



**Pascal Street
Community
Trust**

2014 Annual Report



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Vision Statement

To care for our community through offering events, programmes and courses which improve the physical, psychological and spiritual wellbeing of the individuals and families living in our community.

Who are we

We are a group of people who desire to see healthy communities in everyday life. We are committed to using our time and skills in bettering those in our community.

What are we about?

We often see individuals and families in need of support and want to help. We want to see happy, healthy families and individuals in our community.

How do we help?

We are able to provide financial help and offer practical assistance for those in need and healthy governance and strategies for groups who are serving others that are in need.

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Initiatives we are involved in:

Crewe Community Gardens

This is a community initiative where neighbours are collectively involved in sustainable living through growing vegetables which provide healthy food, encourage social connections, and reduce pressure on family food budgets. A community garden has been established with both community and individual plots on land adjacent to Crewe Crescent, Palmerston North.

Mainly Music

This is a weekly programme, which is run for parents and young children to enjoy music and dance in a safe, friendly environment. Special events are run throughout the year to celebrate events such as Mother's / Father's Day, Easter, and Christmas.

United Youth

This includes working with youth, teaching life skills, mentoring, and attending events to train young people. This is done by working with Te Patikitiki Library, the Whanau Centre and offering other community activities like sports days, and music and dance modules.

Highland Home Retreat Camp

In conjunction with Highland Home Christian Camp we run retreats for solo parents with multiple children. This is run onsite at Highland Home and includes a number of team building and family friendly games and activities. There is parenting advice offered and is a great opportunity to connect with other families in similar situations.

Events

Movie night

A movie night is run in the auditorium of CCC on Pascal. The Event has free entry, free food, drink, ice creams, pop corn and bouncy castles. Bleachers are put up and family movies shown. There have been over 300 people who attend this event. The community on the West side of the city was targeted but families came from all over the city.

Christmas Party

Each year we put on a Community Christmas party in the car park of CCC on Pascal. There is always a theme and this year a large sand pit erected. Free food and refreshments were provided including free popcorn, ice cream, sausages, candy floss, hot and cold drink. and balloon animals. Other activities provided were bouncy castles, thunder run, face painting, mechanical bull and surfer and petting animals. The Fire Service and other services provide vehicles and personnel on site. Several thousand people attended this event.

Holiday Programme

During the school holidays we put on a holiday programme for primary aged children. A programme of games ,activities and food. Volunteers and parents to run the programme with support from young people. There is also a fun skate / wheels day where the children were able to bring their scooters and roller blades over ramps towards the end of each year.

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Governance

The Pascal Street Community Trust vision is to care for our local community through providing events, programmes and initiatives which improve the wellbeing of individuals and families in our community.

The trust was established in early 2011 to provide governance to the community initiatives, which were previously overseen by the Christian Community Church, and to oversee new initiatives, which meet the objectives of the trust.

The purpose of this trust is to establish and maintain effective governance, financial management and monitoring of these groups, to ensure long term sustainability to enable these groups to continue, strengthen and grow, and to initiate and oversee new community initiatives.

- a. There are 6 Trustees
- b. Ben Jones - Chairman, Karen Naylor - Funding Officer, Andrew Carson - Treasurer, Community Manager, Minute Secretary Mark Gunning Trustee Craig Fleury Trustee, Moenu (Junior) Savea Trustee.
- c. CCC has filled on the role of Financial Administrator for PSCT and has been paid for the assistance.
- d. There has been 4 successful funding applications in 2014. Huge thanks to Karen Naylor for her work in this area. We have also had ongoing monthly support from the local church, CCC on Pascal.

Funding received

Internal Affairs	\$ 10,000 + GST
Macarthy Trust	\$ 7,500
CoGs	\$ 2,500 +GST
PNCC (Christmas Party)	\$ 2300
Other donations for Christmas Party	\$ 5500
CCC on Pascal \$1045 per month	\$ 12,540

- e. See financial report for details of Income and Expenses (money used for initiatives.).
- f. Andrew Carson was employed for a day a week to be Community Manager.
 - i. This has been a success and helpful in communicating with initiative leaders and administrative tasks being completed. It has also helped in a regular connection with CCC staff and CCC trustees. He has also taken on the role of treasurer and has been able to work closely with the Financial Administrator.
- g. Kate Costley was employed as a events manager towards the end of the year on a contract to the end of 2015.

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Community Initiatives

Crewe Community Gardens

This is a community initiative where neighbours are collectively involved in sustainable living through growing vegetables which provide healthy food, encourage social connections, and reduce pressure on family food budgets. The local Iwi have granted the use of some land whereby a community garden has been established with community and individual plots. There are 32 family plots and a waiting list for more.

