It has cemented relationships I suppose, is one change. It's good to be relating on a different level, that's been good. With the group and with yourselves. PTS and the community Waitakere, although the rubbish keeps appearing.

So, did everyone know what they were in for at the beginning? Why they were doing it?

I suppose we didn't expect that we'd get quite so muddy. Clambering on the banks, in amongst the mangroves but that hasn't deterred anybody. If anything it's given rise to a whole lot of brain storming as to how to do it a bit better and how to potentially save some of the mud getting on us, but that's not very feasible!

How does working with us help you guys?

Yeah, it's good from two aspects. One is, it's a reputable umbrella organisation to work with so there's that. Not just a bunch of guys, it could be a bunch of guys, but the added credibility is that you are a reputable organisation we are working with.

Plus there's the fact that, as co-ordinators, you do the co-ordination. We don't have to do that so much now, we just have to have our boats ready and turn up. So, the skip or rubbish disposal for example, muffins or whatever all help the project. None of us are good cooks.....!

Plus, the third thing would be that you give it some promotional clout, you tell the rest of the community what's up and invites others to come along.

Are there any pre-requisites for being a Henderson Creek Boatie?

Only that they have community spirit and a desire to see the rubbish go I suppose. None of us have done what you folks do in terms of technical or scientific studies to say that removing this piece of plastic will mean in ten thousand years from now there will still be a piece of mud there. You know what I mean? There's none of that with us, just knowing that there is benefit in it.

Thank you for taking the time to read these stories. We hope that you have enjoyed the contributor's insight and openness about their experiences.

Community Waitakere wish to thank all of those involved in Project Twin Streams who see the benefits that this kind of work can bring to the wider community and environment.

For more information please contact Community Waitakere on 09 838 7904

Strategic Objective: Community Waitakere fosters local leadership so that neighbourhoods and community organisations are resilient and sustainable.

Community Waitakere has continued to support a range of activities that identify and develop local leaders. Leadership does not occur within a small group of 'special' individuals but sits within all neighbourhoods, sometimes as potential for positive change and sometimes within a wide range of small groups already taking action to make a difference.

Highlights during this year included:

- Co-delivering three 'resident-led' development workshops in Glen Eden promoting positive, D.I.Y neighbourhood change.
- Designing and delivering 'Committee 101' training session to educate and empower local emerging leaders about the value of fulfilling committee roles.
- Working with Massey Voices, a community-led film project showcasing residents' experiences of, and aspirations for Massey.
- Undertaking research in New Lynn informing connection amongst night market stall holders and local business owners and operators and development of social cohesion within a fast developing town centre.
- Facilitating a workshop enabling self-evaluation by community groups of capacity and organisational strengths, leading to development plans and mentoring support.
- Co-designing a story telling project documenting the value of community connection realised through a women's leadership programme facilitated by Massey Matters.
- Working with Auckland Refugee Community Coalition and Auckland Regional Migrant Services to support and develop sustainable social enterprise initiatives.
- Continuing to convene and work with the Chief Executive Roundtable providing valuable opportunities for collaboration and the identification of issues across the wider community and social sectors.

Keen to make a change in your neighbourhood?

Come along to a free workshop and explore the 'DIY' way of making positive changes in your street and neighbourhood

Choose ONE of these dates:
 Friday 11th April 12:30-1:45pm
 Saturday 12th April 10:30-11:45am
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Focus Area: Community Economic Development

Strategic Objective: Community Waitakere practises and promotes community economic development to grow the resilience and sustainability of the community.



Economic Development Community



You are warmly invited to
Community Economic Development Network West's open meeting

For our first gathering for 2014, we are pleased to welcome **Di Jennings** as special guest speaker. As lead researcher for a recent social enterprise and CED report, 'Community Economic Development: Understanding the New Zealand context', Di is returning to West Auckland to deliver the research to the CED Network West.

Di will present the main findings of the report, drawn from in-depth interviews with 97 social enterprise and CED practitioners throughout Aotearoa, as well as the development of seven case studies.

