

# MŌKIHI REFORESTATION TRUST

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ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR 2020



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# CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

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2020 was the fifth year for the Mōkihi Reforestation Trust. It was another successful year of activity with continued plantings at Richards Beach, the 45th Parallel and a new site just north of the Bannockburn Bridge we have named Stuart's Ferry.

In review of the year, what is most significant is the considerable increase in volunteer hours: almost 50% more than each of the previous two years. It's this dedication and time of the volunteers and trustees, not only planting plants, but just as important maintaining rabbit cages and wind cloth, keeping weeds at bay and watering. The plants are growing well and have certainly enjoyed the wet January.

There are a few species and plants in areas that are struggling or have died, but we are learning and building knowledge on more successful planting techniques and species site selection.

In March we appointed Kirsten Kyle as our Administration & Community Liaison Officer. Kirsten brings a huge set of skills to the Trust and has developed our website, increased media opportunities, improved supporter communications, amongst other administration duties.

Late in 2020, we were all deeply saddened with the passing of Mike Barra who was a founding trustee, previous Chairperson and put in a huge amount of volunteer hours planning, planting and maintaining during Mōkihi's first four years. Donations of plants to remember Mike have been kindly offered from Central Otago-Lakes Branch of Forest & Bird and Te Kakano. We will be planting these in 2021 along with a planned plant reference area to remember and honour Mike's tireless efforts.

In December, we finally received the license agreement from LINZ to build our small nursery at McNulty Inlet (this process took over two years!). We now finally have space to store equipment and plants, and we will slowly add smaller plants that we will grow on to better acclimatise to our harsh environment. We look forward to filling the nursery over time and having a permanent base. It's a convenient site being within walking or biking distance, sheltered, a water supply and with a toilet block just nearby.

**BLAIR WALTER**

CHAIRPERSON

# TRUSTEES 2020

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Blair Walter - Chairperson

Barbara Armstrong - Plant Operations

Richard Lord

Nita Smith

Britta Sontag - Treasurer

Greg Lind

Andrew Swann

Administration & Community Liaison Officer (Contractor)

Kirsten Kyle



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## MOKIHI REFORESTATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020



### Statement of income and expenditure - for the year to 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Grants and donations	1	21,678	9,311
CO Pinot Noir Charitable Trust	2	20,000	
Indirect grant	3		2,525
Sargood Bequest	4		20,000
Net interest earned		6	9
<b>Total income</b>		<b>41,684</b>	<b>31,845</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Plant purchases		7,389	7,947
Netting and plant support/protection		6,755	2,076
Compost/fertiliser		351	106
Green waste drop fees		30	
Planting day teas, etc		228	
Site preparation		1,845	
Nursery construction	4	4,500	
Administrator remuneration/charges	4	5,573	
Depreciation charge		651	657
Insurance		444	444
Sundry administration & consumables		603	164
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>28,368</b>	<b>11,394</b>
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>		<b>13,316</b>	<b>20,451</b>

### Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020

<b>Assets</b>			
Cash at bank		40,399	27,038
Equipment	5	1,332	1,378
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>41,731</b>	<b>28,416</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
No outstanding creditors			
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>41,731</b>	<b>28,416</b>

## Notes to the accounts

### General notes

- (a) Prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles with, however, the overriding principle that Mokihi Reforestation Trust is a tier 4 charitable trust (i.e. annual expenditure less than (<) \$125,000) and therefore accounts need only be prepared on a cash (receipts & payments) basis; and also no requirement to account for donated goods and services.
- (b) As the trust is not a trading entity therefore does not carry out any defined taxable activity, it is not registered for GST. Accordingly, all figures shown in the statement of financial position are GST inclusive. NB this relates to expenditure and capital value of depreciated fixed assets.
- (c) Unaudited. There is no requirement for audit for a tier 4 charitable trust.
- (d) Accounts approved by the trustees at a meeting held 25 February 2021.