The land being used is in Crewe Crescent area where many migrant and refugee families have settled. Many of these families have faced the challenges associated with establishing a new home in a strange land, and surviving financially on a very basic income. People groups represented in the area include Congolese, Bhutanese, Burmese, Tongan and other Pacific Islanders, Maori and Pakeha.

1. Committee overseeing project. Graham Black heading it up.
2. Over 36 individual plots 6 community plots
3. At least 50 families have plots
4. There have been many varieties and large quantity of vegetables grown this year. Some given out to local community.
5. Strong Bhutanese / Nepalese presence in the gardens with several key people helping them from that community. Great opportunity to learn english in a real setting.
6. Tongans and Afgans have large ares for their communities.
7. Helpers from several local church groups including (CCC on Pascal, St Albans, Central Baptist.) have supported the gardens.
8. 2 community open days with activities for children and food.
9. Expenses
 - a. field ploughed and planted in corn
 - b. ongoing maintenance of gardens and pathways
 - c. buying of top soil
 - d. other materials to build new plots
 - e. consumables
10. Two working bees.
11. The Carson family have had stock on land to keep grass down and have put up a loading ramp to move stock on and off property.

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Mainly Music

This is a weekly programme, which is run for parents and young children to enjoy music and dance. Special events are run throughout the year to celebrate events such as Mother's / Fathers Day, Easter, and Christmas.

1. Elaine Carson and Pheobe Mackay have lead team for the year
2. Income \$ \$1620 Expenses \$ 2781 for year
3. 6 - 8 in organising team
 - a. a number of volunteers and CCC staff helping set up, Office staff of CCC have given support through out the year.
4. 40 + attend each week / 30 families
5. 36 MM run for the year.
6. Special events were held for children and families; in the Esplanade, Mothers Day, Easter , Christmas.

United Youth

This includes working with disadvantaged youth, teaching life skills, mentoring young people, and attending school camps to train young people.

Highbury Homework Programme

1. 30 Weeks of Year
2. Usually 16-20 young people are helped with their homework each week
3. What:
 - a. Help with homework, or set fun learning activities
 - b. Food provided
 - c. Games / activities organised

Other

Those attending the above events are also encouraged to take part in smaller, more regularly organised events that promote a sense of belonging self esteem and a place to be safe and have fun.

We have funded 1 interns for the year for their role in the community activities above.

Highland Home Retreat Camp

In conjunction with Highland Home Christian Camp and Olive Tree Charitable Trust a retreat was run for solo parents with multiple children. There were 41 people who attended as well as 23 volunteers over the weekend

Very positive response from attendees. PSCT provided strategic planning and finance and helpers to make this happen.

Other agencies involved were Te Aroha Noa, Whanau Centre, local schools, Rural Support and other personal contacts.

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Events

Movie night

A movie night was run in the auditorium of CCC on Pascal.

Free entry, free food, drink, ice creams, pop corn and bouncy castles. Bleachers were put up and two movies shown. Lion King and Get Smart.

There were 300 people who attended event. The community on the West side of the city was targeted but families came from all over the city. This event cost us \$ 2709

Christmas Party

The second Free Community Christmas party was run in the car park of CCC on Pascal. There was a beach theme and a large sand pit erected. Free food and refreshments were provided including free popcorn, ice cream, sausages, candy floss, hot and cold drink. and balloon animals. Other activities provided were bouncy castles, thunder run, face painting, mechanical bull and surfer and petting animals. the Fire Service provided a vehicle and had personnel on site.

There were 20 Christmas Hampers given away including Mltre Ten vouchers and food baskets. There was live music, lolly scrambles and give aways as entertainment for the crowd along with Christmas Carols and a music and dance programme for the under 5 children run by the Mainly Music crew.

There were 1800 - 2000 people who attended and we had very positive reports from those we spoke to.

Holiday Programme

Holiday programme

Two holiday programmes were run at CCC on Pascal. A programme of games ,activities and food was run for 5 days for two holidays. Sarah Lloyd lead the team and used volunteers and parents to run the programme. There was also a fun skate / wheels day where the children were able to bring their scooters and roller blades over ramps in the car park area later in the year. There were 100 children who attended over all the programmes.

Over view

As a whole we reached around 2600 people (this is a conservative estimate as it is difficult to have exact numbers for some initiatives) and on a budget of around \$30,000. We have continued to grow the brand of PSCT this year and aim to continue that growth in the coming year. We want to make better connections between the initiatives and events and the people who attend those events and activities and also continue to grow the relationships we have with other organisations that work in and around our communities.

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