Date: March 20, 2014
Time: 10:00am—12:30pm
Place: Wha / Hall
MPHS HUB West
27 Corban Avenue
Henderson South
♦ Free of charge
♦ Refreshments provided
♦ Parking on-site (limited)

Please RSVP by March 14 for catering purposes by contacting:
Jaclyn Bonnici: jaclyn@communitywaitakere.org.nz or
Lee Hickey: lee.enterprisingcommunities@gmail.com



Enterprising Communities Project

Lead and grow new community economic development and social enterprise initiatives in West Auckland, and advocate for community economic development approaches to asset management and procurement policies.

Strong Local Economies Call to Action (SLE C2A)

Community Waitakere continued to co-convene, along with Massey Matters, this Call to Action which was seeded at Waitakere Wellbeing Collaboration Summit in 2010. The SLE Call to Action takes a multi-agency, collaborative approach to building strong local economies throughout West Auckland. The purpose of the SLE Call to Action is to provide an overarching framework for business and community to work together to improve employment, enterprise, learning and business opportunities in West Auckland

Community Economic Development Network West



Community Waitakere continued to co-convene the Community Economic Development (CED) Network West alongside Enterprising Communities. The aim of the CED Network West is to develop the economic resilience and sustainability of community organisations and groups throughout West Auckland. In the past year we have continued to host quarterly network meetings and learning workshops which attract diverse participants from the community, social enterprise and business sectors. Two highlights were our March 20th session at which Di Jennings presented her recently launched research report, 'Community Economic Development: Understanding the New Zealand context' and the May 20th social enterprise workshop with guest facilitators from Akina (formerly Hikurangi Foundation). The CED Network West now has over 100 local community and business people and organisations involved who attend meetings and workshops and utilise the Network's website and Facebook page.

Enterprising Communities Project Management

The Enterprising Communities Project, funded by the Department of Internal Affairs, is a locally-led initiative with an objective of growing enterprising communities where residents, community groups and organisations and businesses can contribute to and benefit their local economy. Enterprising Communities co-convenes the CED Network West and coordinates a number of economic development projects in Massey including Massey Means Business, Massey Match, the Buy Local Directory and Massey Employment Gateway. Over the past year Community Waitakere continued to offer strategic direction to Enterprising Communities through our role on the Project Management Group alongside colleagues from Waitakere Workers Education Association (WEA), Unitec, Massey Matters and the Ministry of Social Development.

Community Economic Development support

In addition to the activities above Community Waitakere continued to offer informal CED support and advice to community when requested, including working one on one with local residents and designing and delivering a social enterprise workshop with members of ARMS Trust and the WISE Collective.



Economic Development Community

CED NETWORK WEST FREE WORKSHOP

How can you turn your idea for social or environmental transformation into a sustainable social enterprise?

Where do you start? What's important? What questions should you be asking?



This workshop will be led by Rowan Yeoman and Shona McElroy from the Hikurangi Foundation who have a wealth of experience in social enterprise development, startup and innovation process/design. Brought to you by Community Waitakere and Enterprising Communities on behalf of the Community Economic Development (CED) Network West.

WHEN: May 20, 9am-1pm
[light lunch provided]

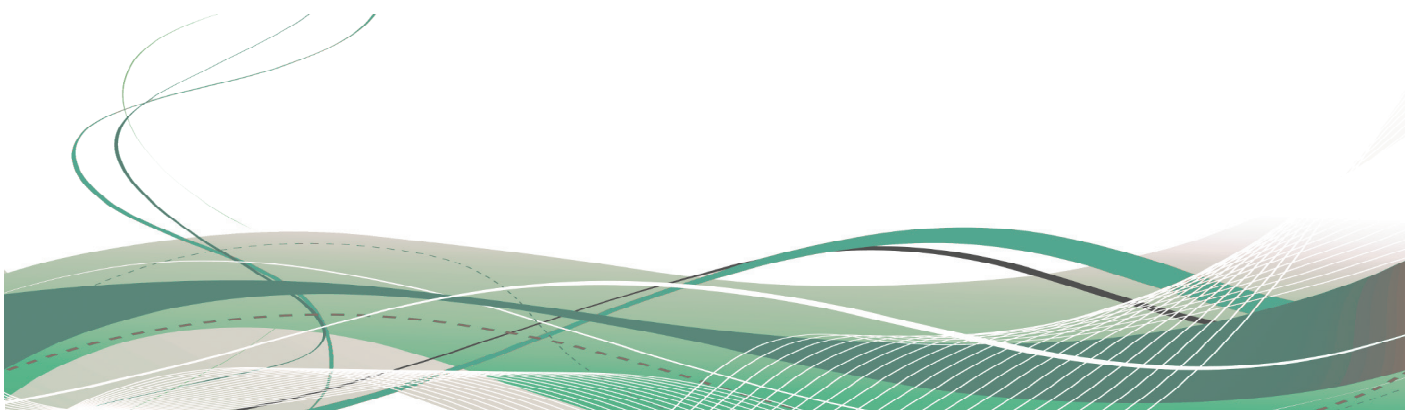
WHAT: A half day of interactive learning empowering you with the tools to build a strong social business model

