

# MŌKIHI REFORESTATION TRUST

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ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR 2022



*Pseudopanax ferox*

# CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

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2022 was the seventh year for the Mōkihi Reforestation Trust. As planned, it was to have been a year of consolidation with, if anything, a focus on funding. Early in the year, we also had to absorb the retirement of tireless trustee and operations manager, Barbara Armstrong. Nevertheless, 5 community planting days were held with a total of 418 new plantings mainly at Stuart Ferry, but with also a number at Richards Beach, and around the nursery at McNulty Inlet. A further 200 plants were planted by Rotary at their defined Rotary Point area within Richards Beach. We are very appreciative of the relationship with Rotary and their ongoing commitment and care to this area. The nursery has bedded in nicely, at any given time supporting up to 650 plants for growing on, hardening off or simply awaiting planting at our sites. The nursery is also proving its worth as a much-needed storage area for our tools, supplies and trailer.

## **Cromwell Nature Day**

On 29 October we held the inaugural Cromwell Nature Day made possible by a grant from Connect Cromwell. Various activities were held for the 75 people from the Cromwell community that attended the event at Richards Beach. Very popular with families and children was “Bugman” Ruud Kleinpaste.

Ruud educated, informed and entertained with a range of his stories that fully engaged his audience on the importance of becoming one with nature. Also, hugely popular were the flax “Mōkihi. The brainchild and prefab creation of Sue Lind, these were assembled on-site by attendee children who then packed them with a range of seeds to float off down the Kawarau. While we are hopeful that some of the seeds will take hold on the river bank and flourish, it was a largely symbolic gesture, that reinforces our name and the longer-term goal of native reforestation along the length of the Clutha Mata-au. A talk was given to all about Mōkihi’s establishment, the work we do and the importance of native reforestation specifically with species that originally grew in this area and importantly, from eco-sourced seed. In tune with this theme 60 plants were planted, along with maintenance and mulching around pre-existing plantings. We are grateful for the support from Connect Cromwell toward making the day such a success, and given the wonderful engagement with the Cromwell community and positive feedback, we are hopeful that Cromwell Nature Day can become an annual event.

## **A recap of other community events and activities participated in during 2022**

1. In April, trustee Andrew Swann represented the trust at the Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust hui coordinating local conservation activity. We are grateful for OGHT for arranging this hui as the enhanced links we now have with the attending groups has been truly beneficial given the prominence and visibility of our planting sites on the Lake Dunstan Cycling and Walking Trail and need accordingly for informative and professional signage.
2. Also in April, the trust held its Annual Public Meeting. Following the meeting, trustee Greg Lind gave an excellent presentation of the work he leads as chair of The Southern Lakes Sanctuary.
3. In September we arranged for our supporters a talk by Ben Teele (from our sister trust, Whakatipu Reforestation Trust) on the & Native Dryland Forest in Central Otago . It is clear from the attendance (over 50 in the audience) and questions, that there is growing local interest to learn more about the indigenous vegetation of our much-modified ranges and valley floors.
4. Later in September, the annual wider community Clean-up Cromwell Day was supported by Mōkihi and planting site maintenance work was undertaken at the northern end of Richards Beach.
5. In November, Mōkihi hosted 9 of the 12 Otago Regional Council councillors, along with some ORC staff at Richards Beach and Stuart's Ferry. The councillors were genuinely impressed with the progress that has been made in our most challenging of conditions. It was also most satisfying to demonstrate how the valuable ORC Ecofund grant money has assisted our plantings.
6. Also in November, Mōkihi trustees attended the annual regional hui of reforestation groups, this year hosted by Whakatipu Reforestation Trust. Much valuable networking again was gained at this excellent event bringing together the various groups' ideas, successes, challenges and opportunities.
7. The ideas and links gleaned from the regional hui were then topped up and further improved upon in December through representation from the trust at the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network conference that was held in Queenstown. Along with many presentations and a field trip, there were other gains from the opportunity to network and learn from the cream of New Zealand's ecological restoration experts.

# TRUSTEES 2022

Following the retirement of three trustees in 2021, we were delighted to appoint three new trustees in 2022. Richard Broadhead in May, with Hamish Hay and Kirsten Finucane joining in July.

We welcome the three new trustees with the enthusiasm and skills that they bring to the trust.

