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Hunterville Community Committee

Order Paper

Monday, 20 June 2016, at 6.30pm

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Chair Jane Watson

Membership

Maureen Fenton, Karen Kennedy, Jean Signal, Erina True

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, (ex officio)

Councillor Dean McManaway or any one other Councillor

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The quorum for the Hunterville Community Committee is 4.

At its meeting of 28 October 2010, Council resolved that "The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

4 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 18 April 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendation from the Committee to Council meeting on 26 May 2016.

6 Council responses to queries at previous meetings

There were no responses.

7 Issues raised at previous meeting

Ms M Fenton suggested the Rangitikei District Council be informed via the Request for Service process for the following:

- The blackberry and vegetation infestation in the Hunterville township waterways (in front of bowling club)
- The blackberry and vegetation infestation in the creek on Te Maire Rd
- The Old Man's Beard infestation at Buffalo Park (opposite the Station Hotel).
- The Committee requests Rangitikei District Council look at the issue of trees and branches overhanging footpaths in the township, these are proving to be an obstacle for pedestrians.

In regards to the Blackberry at the North and South entrances to Hunterville. Council has advised our contractor to spray the Blackberry that is within the 50km speed limit zones and pass on to NZTA a request to do the same to the Blackberry outside the 50km speed zone (this falls into State Highway territory and is the responsibility of NZTA).

The over grown section of Blackberry in front of the bowling club has been weed eaten by Cr. Dean McManaway and Athol our Parks and Reserves Team Leader will have his team give it a weed eat bi monthly or when requested.

The land in Te Maire road in being used privately for grazing and is being maintained by a third party.

In regards to the Old Man's Beard Athol was unable to locate this invasive plant. The reserve is full of a climbing plant called Mulenbeckia australis. A brief description from the NZ plant conservation website follows.

'With its rampant growth engulfing trees and roadsides, our native Mulenbeckia australis might seem like a weed but it occupies an important place in New Zealand's ecology. Pohuehue, or large-leaved muehlenbeckia, grows naturally in places where there is plentiful light and climbing support such as forest edges, cliff faces, scrub and regenerating vegetation. It has flourished since human settlement because land clearance has created conditions it favours such as edges around forest remnants.'

He informed Karen that from Council's part this plants removal is not a priority on our hit list. However when the parks team start cleaning up some of the smaller reserves in our region they will look at this plant with a view to removing it. Also in the reserve is a strange larger growing shrub that has a seed similar to "Old Man's Beard". It's a plant I am not familiar with. He noted if the Committee still feel Old Man's Beard is present he can meet and you can show him the spot it's growing. They will remove it without delay.

The overhanging trees in the township are being dealt as Council are informed of the trees specific location.

8 Small Projects Grant Scheme (balance)

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - June 2016' be received. A resolution is needed if the Committee wishes to rollover unspent funds to 2016/17.

9 Outcome of Council deliberations on submissions to Annual Plan and other proposals consulted with at the same time

Attached for information is a summary of Council's decisions made on 26 May 2016 on the 2016/17 Annual Plan, the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2016/17, the Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy and Control of Dogs Bylaw, the Gambling (Class 4) Venue and Tab Venue Policies and the amendment to the Speed Limit Bylaw for a section of Parewanui Road.

The Mayor and Ward Councillors may wish to comment further.

10 Proposed District Plan Change – Update May 2016

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-PL-2-7

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Change – Update May 2016' be received.

11 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Ward' be received.

12 Potential Hunterville Computer Hub

The Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust was set up in 2010 and has 12 computers in Marton and 6 on Ratana. The latest Annual Report is attached.

The goal of the Trust is to improve computer access and computer skills in our community. Their manager, Angela Coleman writes:

"We take the 'and surrounds' in our title seriously and have been wondering what you would think of hosting a couple of our computers in Hunterville? We would provide the computers and periodic support, but would need a local business or public building that would be willing to keep them safe and let the public access them, for as many hours as possible. We use unpaid volunteers at our other hubs to extend opening hours.

If this is something that the Committee would like to discuss further, giving us your ideas about where such a facility could be hosted, and who are the key people who might like to be involved, please let me know. I am happy to take phone calls or to come to meet with people in Hunterville."

Contact details are:

Angela Coleman

Manager, Marton ICT Hub

Behind the Marton Library, cnr Blackwell and High Streets, Marton

Phone: 06 327 0092 or 021 1234 727

Email: marton.ict.hub@gmail.com

Website: www.marton.icthub.org.nz

13 General business

14 Next meeting

Tuesday 15 August 2016, 6.30pm

15 Meeting closed

Attachment 1



Rangitikei District Council

Hunterville Community Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 18 April 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

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Present: Ms Jane Watson (Chair)

Ms Maureen Fenton

Ms Karen Kennedy Ms Jean Signal

Cr Dean McManaway (Acting Mayor)

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

That the apology for absence from Ms E True be received.

Ms K Kennedy / Ms J Signal. Carried

3 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

Nil

4 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from the Hunterville Community Committee meeting 15 February 2016, are yet been received by Council¹

5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted that there were no recommendations from the Committee to Council's meeting on 29 February 2016.

6 'What's new, what's changed...?' -Consultation Document for the 2016/17 Annual Plan

Cr McManaway (as the Acting Mayor) and Mr Hodder presented the consultation document for the Annual Plan 2016/2017. Each item was thoroughly discussed and questions from the committee were answered. Both the Committee and indeed the wider Community were encouraged to participate in the submission process: this is our opportunity to have our voice heard.

7 Other simultaneous consultations:

- proposed 2016/17 Schedule of Fees and Charges
- proposed amendments to the dog control policy and associated bylaw
- review of class 4 Gambling venue policy

The Committee read through the Summary of Information documents for the proposals out for simultaneous consultation.