Where: Massey Community Church hall, 8 Vadam Road, Massey

RSVP required by May 15 to: Jaclyn Bonnici, Community Waitakere, jaclyn@communitywaitakere.org.nz, 09 838 7904



Enterprising Communities Project



Strategic Objective: Community Waitakere is recognised locally, regionally and nationally as a key advocate for empowered, self-determined communities.

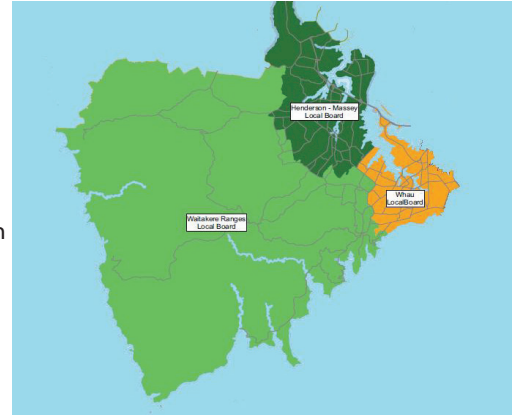
A key role for us is to work to ensure a community voice is heard in as many forums as possible and that the insights and knowledge that are embedded in our communities have a chance to inform public policies and decisions made in political settings. This is important locally, regionally and nationally.

Highlights during this year included:

- Playing an active role in supporting the community campaign and action on the issue of synthetic cannabis, 'legal highs'. This issue was cause for high levels of concern within our communities and the campaign, coordinated by Waitemata Community Law, was influential in prompt changes made to the legislation.
- Making written and oral submissions to Whau, Waitakere Ranges and Henderson-Massey Local Boards on their annual plans.
- Running three local workshops on submissions on Auckland Council's draft Local Alcohol Policy. These workshops both supported community participation in the development of this specific policy and also built awareness and confidence amongst those participating in contributing to similar submission processes on different issues.
- Preparing a joint submission with WAVES Trust and Waitakere Action on Alcohol Policy Coalition on Auckland Council's draft Local Alcohol Policy.
- Supporting Avondale Community Action to advocate for their community, which included 'Soup and Soul', a creative, localised edition of the 'Mayor in the Chair' sessions. Community Waitakere staff facilitated the open forum with the Mayor to present Avondale Community Action's key concerns and priorities.
- Hosting Auckland Council's community workshop on their draft Community Grants Policy.
- Contributing to Spotlight on Housing, the Housing Call to Action's campaign to raise awareness on the real housing crisis in West Auckland.

In addition to the specific events and actions above, we also continued to work hard to maintain active relationships with Council staff, with community organisations across Auckland and nationally, as well as with a range of government agencies. We need to ensure that community perspectives and the values that underpin our work are recognised and incorporated in both policy development and 'programme' delivery by central and local government.

This aspect of our work is likely to remain significant for the foreseeable future. There is ongoing pressure on funding for community and social services, increasing expectations to be able to demonstrate 'effectiveness' in the context of complex social issues and continued interest in the role of community organisations in delivering services. It is critical that we, in the community, are not seen as simply a cheap 'delivery option' and that the perspectives, the values and the expertise that reside in our sector are visible and influential.



Focus Area: Organisational Strength

Strategic Objective: Community Waitakere builds its own capacity and sustainability so as to assist community organisations and services to do the same.

A key activity has been our move from Edsel Street to the Waitakere Community Resource Centre in Ratanui Street. This means that all our staff are now based at the Resource Centre. We are enjoying being in the one place – and being part of the buzz that is ever present here. As part of this move we also updated our computer and mobile phone technology which has provided us with a strong platform to further develop our information management and story – telling abilities.

