



**Pascal Street
Community
Trust**

2015 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 those who parent alone 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, food, drink, ice creams, pop corn and bouncy castles. Bleachers are put up and family movies shown.

The community on the west side of the city is targeted but families attend 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 or some sort. Free food and refreshments are provided including popcorn, ice cream, sausages, candy floss, hot and cold drinks. Other activities are provided for children and families to enjoy like balloon animals, face painting, bouncy castles, slides, rides and petting animals.

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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.

Junior Road Safety Park

This is an initiative where we entered into a partnership with the instigators of this project and The Palmerston North City Council to see a Junior Road Safety Park built in Palmerston North. This project would see a place where children can learn about the road and road rules in a safe environment with real road like situations including intersections and working traffic signals.

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PSCT Annual Report: Jan 2015 - Dec 2015

1. 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
 - i. Ben Jones - Chairman, Karen Naylor - Funding Officer, Andrew Carson - Treasurer, Community Manager, Minute Secretary Mark Gunning Trustee Craig Fleury Trustee, Moenu (Junior) Savea Trustee.
- b. CCC has been contracted to fulfill the role of Financial Administrator for PSCT and has been paid for the assistance.
- c. There has been 4 successful funding applications in 2015. Huge thanks to Karen Naylor for her work in this area with assistance from Liz Cross. We have also had ongoing monthly support from the local church, CCC on Pascal.

Funding received

Internal Affairs (Lotteries)	\$ 20,000 + GST
Macarthy Trust	\$ 8,000
CoGs	\$ 3,000 +GST
PNCC (Events)	\$ 7,000
Other donations for Christmas Party	\$ 1,900
CCC on Pascal	\$ 14,523

- d. See financial report for details of Income and Expenses (money used for initiatives.).
- e. Andrew Carson was employed for a day a week to be Community Manager.
 - i. This has been successful again and very helpful in communicating with initiative leaders and administrative tasks being completed. It has also helped in a regular connection with CCC staff and trustees. He also took on the role of treasurer and minutes secretary and has been able to work closely with the Financial Administrator.
- f. Anna McLachlan and Chloe Carson took on the role of Events Managers at the beginning of the year and successfully put on our two major events.

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- g. There has been a website page and facebook set up to improve and increase our communication and reach across the city.
- h. We have reviewed The following documents this year.
 - i. Financial Processes
 - ii. Strategic Plan
 - iii. Role descriptions
 - iv. Opportunity Flow Chart
- i. The Staff have had reviews completed.

2. 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 government land bank have granted the use of some land whereby a community garden has been established with community and individual plots. There are over 50 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, Nepali, Burmese, Chinese, Japanese, Tongan, Samoan, Maori and Pakeha and other individuals from other nations.

1. Committee overseeing project. Graham Black heading up a team of 7 members.
2. Well over 50 families have plots
3. There have been many varieties and large quantity of vegetables grown this year. Some given out to local community and some given to Just Zilch, (a separate community initiative that sources food for those in need in Palmerston North) to be distributed.
4. 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.
5. Tongans and Afgans have large areas for their communities.
6. Helpers from several local church groups including (CCC on Pascal, St Albans, Central Baptist.) have supported the gardens.
7. Festival of lights event was held with activities for children, food and lighting lanterns.
8. A shipping container has been donated to the gardens to store equipment safely.
9. Expenses
 - a. field ploughed and planted in corn and potatoes
 - b. ongoing maintenance of gardens and pathways
 - c. buying of top soil, compost
 - d. other materials to build new plots
 - e. consumables
 - f. purchase of a new lawn mower and rotary hoe.

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10. Several working bees have taken place over the year.
11. The Carson family have continued to have stock on the spare land to keep grass down on the property.
12. Dave Mollard has been employed as a garden coordinator and has done a great job in keeping the gardens a very successful community initiative.

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. Phoebe Mackay has lead team for the year
2. 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.
3. 40 + attend each week / 30 families
4. 36 Mainly Music programmes run through out the year.
5. Special events were held for children and families; in the Esplanade, Mothers Day, Easter , Christmas and a very successful Father's day event.

United Youth

This includes working with disadvantaged youth, teaching life skills, mentoring young people and supporting them in their education and in life.

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 / sports / 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.

A group of young people have worked with the Whanau Centre to provide water and food at one of their rugby league modules.

We have funded 1 intern for the equivalent of 125 hours for the year for their role in the community activities above as well as assisting with other PSCT events and activities.

Highland Home Retreat Camp

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In conjunction with Highland Home Christian Camp and Olive Tree Charitable Trust a retreat was run for those who parent alone but have multiple children. There were 38 people who attended as well as 19 volunteers over the weekend. Very positive response was gained 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, Women's Refuge and Rural Support and other personal contacts.

Events

Movie night

A movie night was run in the auditorium of CCC on Pascal. Free entry, food, drink, ice creams, pop corn and bouncy castles. Bleachers were put up and movie Big Hero 6 was shown. There were over 600 people who attended this event. The community on the West side of the city was targeted but families came from all over the city.

Christmas Party

The third Free Community Christmas party was run in the car park of CCC on Pascal. There was a Kiwiana theme. Free food and refreshments were provided including popcorn, ice cream, sausages, candy floss, fruit, cakes, slices, biscuits and hot and cold drink. Other activities provided were balloon animals, face painting, climbing tower bouncy castles, big slide, gyroscope and petting animals. There were many Christmas Hampers given away including Countdown and Mitre Ten vouchers and food baskets as well as a selection of toys and other goods. 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. The Monrad Intermediate School Kapa Haka group also performed and was very popular. There were over 1700 people who attended and we had very positive reports from everyone we spoke to including some who have attended all 3 events and are planning to attend next years as well.

Holiday Programme

Holiday programme

Holiday programmes were run at CCC on Pascal during the school holidays. A programme of games, activities and food was run for 4 days during two of the school 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.

Junior Road Safety Park

We began the process of working with the Palmerston North City Council and the instigators of the initiative to see a Junior Road Safety Park built in Palmerston North. All parties met together to communicate the purpose of the project and how we might

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function as we work together on the park. A memorandum of understanding was drafted up and agreement was made to join forces on this worthwhile project. One funding application was made where the outcome would become known in the new year.

3. Over view

As a whole we reached over 3500 people (this is a conservative estimate as it is difficult to have exact numbers for some initiatives) and on a budget of around \$55,000. 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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