¹ Resolution numbers 15/HCC/001 to 004 have been set aside for that meeting.

8 Update on town centre plan project

No further update was provided to the meeting.

9 Issues raised at previous meeting

Nil

10 Small Projects Grant Scheme (balance)

Resolved minute number 16/HCC/005 File Ref 3-CC-1-5

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - April 2016' be received.

Ms J Watson / Ms K Kennedy. Carried

11 Evaluating Horizons' One Plan implementation – part one: water quality

Resolved minute number 16/HCC/006 File Ref

That the letter 'Evaluating Horizons' One Plan implementation - part one: water quality' be received.

Ms K Kennedy / Ms J Signal. Carried

12 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

Resolved minute number 16/HCC/007 File Ref 3-CC-1-5

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Ward' be received.

Ms J Watson / Ms K Kennedy. Carried

13 General business

- Ms M Fenton suggested the Rangitikei District Council be informed via the Request for Service process, of the blackberry and vegetation infestation in the Hunterville township waterways (in front of bowling club), also the creek in Te Maire Rd and the Old Man's Beard infestation at Buffalo Park (opposite the Station Hotel).
- The Committee requests Rangitikei District Council look at the issue of trees and branches overhanging footpaths in the township, these are proving to be an obstacle for pedestrians.

• The Committee thanked both Cr McManaway and Mr Hodder for their time to discuss in detail the Consultation Document to the Annual Plan 2016/17.

14 Next meeting

Tuesday 20 June 2016, 6.30pm

15 Meeting clos	ed – 8.05pm	
Confirmed/Chair:		
Date:		

Attachment 2



MEMORANDUM

TO:

Hunterville Community Committee

FROM:

Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

DATE:

31 May 2016

SUBJECT:

Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - June 2016

FILE:

3-CC-1-5

1 Allocation

- 1.1 The 2015/16 Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Hunterville Ward is \$809.
- 1.2 The allocation of the Small Projects Grant Scheme is for the period 1 July to 30 June each year. At its meeting on 29 February 2016, Council resolved to allow carry-forward from one financial year to the next of up to 100% of the annual allocation for any Committee's Small Projects Grant Fund, with the proviso that this be a specific resolution of the Committee.

2 Breakdown

- 2.1 For the 2015/16 year the following amounts have been used by the Committee:
 - \$417.39 Hunterville Bookshop; photocopier paper for the Hunterville newspaper

3 Remaining Budget

3.1 This leaves a remaining budget for the 2015/16 financial year of \$391.61.

Samantha Whitcombe Governance Administrator

Attachment 3

Summary for Community Boards, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and Community Committees

Council's deliberations on submissions to the Consultation document 'What's new, what's changed...' (the 2016/17 Annual Plan) and other proposals consulted on at the same time

A detailed response (including reasons for Council's decisions) will be sent to all submitters early in July 2016

Annual Plan

233 submissions were received.

Council's decisions on the key choices for which view were specifically sought

Youth services

\$60,000 – with the Council continuing to seek an equivalent contribution from external sources on a co-funded basis. The Policy/Planning Committee will develop a proposal outlining how this funding can be used to transition from its current provision to a Youth One Stop Shop in both Marton and Taihape.

New amenity block in Taihape Memorial Park

\$500,000 – provided that this is supplemented by \$100,000 raised by the community. The actual site on the Park will be a matter for consultation with the Taihape community.

Multi-sports turfs in Marton

The balance of insurance payout for damaged turf on Centennial Park to be paid to Rangitīkei College for its multi-sport turf once the damaged area is cleaned up and further payment of \$100,000 in 2016/17 subject to total funding for the project being confirmed.

Payment of \$100,000 (provisionally in 2017/18) to Nga Tawa Diocesan School for a full-sized multi-sport water turf provided satisfactory provision is made for community access and once the balance of funding is confirmed.

Site for new civic centre in Marton (including administration and library services)

\$170,000 to purchase Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams Buildings and \$50,000 for initial heritage assessment and development concept.

Amendment to rates remission policy

Remission for low-value properties where hardship can be demonstrated.

¹ Council has made an application to the Department of Internal Affairs Community Development Fund.

Other topics raised where Council approved actions include:

- Improvement to Mokai Road staff to liaise with NZTA and report to Assets/Infrastructure Committee;
- 2. Heating of Taihape Town Hall auditorium staff to investigate feasibility of having a standing arrangement to borrow industrial heaters and a generator for those events which cannot be held in other venues in Taihape;
- 3. Taihape & District's Women's Club veranda to be replaced;
- 4. Public toilets at Mangaweka staff to investigate best way to ensure a permanent arrangement;
- 5. Mangaweka signage on SH-1 staff to liaise with NZTA on changing these signs to 'Mangaweka Village';
- 6. Kauangaroa staff to investigate feasibility of lower speed limits in this area;
- 7. Heavy trailer parking near the newly constructed Wyleys Bridge staff to investigate what is feasible to reinstate;
- Centennial Park, Marton staff to formulate (with Marton Saracens Cricket Club) a
 plan for upgrading the wicket and to explore options for public toilets being
 accessible there or nearby;
- Review of promotional signage for and within Marton Marton Community
 Committee to liaise with other stakeholders and provide a recommendation to
 Council:
- 10. Ratana upgrades staff to liaise with Ratana Community Board on improving the playground and extending the road access into the cemetery and landscaping it;
- 11. Koitiata campground facilities staff to prepare a report for Assets/Infrastructure Committee;
- 12. Wasp control specific annual provision of \$10,000.

Fees and Charges

8 submissions were received.