It is though, the Board and the staff that are the key to our organisational strength. During this year the Board has enjoyed welcoming three new members (Paula Bold-Wilson, Steve Tollestrup and Charlie Moore) and it is great that we continue to be able to attract Board members that bring diverse experience and different perspectives. In a small organisation such as ours we get the maximum result when we are all working together to the same effect, while valuing and utilising the diversity we bring.

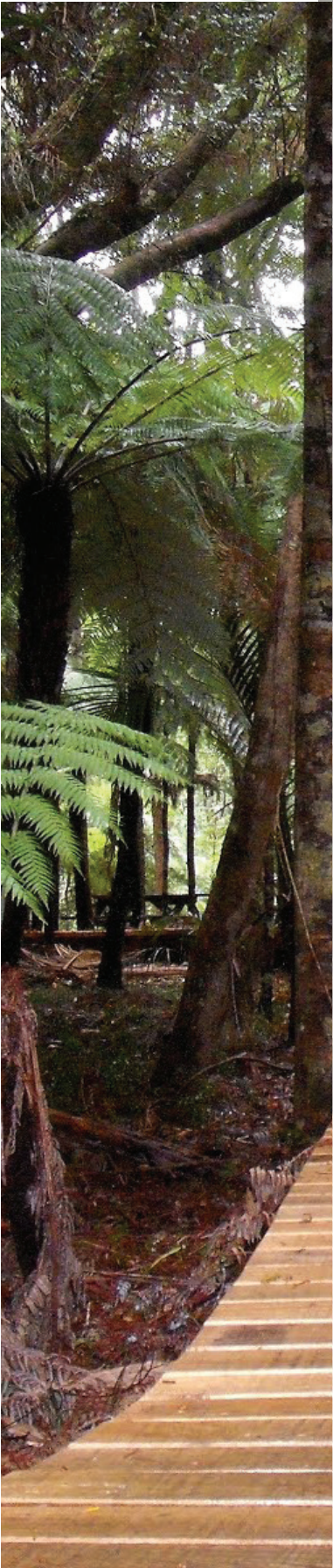
We also enjoyed welcoming Jaclyn and Simon (returning to the fold) to our staff group, also bringing real experience and insights to all our work. It can be a challenge for small community organisations to invest in staff, but we are pleased to report that professional development in Mahi Aroha (Kaupapa Māori perspective on volunteering), 'Crime Prevention through Environmental Design' (CPTED), Results Based Accountability, Photo Voice and Asset mapping have all been undertaken.

We are also pleased to report that we have successfully worked to ensure that we are compliant with new financial reporting requirements for NGO's.

Community Waitakere remains robust – and well placed to grow into the next set of opportunities (and challenges) that we continually face.



Conclusion and the Future



Community Waitakere has continued to play a key role in both community and environmental projects across West Auckland. The Resource Centre is a central hub for us and the many groups using the facility each week. Whilst the availability and continuity of funding is a constant challenge for organisations like ours, the Board of Trustees is pleased to report that the accounts we submitted for audit show that the organisation is financially sound. We are pleased to continue our partnership arrangements with the Whau, Waitakere Ranges and Henderson /Massey Local Boards and Auckland Council covering the communities that we serve.

The phrase 'plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose' is very apt in the community sector at present. Things are indeed changing but a set of core underlying issues connected to sustainability and relationships with central and local government remain ever-present. We see and hear the impact of changing priorities and structures at a local, regional or national level. We need to understand and respond to these in the context of both our own activities and our local communities.

A current focus for the Board is to review, with staff, what our focus and priorities should be in this rapidly changing environment.

Community Waitakere is currently launching an improved website which will provide up to date and clear information about what we do and how we connect. The 'e newsletter' will continue to provide a vital service for the wider community to connect and remain up to date with what's happening. We will continue to lead or host focussed training sessions to enhance capability within local community organisations and to work alongside neighbourhood groups across the three Local Board areas. There are also new exciting possibilities being explored for specific area projects by the Environment team.

We look forward to working with our many partners and remain committed to playing our part in achieving our vision of a sustainable West Auckland with thriving, connected communities.

Charlie Moore

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