



## Vision

Tapping into the strengths of our own people.

## Missions

By learning from the past, we create strong connections for future generations - honouring their strengths, listening to their stories, and celebrating our diversity.

## Strategic Plan

- To co-design, develop and deliver a community profile with Key stakeholders, agencies and local government.
- Develop stronger networks with community groups and partnering agencies that stimulate community-led development and community wellbeing.
- Develop a model around social, health, wellbeing, cultural, economic, environment and positive youth development, identifying areas of need with an Action Plan that benefits the Bulls community.
- Work with the Bulls community to promote Bulls as a great place to live, work, play, raise a family and own a business in.
- Support effective volunteering for the benefit of individuals and the Bulls community.
- We acknowledge the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles and the importance of Māori as Tangatawhenua.

**The purpose** of the Trust is to enhance health and wellbeing outcomes for residents of Bulls and the wider district. By respectfully collaborating with a wide range of agencies, community groups, businesses, and individuals, we amplify both expert knowledge and the voices of our community in shaping key plans and outcomes. Through shared local wisdom, strengths, and experiences, we work together to shape a bold and thriving future for all. Our community-led development programmes and events inspire hope and demonstrate that anything is possible when we stand united.

**Our Strategy** outlines, that achieving our vision requires staying true to our commitment to strengthening protective factors across community, family, school, and individual levels - factors that are essential for promoting health and wellbeing.

*The Bulls and District Community Trust would like to acknowledge its funding partners and donations received from our community and Bulls businesses.*

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*"True progress begins when we work alongside our community."*

## The Bulls and District Community Trust Governing Body



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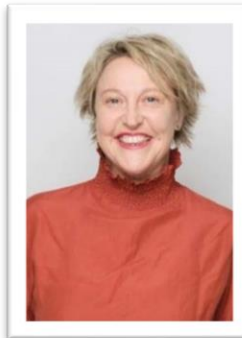
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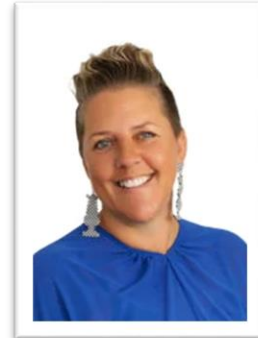
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## A Snapshot of our Mahi

### OUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ **Annual Events** – Bringing our people together, sparks conversations, and builds connection.
- ❖ **Health Initiatives** – Including our unique breast cancer fundraiser supporting survivors. A heartfelt thank you to Marilyn Archibald, our public health nurse, and Dr Dave Baldwin for their ongoing support.
- ❖ **Bulls Food Pantry** – Thriving and vital, especially during tough economic times.
- ❖ **Bulls Community Van** – A key resource that helps our people stay connected and supported.
- ❖ **Youth Initiative** – Providing a safe, engaging space outside of school where young people can play, learn respect, communicate, and grow.
- ❖ **Ongoing Community Support** – For all our people, in town and across rural areas.
- ❖ **Shoe Box Christmas** - Gift-wrapped shoeboxes filled with small presents, essentials, and love are given to children in our community who could use a little extra Christmas cheer. It's a simple act that makes a big impact.
- ❖ **Push Play** - Working alongside Sport Whanganui and our youth to create fun, engaging play spaces throughout our wonderful town.

### Trust Management Plan

- Source Funding for Events, Programmes and Activities
- Deliver MoU with Rangitikei District Council
- Collaborate with Community Co-Ordinators within and surrounding district/region
- Support Community Groups with their endeavours
- Collaborate with Schools both local and district wide with development of shared ideas
- Bulls River Users Group, collaborate with RDC, Horizons, Enviro schools and community volunteers
- Manage and maintain the Bulls Community Van
- Strengthening relationships with NGO's, Local and Government, and Agencies to support positive change and community-led knowledge making.

### Report from the Chair

Tēnā tatou katoa. Welcome to the 22nd AGM of the Bulls and District Community Trust.

As we welcome the Māori New Year, it is a time for remembrance, celebrating the present and looking to the future. It is about inclusion and embracing diversity, and the richness of community-led knowledge and development. The Trust aspires to cultivate a community that is prosperous, attractive, and safe - characterised by a deep appreciation for our people, history, and culture, while ensuring that all development practices are sustainable.

The accomplishments and success stories we have achieved are a direct result of the unwavering support from our dedicated network. This network includes individuals, agencies, community groups, businesses, funders, the Rangitikei District Council, and local residents who are committed to our vision and mission. Their collaboration fosters community-led projects and events that strengthen social capital. I would like to extend a special thanks to all our funders who support the Trust and our work.

### Our year in Review

- ❖ Annual Events – the “fun stuff” to bring people together, engage and have conversations.
- ❖ Health initiatives including our own unique Breast Cancer fundraiser to support the survivors of cancer. Nga mihi Marilyn Archibald, our public health nurse for your support of everything we do.
- ❖ The Bulls Food Pantry – a much-needed resource when families are finding it tough.
- ❖ The Bulls Community Van – an essential tool in our toolbox
- ❖ Youth Initiative – Keeping our young people occupied after school where they can play, learn respect and manners, communication, and the appreciation of others,
- ❖ And the continued support of all our community, both town and rural.

### Focus for 2025/26

Our ongoing commitment to serving the community is fundamentally dependent on the generous support we receive from individuals and organisations alike, both in terms of financial contributions and social engagement. Despite the tightening of funds in recent times, we remain dedicated to exploring innovative initiatives that foster connectivity among our community members to create a more cohesive and supportive community environment.

In addition to our core work plan and focus on health and wellbeing, we are dedicated to improving the Domain area for both residents and visitors, working closely with our local council. We are also developing new walkways that will start at Bulls Bridge, follow the Rangitikei River, and connect up with the Domain and the cemetery. This project is ongoing and a collaboration with Horizons. Furthermore, our youth initiative, which offers activities for all age groups, is continuing to expand and will be a central focus for the Trust in the future as our young people are the future.

Thank you to our Trustees for bringing your passion, intellect, insight, experiences, and resources to the table. You form an amazing team. Our mahi is carried out by Heidi Macaulay, a dedicated and talented Community Coordinator. Her consistent support and tireless efforts to foster strong relationships with our funders, supporters, community groups, government bodies, local authorities, agencies, and volunteers are exceptional. She ensures that everyone is aligned and working together with their resources and expertise. Also, we respectfully acknowledge Ngāti Parewahawaha of Ngāti Raukawa ki Te Tonga. and Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa as the Traditional Custodians of the land we currently deliver programs and services on. Thank you all for being here today. Together, let us continue to take pride in the work we do; to be effective and create positive outcomes for the development of Bulls and all its residents.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koe  
Helen Scully (Chair)