Clarification was sought on applicability of volumetric wastewater charges. This has been added to the final schedule: it applies only to domestic institutions like nursing homes whose water consumption is greater than a residential dwelling.

Council did not accept the suggestion from two submitters for fees in libraries for overdue loans and out-of-District membership, but did accept the suggestion to introduce a fixed charge for rural boundary setback land use consents (in the interest of providing certainty of costs for applicants).

Adopted subject to confirmation of Schedule 1: building work for which building consent is not required.

Dog Owner Responsibility Policy and Control of Dogs bylaw

16 submissions were received.

A majority of submitters wanted mandatory neutering of dogs classified as menacing. Council accepted that it was preferable to retain discretion for Animal Control staff.

Most submitters supported regular inspection of properties of registered dog owners.

Submitters also requested more active monitoring of owners and compulsory training before people could own dogs but such measures are of dubious enforceability and would bring more cost into the service.

Both the policy and bylaw were adopted without change from the documents issued for public consultation. The existing bylaw has been revoked.

Gambling Class 4 Venue Policy

8 submissions were received.

A majority of submitters concerned with the consequences of problem gambling requested Council to alter the policy to a sinking lid policy. This would not permit any machines to be replaced. As this is not the current policy, the Policy/Planning Committee will further consider and make a recommendation to Council's meeting on 30 June 2016.

TAB Venue Policy

5 submissions were received.

There are currently no stand-alone TAB venues in the District. One submitter thought this should change, but the others did not. Adopted without amendment

Speed Limit Bylaw – amendment for Parewanui Road

11 submissions were received.

Council proposed to reduce the speed limit on a section of Parewanui Road from 100 km/h to 80 km/h. While generally supported, Council accepted a recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee to reduce the affected area so that Brandon Hall Road was excluded. The bylaw amendment will be publicly notified and advice provided to the Minister of Transport.

1 June 2016

Attachment 4



Memorandum

To:

Council

From:

Katrina Gray

Date:

17 May 2016

Subject:

Proposed District Plan Change - Update May 2016

File:

1-PL-2-7

1 Background

1.1 Council approved the proposed District Plan Change 2016 for public consultation at its meeting on 29 March 2016. Public submissions were open from 4 March to 4 April 2016, with further submissions open from 9 April to 22 April 2016.

2 Comment

- 2.1 A total of 22 original submissions and 4 further submissions were received.
- 2.2 The most significant issues raised are heritage, natural hazards (Taihape West Slip zone, advice notes and flooding), commercial zoning and rural zone setbacks.
- 2.3 Pre-hearing meetings have been held with submitters where there is scope to resolve issues prior to the hearing. Highly productive discussions have been held with Heritage New Zealand, New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA) Western Branch, Federated Farmers, NZTA and Horizons. Discussions between staff and submitters have also been occurring in situations where submissions would be more appropriately addressed through the Annual Plan process. This work has reduced the number of submissions to 19.
- 2.4 It is anticipated that a number of the issues identified by submitters will be addressed prior to the hearing including:
 - Flooding with all relevant submitters.
 - Taihape West Slip zone with Horizons Regional Council.
 - Advice notes for natural hazards with the majority of parties.
 - Liquefaction, ground shaking, active fault and landslide with all relevant submitters.
 - Signage with NZTA.
 - Manufacturing setbacks with Robert Snijders.
 - Heritage matters with NZIA Western Branch and Heritage New Zealand.
 - Issues raised by Federated Farmers.

- 2.5 The result from these pre-hearing discussions is that the issues to be considered at the hearing are likely to be reduced to the following matters:
 - Issues which are considered by staff to be outside of the scope of the current plan change process.
 - Taihape West Slip zone concerns from residents.
 - Minor issues related to heritage from other submitters.
- 2.6 The hearing has been tentatively scheduled for the last week of June 2016. This timing means that that officer reports are likely to be released early June. There are 14 submitters that have indicated they wish to speak to their submission, however, it is expected this number will reduce when issues are resolved.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That the memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Change – Update May 2016' be received.

Katrina Gray Policy Analyst

Attachment 5

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Hunterville Community Committee

FROM:

Samantha Whitcombe

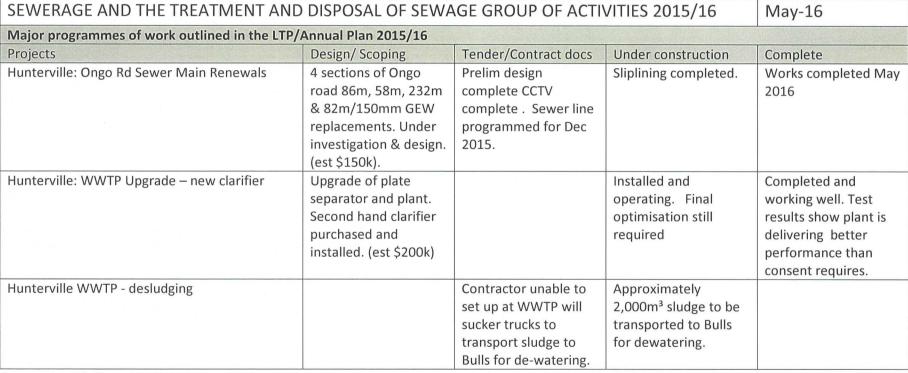
DATE:

14 June 2016

SUBJECT: Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Ward

FILE:

3-CC-1-5



Samantha Whitcombe Governance Administrator



Attachment 6

Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust Board



Computer in Homes graduation in October 2014 at Marton Junction School

From left: Vanessa Te Ua, Nora Karehana, Andy Watson & Angela Coleman

Annual Report for year from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

Improving computer access and computer skills in our community





Welcome to Marton Junction School for October 2014 graduation ceremony

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Entertainment at October 2014 graduation