Mōkihi Reforestation Trust, Trustees in 2022

Richard Broadhead

Kirsten Finucane

Hamish Hay

Greg Lind

Richard Lord - Deputy Chairperson

Andrew Swann - Treasurer

Blair Walter - Chairperson





## **ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER**

Jane Powe

### **Site Maintenance Contractor**

Commencing in spring 2022, the trust has engaged a part time (8 hours per fortnight) maintenance contractor to aid in keeping our planting sites in orderly shape, in particular ensuring we are on top of the weeding and similar important activity. Primarily, it was (and continues to be), the Richards Beach site that needed this extra attention as the size and complexity of the site had grown past what could be managed through ad hoc volunteer work alone. The person we have engaged for this, Eve O'Brien has proved a success beyond our expectation, as anyone who has been to Richards Beach of late would surely vouch for.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Mōkihi Reforestation Trust

Statement of Financial Position

For the year to 31 December 2022



### Statement of income and expenditure - for the year to 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Grants and donations	1	13,399	33,738
Sargood Bequest	2		10,000
Net interest earned		291	356
<b>Total income</b>		<b>13,690</b>	<b>44,094</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Plant purchases		807	6,086
Netting and plant support/protection		529	3,719
Rabbit proof fences			15,906
Compost/fertiliser		58	531
Planting day teas, etc			112
Site prep incl physical re-engineering		706	922
Irrigation installation		905	1,301
Signage		858	
Nursery expenses		122	1,655
Nursery construction		349	6,964
Professional & consultant expenses	3	965	1,427
Administrator remuneration/charges		7,984	7,394
Site maintenance contractor		1,568	
Depreciation charge	5	735	712
Insurance		372	372
Sundry administration & consumables		954	481
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>16,913</b>	<b>47,581</b>
<b>Deficit expenditure over income</b>		<b>- 3,223</b>	<b>- 3,487</b>

### Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022

<b>Assets</b>			
Cash at bank		34,050	37,499
Outstanding debtor balances	4	400	1,535
Equipment	5	964	745
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>35,413</b>	<b>39,779</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Outstanding creditor balances		426	
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>426</b>	<b>nil</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>34,987</b>	<b>39,779</b>



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## 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; also no requirement to account for donated (in-kind) 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) Consideration has been given to capitalisation of nursery construction costs. However, under tier 4 there is no requirement for this and as the accounts are expressed on a cashflow basis it is considered currently more appropriate to match the funding of the construction against the cost through the income & expenditure statement (as above). If in future the trust's income increases beyond the \$125,000 threshold and/or there is significant expansion of the nursery facility, then the option would be available to restate the accounting basis and account for the capital value of the nursery structure, fixtures and fittings at that time.
- (d) Unaudited. There is no requirement for audit for a tier 4 charitable trust.
- (e) Accounts approved by the trustees at a meeting held 14 March 2023.

### Specific notes as per notations in the statements

- 1 The main contributor to the total sum was a grant from *ORC Ecofund* of \$7,919 for site work at Stuart's Ferry. We also received \$800 from TSB Lend-a-Hand to be applied towards various signage; \$1,535 from Contact Energy to assist with clearance of poplars from our nursery site; \$1,500 from contributors to our nascent *Friends of Mokihi* scheme; and sundry donations of \$1,645 (of which \$970 was via the *Give-a-little* website).
  - 2 To date \$30,000 has been received from the *Sargood Bequest*. A final tranche of \$8,000 (specifically to cover administrator costs) was originally anticipated in 2022 but has been deferred to 2023.
  - 3 The professional & consultant expenses for 2022: \$575 for Ruud Kleinpaste's time at the inaugural Nature Day in October; \$390 for Mokihi's representation at the biennial NZ Plant Conservation Network conference which in 2022 was held locally in Queenstown.
  - 4 Timing difference on receipt of \$400 from *Trees That Count*, i.e. funds received early January 2023.
  - 5 New equipment purchases in 2022 totalled \$954. The biggest single purchase was \$581 for 2 x teardrop flags. The total depreciation charge for 2022 was of \$735. With the trust's trailer now substantively written down through depreciation, the new teardrop flags are now the trust's equipment carrying most value.
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# ACHIEVEMENTS

## 418

New Plants in the ground  
at Stuart Ferry

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New guest speaker  
education sessions with  
great attendance

### **SOUTHERN LAKES SANCTUARY**

GREG LIND  
AGM

### **DRYLAND FORESTS**

BEN TEELE

### **BUGS AND INSECTS**

RUUD KLEINPASTE  
NATURE DAY CROMWELL

## 6670

TOTAL PLANTS TO DATE  
OVER 3 SITES





# WITH THANKS



I would like to thank the dedication and efforts of the trustees in running the trust. Much effort goes in to overseeing the plants in the nursery, plant maintenance, coordinating planting days, and particularly water trips to fill the drums over the dry summer months.

Without the time and commitment from the trustees, we would not be achieving the small unique dryland forests that are establishing in our 3 main sites. There is also considerable behind the scenes efforts carried out by the trustees that enable the trust to successfully function.

In addition, a big thanks to all the volunteers who regularly turn up to planting and maintenance days. They are the heart and soul of our community focused trust. We are also very appreciative of the grants, donations and in-kind support that we have received throughout the year that enables our activity.

The thriving plants at our three sites are a testament to all the time and work committed and is something that all those involved with or contributing to Mōkihi can be immensely proud of.

Seeing our plants grow taller, flowering and becoming more water self-sufficient in our challenging establishment environment gives us the confidence of our continued work in habitat restoration in the Cromwell and Lake Dunstan surrounds.

**Blair Walter**

Chairperson

MŌKIHI REFORESTATION TRUST