

Chairpersons Annual Report for January 1 to December 2019

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 9 May 2020

Introduction

It is with pleasure I present this report as Chairperson of the Alpine Community Development Trust (ACDT) for the 2019 year. This is the 17th year of the ACDT domiciled in Wanaka

Strategic Planning towards a year of change

The 2019 year has been a year of considerable change for ACDT culminating in the move to the Community Hub in November 2019. Following on from the work undertaken in 2019 on strategic planning and development the Trust moved towards finalising the strategic plan and building an operational plan which aligned with the strategic plan. The Trust would like to thank Jan Hudson for facilitating this work and the Tindall Foundation for funding.

This has been a lengthy process which has resulted in a plan which reflects both Community Networks and LINK. An outcome of the work on the Strategic and Operational plan is that the Trust has moved to make Community Networks and LINK more aligned. While they have separate focuses, they adhere to the same strategic goals and report back to the monthly Trust meetings following the operational plan.

Move to Community Hub

November 2019 marked the move to new premises for Community Networks and LINK. The Wanaka Community Hub was opened, and the Trust became the Lead Tenant. Along with the Trust, several other social welfare groups moved to the Hub. This has allowed close collaboration to occur between the group all of whom are seeing the benefits of working more closely in the same premises. We are enjoying the open light-filled space of the hub. The foodbank has moved into a dedicated room with outside access.

A committee of Trust members was set up to co-ordinate the move to the hub along with the ACDT staff. I particularly wish to thank Tegan Hall and Rebecca Karamaena for their legal expertise when dealing with leases and work contracts.

End of funding for LINK

July 2019 saw the end of the DIA funding for LINK. The Trust applied for funds from QLDC to enable it to continue this community engagement and development work. We were delighted to receive \$60,000 from QLDC which enabled us to continue to employ Kathy Dedo as the LINK co-ordinator. LINK has had a full work plan in 2019 and has held several successful events. A LINK committee has been set up to give Kathy support and provide feedback to the Trust. This committee is led by Wayne Hudson, a previous LINK steering group member.

Financial Position

The ACDT presents the financial statement and financial performance for the 2019 year. Many thanks go to treasurer Peter Humphries oversight and judicious management of the finances and management of the bulk funding received for projects.

Peter has been supported by the Finance and Funding committee

The ACDT continues to be grateful to Crowe Horwath for enabling Peter Humphries to take the time to manage our accounts and attend Trust meetings.

Funding

As always Community Networks/LINK would not exist without the strategic investments of our funders and the public who donate to our various projects and services. The ACDT is committed to recognising the investors and ensuring funding is used wisely and to the full benefit of the people of the Upper Clutha.

Our major funders for the 2019 year are:

| Operational | Project | Donors |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Central Lakes Trust | Elsie and Ray Armstrong | Southern Venture |
| QLDC | Callis Trust | Landsborough Family |
| Lottery Community | OCT | Fit Collective |
| MSD Heartlands | Sky City | Presbyterian Church |
| Graham and Olive Trust | Rotary Club Wanaka | Fi Fairbairn |
| COGS | Foodstuffs | |
| | Otago Masonic Charitable Trust | |
| | Aspiring Rotary | |
| | Graham and Olive Trust | |

Staff and Volunteers

It has been another positive year with staff and volunteers. Kate Murray had a busy and successful year managing Community Networks. Nova Knippers has provided excellent support on the reception desk. In the later part of the year, the Trust employed Arda Booiman in a part-time role to provide additional cover for the front reception desk. Arda had been a volunteer for Community Networks and adapted to her new role very quickly. Nova has taken on the role of co-ordinating our many volunteers. The Trust could not operate without the help of our volunteers and we are extremely grateful to the time and energy they put into their diverse roles for the Trust.

Kathy Dedo has continued in her role as Facilitator of LINK with a small break in the middle of the year as we waited to hear if we had been successful in our request for funding from the QLDC. Kathy has developed a close relationship with our QLDC funders and we look forward to work with the council on strengthening our community.

Trustees and Resignations

It was with regret that the Trust accepted the resignation of Margaret West as chair of ACDT effective April 2019. ACDT thanks Margaret for her contribution to the Trust. Margaret provided strong leadership and ensured the Trust met its strategic and operational goals. At the Annual

General meeting of the Trust, three new trustees were appointed, Wayne Hudson, Vicki McDermott and Raewyn Curin. Wayne Hudson has previously been on the LINK steering committee. I would like to thank all current trustees for the time they put into the trust both at a governance level and at a more operational level as part of the ACDT committees. Their expertise in various professional areas makes for a well-rounded Trust. On a personal level, I would like to thank all trust members for the support they have shown me in my role as Chair. As both a new trustee and Chair I have relied on the Trust members to educate and support me as I learnt the business of the Trust.

Conclusion

ACDT continues in its governance role and in meeting its objectives, purposes and the spirit of the Trust Deed. With the continued growth of the Upper Clutha community the need to maintain a flexible and responsive Trust continues to be at the forefront of the ACDT.

Raewyn Curin