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A Big Thanks to







Acknowledgement of Funding

We acknowledge and thank the following organisations and individuals for their financial contributions and non-financial support:

JBS Dudding Trust for \$8,000

Whanganui Community Foundation for \$9,999

TG Macarthy Trust for \$5,000

Powerco Wanganui Trust for \$3,000

Rangitikei District Council's Community Initiatives Fund for \$2,000

COGS for \$1,000

NZ Lotteries Grant Board for \$5,000

Pub Charity for \$4,008

In exchange for using the Hub for training and Civil Defence, the Rangitikei District Council covers all venue and broadband expenses at the Marton ICT Hub (valued at \$9,600)

Donations from individual Marton Hub users was \$1,697 (a lot for people without much money)

Damian Turner-Steele from Lynx Computing provided technical support and Rick Coleman worked on the Hub's website this year without payment

Volunteers at Marton ICT Hub

Sandra Stevens, Kim Smith, John Allen, Desarae Rapana, Kevin Field, Shannon Tauariki, Aimee Burkin, Joanne Maraku, David Wagg, Ethan Russell and Michelle Durie have between them supplied 2,978 volunteer hours (worth \$42,430 at minimum wage)

Volunteers at Ratana ICT Hub

Nada Hotu, Wes Hemi, Dana Puketohe, Wiremu Meremere and Arahi Hagger have provided many volunteer hours at Ratana

Improving computer access and computer skills in our community



OUR GOAL

To address 'digital disadvantage'. We provide affordable and accessible services for adults and students without access to a computer or broadband internet at home. We also help people who have the money, but don't know what to buy or do not have the skills to use their computer or the internet.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Our target audience are people who are rural and isolated, young, older, low income, Maori or Pacifica.

WHAT ARE WE?

Marton has 12 and Ratana has 6 flash 21.5" iMac computers (with both Mac and Microsoft operating systems). We have headsets to reduce noise and also have printers, whiteboards, dataprojectors and screens.





The Marton Team—Aimee, Kevin, Des, Kim, Jacynda, Sandra, Jo, Shannon and baby

Digital Inclusion—why it matters?

Digital Inclusion ensures affordable and equal access to technology, and ICT skills, are available to all members of our community irrespective of income, ability or disadvantage.

Our society is already unequal, but the evidence is that it is the most economically and socially excluded (with poor skills, poor health and low incomes) who are now also missing out on digital access. UK statistics are that of those missing out, 40% are over 65, 40% are unemployed without children and 20% are families with children. As the government and businesses move more of their goods and services online, the disadvantage just grows and grows for the groups left behind.

It is not just having the broadband available in your area, it is whether you have the money to pay for it, or the skills to use the information.

Digital inclusion matters a great deal for individuals, for small businesses, for small charities. There are a variety of advantages of being online, ranging from an individual searching for a job, getting a job, a small business able to sell their products online, a small charity being able to raise donations and seek donations online.

Access to digital resources can save households significant amounts of money. The internet is also great for addressing social issues such as isolation, health & well-being and it supports economic growth.

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"I have used the expertise of the Hub Volunteers on previous occasions and have always been happy with the results. Today was no exception and thanks to Dave my query was answered. Thank you." (Dusty, 8os)

"Excellent most helpful. I will be back." (Eleanor, teenager)





Quotes from Marton Hub users

"Come along and join us!! The Hub is a friendly relaxed supportive place to learn and enhance your computer skills be it basic, medium or advanced. Stay for an hour, or all day, enjoy a coffee, have a laugh while you learn. Angela and Dave and their team of volunteers are so welcoming and helpful. Angela's encouragement has given me in particular, confidence and motivation and being an older person that is invaluable. The pleasure one feels when understanding clicks and it all comes together, is such an achievement and a buzz. Thank you Angela, Dave, the Hub—much appreciated.

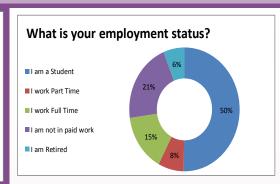
(Hazel, 60s)

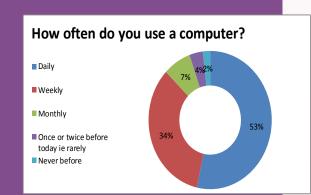
"Friendly staff, very helpful, friendly environment, excellent technology ie Apple PC, easy + simple registration to access computers, access to hot beverage stand a bonus at a reasonable cost ©(Riki, 40s)

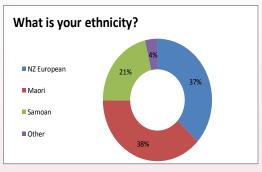
"I think the Hub is a great idea. I have, as a very average user of computers, a great admiration for their service in helping me cope with IT. To Joan, Patrick, Kevin, Aimee, Desarae, Kim and Ethan, thank you for your good service and tolerance!" (John, 50s)

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What is your age? 18 years or under 19 to 30 years 31 to 50 years 551 to 64 years 65+ years

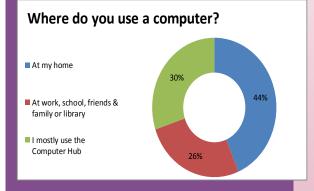


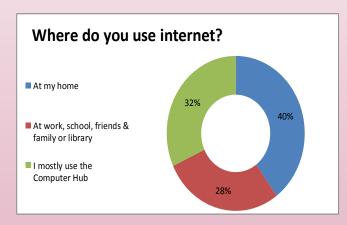


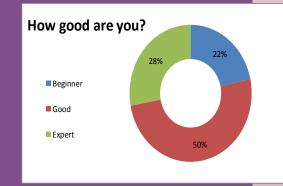


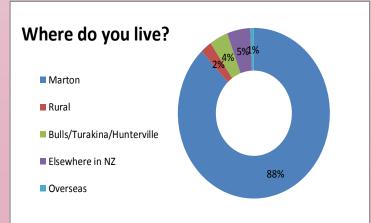
Who uses the Marton Hub?