### Specific notes as per notations in the statements

- 1 Principally comprises grants received from *DOC* (\$7,924) and *MPI* (\$1,791) in relation to the Richards Beach site & \$8,663 to date from *ORC Ecofund* in relation to the new Stuart's Ferry site. Balance is made up of \$1,500 from *Contact Energy*; and sundry smaller donations.
- 2 The Trust received a one-off \$20,000 from the *2020 Central Otago Pinot Noir Charitable Trust* - charity auction proceeds. As this is a windfall, the Trust has ring-fenced this money as a reserve for use only to allay future unforeseen, but necessary costs - anticipated for overheads or emergencies, not funding of further planting, etc.
- 3 The indirect grant in prior year was from *Trees That Count* where payment for plants was made directly to the supplier nursery. Although there was no *Trees That Count* funding for the Trust in 2020, it is anticipated again in future.
- 4 The *Sargood Bequest* funds received in 2019 are specifically to cover the cost of setting up a hardening-off nursery area & payment (for an initial 12 month period at least) of a professional administrator - \$10,073 of the \$20,000 was disbursed in 2020. The money is not available for planting or general costs.
- 5 New asset purchases in 2020 totalled \$605 - principally various site tools the cost of which was covered by \$500 Trust Power Lend-a-Hand grant. Other equipment purchases were from general funds.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

27

PLANTING DAYS

25

MAINTENANCE SESSIONS

(Three at Richards Beach and two at the 45th Parallel)

1066

VOLUNTEER HOURS

25

TRIPS BY TRUSTEES TO FILL

THE WATER DRUMS

(Richards Beach and 45th Parallel)

1615

PLANTS IN THE GROUND 2020

5368

TOTAL PLANTED TO DATE



# PLANTINGS, ASSOCIATIONS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

- A planting with Cromwell Brownies and Cromwell College (on two occasions).
- Established relationship with Guardians of Lake Dunstan
- New association with Otago Fish and Game.
- Matariki planting extended southwards and a plaque put in by RSA.
- Nurseries that supply us: Haehaeata Natural Heritage Trust, Pukerau in Gore, Burn Cottage Nursery in Cromwell and Matukituki Nursery in Glenorchy.
- Continue to obtain eco-sourced local plants.
- Offered an educational opportunity to our supporters with spring walk with ecologist Kate Wardle to Autaia Reserve.
- Our 5000th plant celebrated with a barbecue.
- Carrick, Akarua and Zebra wines supplied metal pins.
- Ata Mara Estate generously provided many local Kanuka at various stages of growth. Some are still successfully growing on and will be large enough to be planted this winter.
- Continued to use stones gifted from Amisfield Quarry.
- Thanks to Dhana from Haehaeata who is a great mentor to our trustees and a useful source of plant info.
- Key funding for plants and plant protection from Department of Conservation for Richards Beach and Otago Regional Council for Stuart's Ferry.
- Morning teas supported by local cafes.

# DONATIONS & FUNDING RECEIVED

- \$20,000 from Central Otago Pinot Noir Charitable Trust
- Otago Regional Council Eco Funding for Stage 1 at Stuart's Ferry of \$8,663
- Matariki Tu Rakau Funding of \$1,790
- Department of Conservation funding of \$7,194
- Cromwell College \$200 donation
- Delicious morning teas from local cafes; Black Rabbit, Armando's, The Kitchen
- \$750 donation from Bannockburn Hotel
- Organic Compost from local vineyards Felton Road and Carrick
- Amisfield Quarry donated stones for mulching at keystone sites



# LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021

- Completion and commencing operations of the nursery at McNulty Inlet.
- Continue to plant and maintain at the three key sites.
- Establish rabbit exclusion fencing at Stuart's Ferry for next stage of planting.
- Engage further with Guardians of Lake Dunstan.
- Continue to increase community awareness and participation.



# WITH THANKS



I would like to thank the dedication and efforts of the Trustees in running the Trust and in particular, Barbara Armstrong who coordinates all the planting and maintenance days. Barbara also meticulously manages the applications and grants that fund the plantings, ordering the plants and materials.

In addition, a big thanks to all the volunteers who regularly turn up to planting and maintenance days. We also are very appreciative of the grants, donations and in-kind support that we have received throughout the year that enables our activity. Thanks to the cycle trail, our plantings have become significantly more visible and community awareness is growing rapidly. The thriving plants at our three sites are a testament to all the time and work committed and it's something that we can all be immensely proud of. It's the start of reforestation of our little part of Central Otago!

**Blair Walter**

Chairperson