In the last year we have had 4,344 attendances and 3,367 (78%) completed our online anonymous survey using a Google Form. We missed the Computers in Homes and the RDC staff, and a few others.

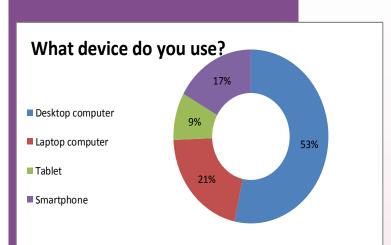


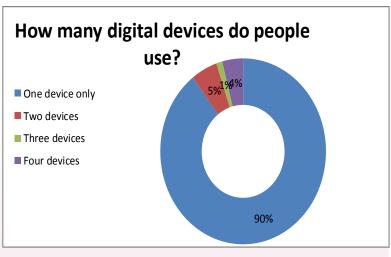






Improving computer access and computer skills in our community

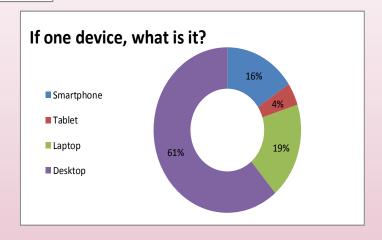


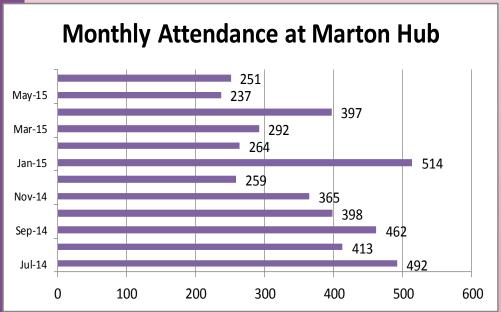


At Marton it's 4,344 attendances for the year, with an estimate of say 1,500 at Ratana, that's about

6,000 attendances this year

Comparison with previous years:
10,000 last year (6,869 at Marton and 3,000 at Ratana
13,000 previous year (9,415 at Marton and 3,618 at Ratana)
15,500 the year before (10,530 at Marton & 5,096 at Ratana)
and 10,000 in our first year (6,761 at Marton & 3,365 at Ratana)





Improving computer access and computer skills in our community

Age

Under 18s were down from 60% to 49% last year and now up to 55%, 19 to 30yo are down in last year from 22% to 17%, 31 to 50yo are up from 15% to 18%, 51-64 are down from 8% to 4% and 65+ are down from 6% to 5%.

Ethnicity

Last year it was 1/3 Maori, 1/3
Samoan (up from 14%) and 1/3
European. This year, it's 37%
European, 38% Maori and 21%
Samoan

Employment Status

Students are up again (46% to 50%), full time work is up (12% to 15%), part time work is the same (8%), not is paid work is down (26% to 21%), retired is down (8% to 6%)



What do the stats say and how are they changing over the years?

Overall numbers continue to move downwards, with more people using our wifi or library computers next door. Rather than increasing raw numbers (ie children playing computer games) we focus our attention on the quality of learning opportunities for young and old or taking people to the next level. We are most proud of the number of mostly older people (although there are 20 and 30-somethings in this category too) who have never or very rarely used a computer —that's 64 people (2%) who have never used a computer and 119 (4%) who rarely use a computer ie once or twice before today.

A common scenario is helping those who want advice on what to purchase, or who have recently purchased or received a family laptop or tablet. We love turning them into competent users and dealing with those pesky error messages.

Access to Computer and Broadband

Having a home computer is up from 35% to 44%, using one outside the home is down from 29% to 26% and only using the Hub is down from 36% to 30%.

Having boardband at home is up from 29% to 40%, using one outside the home is down from 30% to 28% and only using the Hub is down from 40% to 32%

From Census 2013

65.1% of Rangitikei Households have Internet Access vs National Ave of **76.8%**

That makes us almost 12% below the National Average

Also, Government's goal for online transactions is 70% by 2017

Where will the unconnected go?

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Who are we?



Volunteers—our best feature!

My own experience as a volunteer for various groups has led me to believe that there is a special quality that comes from services delivered by volunteers and my five years managing a volunteer team has reinforced that. A quick google search pinpoints the major benefits:

- connects you with others making new friends and contacts, increasing social and relationship skills
- is good for your mind and body, including self confidence, sense of purpose, combats depression and helps you stay physically healthy
- can advance your career
- brings fun and fulfilment to your life

Researchers have even been able to measure increased happiness levels amongst people who volunteer regularly. Our Hub does all that, and a young couple from Holland, Tama and Carmen, who volunteered for us in 2014 for two months wrote about their experience. Tama had 2/3 of a degree in Computer Science from Leiden and a gift for sharing those skills, including Gimp & Blender at the Hub and Rangitikei College.

They talked about how inspirational it had been to work with us. In a letter they left to support our funding efforts, they said how beautiful it was to see someone walk out the door proudly, having learned how to solve their problem rather than just having the problem solved, and that a feeling of self-sufficiency is essential in feeling secure when people are flooded with new things. Tama and Carmen viewed the Hub as a cornerstone of the community and how without it, people would be disconnected who needed each other.

It's a precious and inclusive space here at the Hub, and inspiring to have outsiders see and share my own view. We are grateful for contributions great and small, from Lx across the road who washes our dishes and keeps the tea/coffee area clean and tidy, to volunteers with and without computer skills, but who all make the place a welcoming and helpful place to come with your computer problems.



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Damian

Who are we?



Audrey

Profile of Staff and Committee Members

1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

Hub Trustees

Audrey Williams (from August 2012) is a Ratana resident and represents the Ratana Community Committee.

Gaylene Prince (from August 2012) is the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader for the Rangitikei District Council, responsible for the District Libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape.

Damian Turner-Steele (from December 2012) is the owner of Lynx Computing Ltd and works for the IT Department at the Rangitikei District Council. Damian has been Treasurer since February 2013 and Acting Chair since August 2013, and now Chair.

Dr David Pontin (from June 2014) Science teacher representing Rangitikei College.

Hub Staff

Puawai Hagger (Ratana Manager) arrived at Ratana thirty years ago and over the last fourteen years has worked as an Archivist with the Ratana Community and Church, collating and digitising its 1918 to 1940 history.

Angela Coleman (Marton Manager) returned to live in Marton six years ago, to the town she grew up in, after 28 years away. As well as managing the Hub, Angela is Secretary of the Counselling Centre in Marton and Chair of Project Marton. She became the Attendance Advisor (previously Truancy Service) for the southern Rangitikei in February 2013.

TED NG UP

The full class of October 2014

Angela Coleman



Congratulations to Delanie Rakatairi



And Ula Lafi for her Stepping Up certificates

Marton Manager's Report

The Marton Hub has 12 iMac computers and serves a community of about 4,750 people, plus rural areas and surrounding towns such as Hunterville and Bulls. Puawai and I were recruited in August 2010 and this report covers our fifth year of operations.

We have continued to deliver 'Computers in Homes'. It's a national programme run by the 2020 Communications Trust and funded by the Ministry of Education. They gave us a trial class in Nov 2013, and we have run 4 classes since then. Parents complete 20 hours of training and in front of friends and family are given a certificate from the Mayor and take home a computer. CIH interviews families 12 months after graduation and has great information of the impact for these families (look for it online). For me, it's an honour to take these parents on a digital journey, preparing them to take their own children on a similar journey. People are always asking me how they can get on the next one!

A big reason for the success was working closely with Principals from two local primary schools, Vanessa Te Ua from Marton Junction and Michelle Cameron from James Cook. Between us, we selected and supported great families. Our graduation ceremonies alternate between the two schools and are amazing, with entertainment from the children and kai to follow. Since the pilot's success, we have hosted four groups, and a total of 44 families and 114 children now have a computer in their home, where there was none before. My proudest moment was the October 2014 group, when we started with 13 mothers and all of them graduated for a 100% pass rate. The Hub is paid for the venue and teacher and the income was also very welcome.

The Hub remains hugely reliant on our volunteers and they are our heart and soul. We were open 259 days this year (slightly up on 248 last year), with one to one teaching on Thursday mornings. In our first year, volunteers delivered 665 hours, then 1,430 hours, 2,555 and 2,028 hours. This year, 11 volunteers delivered 2,978 hours managing the Hub. That is an incredible contribution—at minimum wage, worth \$42,430. Our longest serving volunteer remains Kim Smith, who has been with us since July 2012 and supplied 266 hours this year. Joanne Maraku provided a whopping 872 hours and Desarae Rapana a huge 633 hours. Sandra Stevens returned after a 2 year break and delivered 513 hours.

Our financial sustainability is fragile but improving, but we really deliver to our community. We are open six days a week, Mon to Sat, and with annual attendance at 4,334, that's 17 people using us each day we are open. Most people (3,649 or 84%) just use a computer, but during the year we have helped 330 (8%) to learn basic computer skills, we helped 28 job hunters (1% but still under-reported I think) and 43 children did their homework or played educational games on a Thursday afternoon (most go next door to the library).



April 2015 group at the Hub

Angela Coleman



Alison Jacobs collecting certificate

Marton Manager's Report (page 2)

Five years after opening the Hub doors in November 2010, we are still here! Set-up funding, allowed the Trust one paid manager in Marton for 21 hours per week and the same at Ratana. The Trust remains committed to paying the expenses from the Ratana Hub, but paying the salary stopped in Sept 2013. The Marton Manager produces the written material and does all the funding applications that pay for both Hubs and remains a paid position. Puawai Hagger has continued at Ratana on an unpaid basis. She and husband Arahi continue to work tirelessly with a number of Maori groups and political parties to seek the funding that will support the Ratana Hub into the future and bring the economic and other benefits to the Ratana morehu.

This year we raised \$160 bookings income, and at \$25 per hour I have raised \$375 from private tuition in homes/businesses, mostly teaching Windows 8 or how to use a new tablet. Computers in Homes paid us \$5,226 and \$1,250 was raised from asset sales and \$927 interest. Hub users can have one hour free each day, but some use our concession cards and pay \$2 for any additional hours. Those that are learning new skills tend to be more generous with our donations jar (\$1,697 this year).

Our total user generated income remains modest (\$9,635), but growing each year, and for now we rely on grant and trust funding to cover our biggest expense which is staff. This year, I applied for \$97,947 to 9 agencies, and \$37,780 was raised, our most successful year to date. For the first time, we had more money in the bank at the end of year than the beginning ie \$25,806 to \$28,617, a \$2,811 increase in reserves.

Computers are integral to modern life and the Hub strives to collaborate with other local groups to share the benefits of this wonderful facility. During the year we have collaborated with HYPE Academy and Youth Club, WINZ (helping job hunters), Creative Courtyard (where two of their people with intellectual disabilities come to the Hub once a week), and Project Marton (including support for Time Banking).

Our hubs are not tied to any one segment of our population. We can focus on the needs of children, on the needs of older people, and meet the civil defence needs for our community. This multi-tasking is one of our best features and we will continue to support whoever wants to use either of our great community assets. You can see how this flexibility has allowed each hub to develop independently based on the knowledge and skills of its population base.

Puawai, Arahi and I attended the fourth NetHui 'Shaping our future together' held in Auckland in July 2014. IT moves along at a very fast rate and it proved a great opportunity to network with others and to think and plan the Hubs' future strategic directions.

Live streaming of Ratana celebrations

Puawai Hagger

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Ratana Manager's Report

The Ratana Hub is located in the old Post Office next to the Marae. The six iMacs serve the Ratana township of 360 residents (with one general store, the Church & Marae) as well as the surrounding Whangaehu and Turakina districts.

The Ratana Church has 65,000 followers and will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2018. It is the largest Ahi Kaa in New Zealand. The challenge for Ratana is to use its unique strengths and asset base to translate into economic value. In its role as a community computer hub, the Ratana Hub is storing, preserving and disseminating information through:

- ♦ Local radio station—Radio Morehu 88FM
- ♦ Recording Studio
- Graphic Designs Software
- Green Room > video and still cameras
- Smart TV
- Community movie theatre
- ♦ Archival digital content (1918-1940)



Angela and I attended the Smart 21 Intelligent Communities Master Class hosted by the Wanganui District Council, providing ideas for developing infrastructure and community projects. In July 2014, Arahi and I hosted the Maori meetup on the first day of Nethui 2014. Discussion included the Morehu Global Network (MGN), the world inside the Web and spoke about scoping a best build with content to be done by the Ratana ICT Hub.



Puawai Hagger



At the January 2015 Maori ICT Hui, we built further on the plans for a Morehu Global Network, with guest speakers, Gareth Morgan and John Bishara and Larry Parr from Te Mangai Paho (TMP). The 40 representatives at this hui included Di Daniels and others for the 2020 Communications Trust, Aotearoa People's Network, Planet Maori, Auckland University, Statistics NZ, Digital Maori Forum, Infrastructure Layer 4-5 Architect, Server designers, Layer 6-7 Programmers, Content developers, eBook illustrators and Maori language app developers.

In April 2015, the Easter Ratana Church Synod, passed a remit in support of the MGN built in time for the 2018 centenary. We continued to discuss the fibre infrastructure issues with Adrian Rurawhe and Rino Tirikatene, Labour MPs, drafting a letter to Te Ururoa Flavell, requesting an amendment to the Telecommunications Act, allowing us to splice into the Crown's fibre cable.

The Ratana Hub put a written submission to the RDC to include in its Digital Enablement Plan (DEP) for central government, seeking improved connectivity for Ratana and providing data readings from the Hub. This led to an invitation for Angela and I to join the steering group for further DEP work.







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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members and Trustees of the Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust

I have audited the financial reports on pages 1 to 4. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the Trust and its financial position as at 30 June 2015. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 4.

The Trustee's Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, which fairly reflects the financial position as at 30 June 2015, and the results of operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Auditor's Responsibilities

It is my responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Trustees and report my opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- The significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial report, and
- Whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Trust's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I conducted my audit in accordance with New Zealand Auditing Standards. I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in my capacity as auditor I have no relationship with or interests in the Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust

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Unqualified Opinion

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

In my opinion, the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Financial Performance respectively give an accurate view of the financial position of the Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust as at 30 June 2015 and the results for the year ended on that date.

My audit was completed on 26^{th} September 2015 and my unqualified opinion is expressed at that date.

Angela Hobden BCom.CA. Paraparaumu Beach

26 September 2015

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THE MARTON AND SURROUNDS ICT HUB CHARITABLE TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2015 WILSON ACCOUNTING **SERVICES** 2015 2015 2014 Note **REVENUE** 2,000 **RDC** - Community Initiatives Grant 2,000 JBS Dudding Trust 8,000 10,000 5,000 NZ Lotteries Grant Board 5,000 5,000 TG Macarthy Trust Internal Affairs - COGS Grant 774 2,000 9,999 7,500 Whanganui Community Foundation 2,000 Arthur Wheeler Leedstown Trust 1,697 **Donations** 2,247 **Professional Fees** 375 950 160 Facility Hire - Marton 4,576 3,548 Computers in Homes Sundry (sale old components) 50 317 927 Interest Received - Net 663 38,558 36,225 Less EXPENSES 661 Accountancy Fees 230 230 **Audit Fees** 190 256 Computer expenses 725 915 Electricity - Ratana 379 General 651 1,888 Printing and Stationery 1.754 Rent - Marton Rent - Ratana 69 1,296 1,096 Repairs and Maintenance - Marton 210 2,346 2,119 Telephone, Tolls & Internet - Ratana 170 Training & Development 700 500 Training & Development - Volunteers 27,300 Wages - Marton Hub Manager 27,300 4,550 Wages - Ratana 36,293 39,760 2,265 **NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** (3,535)PLUS Grants received for Capital Expenditure 2,500 Lion Foundation 3,000 2,889 Powerco Wanganui Trust 4.008 **Pub Charity Limited** 9,273 **NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** \$ 1,854 The financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes on pages 4 and 5 and the attached audit report. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS Page 1 of 5

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THE MARTON AND SURROUNDS ICT HUB CHARITABLE TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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AS AT 30th JUNE 2015

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\$	CURRENT ASSETS	\$	\$
4,944 20,862 25,806	Westpac - Cheque Account Westpac - Savings Account	2,885 25,732	28,617
	NON CURRENT ASSETS		
55,543	Plant & Equipment	3	61,490
\$ 81,349	TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 90,107
-	CURRENT LIABILITIES Layby Income Received		450
\$ -	TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 450
	EQUITY		
79,495	Opening Balance	81,349	
1,854	Net Surplus/(Deficit)	9,273	
-	Less Capital Loss on Sale of Assets	(965)	
81,349	Closing Balance		89,657
\$ 81,349	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$ 90,107

Chairperson

Treasurer Trustee



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THE MARTON AND SURROUNDS ICT HUB CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2015



TOTAL ASSETS	-	61,490	55,543	6,912		-	-	61,490
Less Sold Assets		(1,715)						
	_	63,205	55,543	6,912		-	-	61,490
4x Apple iMac 21.5"	Feb-15	7,662		7,662	50.0% DV	-	-	7,662
4 x iMac's	Mar-14	8,005	8,005		50.0% DV	-	-	8,005
20 Philips H/Phones	Mar-14	606	606		50.0% DV	-	-	606
1x Apple iPad	Mar-13	579	579	/\	50.0% DV	-	-	579
4x iMac 21.5"	Mar-13	7,716	7,716		50.0% DV	-	-	7,716
1x iMac 20"	Feb-11	1,415	1,415	(450)	50.0% DV	-		-
HP Colour LaserJet	Nov-10	708	708	/	40.0% DV	-	-	708
Viewsonic Projector	Nov-10	1,635	1,635		25.0% DV	-	-	1,635
MacBook 13"	Oct-10	1,472	1,472		50.0% DV	-	-	1,472
8x Avant Chairs	Oct-10	569	569	(000)	16.0% DV	-	-	569
Apple iMac 20"	Sep-10	839	839	(300)	50.0% DV	_		539
MacBook Pro	May-10	1,606	1,606		50.0% DV	-	-	1,606
1 Being sold - on Lag	May-10	2,834	2,834		19.2% DV	-	-	2,834
12 x iMac 21.5"		24,012	24,012		00.070			
3x Round Tables	Apr-10	24,612	24,612		60.0% DV	-	-	24,612
	Mar-10	2,947	2,947		15.6% DV	_	_	2,947
PLANT & EQUIPMEN	JT.							
			Bk Value	(Sales)	Rate	Depn	<u>Depn</u>	Bk Value
	<u>Date</u>	Cost	Open	Addn/	<u>Depn</u>	<u>Years</u>	Accum	Close

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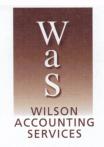
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THE MARTON AND SURROUNDS ICT HUB CHARITABLE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2015



1 REPORTING ENTITY

The Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust was set up under a Deed of Trust dated 28th July 2010. The Trust was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 on 8th September 2010 and registered as a charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005 on 17th February 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice. The Trust qualifies for differential reporting as it is not a large entity and as such has taken advantage of all differential reporting exemptions.

2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

MEASUREMENT BASE

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue when they occur. Reliance is placed on the fact that the entity is a going concern. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and rounded to the nearest dollar.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no significant changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases with those used in previous years.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and services, to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and revenue can reliably be measured.

PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

All property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost and as the entity is a charitable trust they have not been depreciated.

INCOME TAX

The entity is wholly exempt from New Zealand Income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

The entity is not registered for GST therefore all items are inclusive of GST.

DONATIONS

Cash donations that are not subject to restrictions or conditions are accounted for at the time of receipt.

Volunteer services are not accounted for due to the difficulty of reliably measuring the fair value of those services.



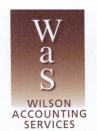
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THE MARTON AND SURROUNDS ICT HUB CHARITABLE TRUST NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2015



3 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Year - 31 March	2014 Cost	Accum Deprec	Book Value	Year - 31 March 20 ⁻ Cost	15 Accum Deprec	Book Value	
Plant & Equipment	55,543	-	55,543	61,490	<u></u>	61,490	
4 LEASE COMMITTE	MENTS				<u>2014</u> \$	2015 \$	
Amounts due under non-cancellable operating leases are:-							
		less than one	year		1,210	1,210	
		between one	and two years		201	2,420	
	between two		1	2,621			
		greater than			1	_	
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5 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no known contingent liabilities as at balance date. (2014 nil)

6 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no known capital commitments as at balance date (2014 nil).

7 RELATED PARTIES

Angela Coleman is a Non-Trustee member and is contracted to provide Management Services to the Trust.



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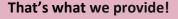
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OUR KAUPAPA

The big divide is no longer just a digital divide, it's a motivational divide. Who has the motivation to take advantage of the tools that are out there? (Thomas L. Friedman).

The computer is the best self-learning tool ever invented. Once you have learned the basics, you just need to Google your problem (using the correct terms) and watch a You Tube clip until you have learned the new skill. If you have the motivation to learn, then our Hubs are here to help you find those resources that are available to all, free of charge ... Google the Khan Academy or TED talks or Harvard University to be inspired.

If you have a problem that you can't fix or a curiosity to know more, then come to our Hubs. Most people learn new digital skills from a combination of trial-and-error strategies along with an "elbow-to-elbow" friend who offers appropriate help and support when needed. To accommodate often busy lives, and to be there when the motivation strikes, adults need flexible, short-term and drop-in centres, catered to their needs, where they can explore and learn, supported by knowledgeable and supportive assistants who offer just-in-time learning strategies. We don't know everything, but are willing to sit with you to figure out the problem together. We can share what we have learned about the latest development, but will do all we can to make ourselves redundant, so that you can do it yourself next time.









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