



2016 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 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 and Father's Day, Easter, and Christmas.

United Youth

This initiative has a group of youth leaders working with disadvantaged youth, teaching them life skills and mentoring them.

Highland Home Retreat Camps

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, and is a great opportunity for families to connect with other families in similar situations. Personal well-being and parenting advice is offered as part of this event.

Holiday Programmes

Holiday programmes are run at CCC on Pascal during the school holidays for primary aged children with a programme of games, activities and food. Volunteers and parents help run the programme with support from young people.

Junior Road Safety Park

This is an initiative where we have entered into a partnership with the inception steering committee of this project and the Palmerston North City Council to see a Junior Road Safety Park built in Palmerston North. This project will 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.

Craft Packs This was a new initiative to provide craft packs for families in need to help to provide exciting and fun activities for their children to do during the holidays.

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Events that we run

Movie Night

Each July holidays a free movie night is held for the community in the auditorium of CCC on Pascal.

The event has free entry and free food. Bleachers are put up and family movies shown.

Over 400 people usually attend this event. The community on the west side of the city is targeted but families come from all over the city.

Christmas Party

Each year we put on a free community Christmas Party based at CCC on Pascal. Each year there is a theme: this year there was a Street party theme. Free food and refreshments are provided including popcorn, icecream, sausages, candy floss, and hot and cold drinks. Many activities are provided during the event, including a stage with live music and activities for the children. Several thousand people usually attend this event.

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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 initiatives; to ensure long term sustainability; to enable these groups to continue, strengthen and grow; and to initiate and oversee new community initiatives.

Trustees

Ben Jones - Chairman (on leave for second half of the year)

Craig Fleury - Acting Chairman for second half of the year

Andrew Carson – Treasurer, Community Manager

Karen Naylor - Funding Officer

Liz Cross - Funding Officer

Mark Gunning - Trustee

Moenu Savea - Trustee

Staffing

We have 3 part time staff working for the trust:

- a. Community Manager, employed for 8 hours per week.
- b. Administrator, employed for 4 hours per week.
- c. Crewe Community Gardens Coordinator, employed for 8 hours per week.

CCC on Pascal is contracted to fulfill the role of Financial Administrator for PSCT and has been paid for the assistance.

Funding / Finances

There have been eight successful funding applications in 2016. Huge thanks to Karen Naylor and Liz Cross for their work in this area. We also have ongoing monthly support from the Christian Community Church.

Funding received

Internal Affairs (Lotteries)	\$ 25,000 + GST
Macarthy Trust	\$ 8,000
CoGs	\$ 3,000 +GST
PNCC (Events)	\$ 10,000 +GST
Christian Community Church	\$ 15,536
Other donations	\$ 3,811
Other income	\$ 4,474

See financial report for details of Income and Expenses (money used for initiatives).

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Community Initiatives

Crewe Community Gardens

This is a very successful 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 has granted the use of some land in the Crewe Crescent area whereby a community garden has been established with community and individual plots.

Many migrant and refugee families have been settled in this area. 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 gardens include Congolese, Bhutanese, Nepali, Burmese, Chinese, Japanese, Tongan, Samoan, Maori, Pakeha, and other individuals from other nations.

- a. Committee overseeing project: Dave Mollard heads up a team of six members. He is employed as the garden coordinator for 8 hours a week, and has done a great job in keeping the Gardens a very successful community initiative.
- b. We have over 120 family plots with a small waiting list.
- c. There have been many varieties and large quantity of vegetables grown this year. Some food which has been grown in community plots has been given out to families in the 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.
- d. There is still a strong Bhutanese / Nepalese presence in the gardens with someone from that community helping on the steering committee.
- e. The gardens have provided a great opportunity for non-English speaking people to learn and practise English in a real setting.
- f. Tongans continue to have large areas for their families living in the area.
- g. Helpers from several local church groups including CCC on Pascal and St Albans Presbyterian Church have supported the gardens.
- h. Three community planting days were held this year and a number of working bees were held as necessary
- i. Expenses
 - i. ongoing maintenance of gardens and pathways
 - ii. buying of top soil and compost
 - iii. other materials to build new plots
 - iv. consumables
- j. The Carson family has continued to have stock grazing on the spare land to keep grass down on the 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 through the year to celebrate events such as Mother's and Father's Day, Easter, and Christmas.

- a. Phoebe Mackay has led the team for the year
- b. There are eight in the organizing team. A number of volunteers and CCC staff help set up, and office staff of CCC have given support throughout the year.
- c. On average between 45 - 50 attend each week, about 25 - 30 families
- d. 36 Mainly Music programmes were run throughout the year.
- e. Several special events were held for children and families: Teddy Bears' picnic in the Esplanade, Easter, Mothers' Day, a very successful Fathers' Day evening event, and Christmas.

United Youth

This has been a quiet year for United Youth in that we lacked the personnel to run the Tuesday Highbury Library Programme. We did work with the Whanau Centre in providing food and drink (Wai and Kai) and supplied sunblock and water during their Rugby League sessions for eight weeks earlier in the year.

Highland Home Retreat Camps

These were run by Highland Home Christian Camp in conjunction with PSCT, and appreciated financial support from

ManLine
Olive Tree Trust
Eastern and Central Trust
Web Broker
Bush Road Syndicate
M & L Findlay
Dekker family

Two Retreat Camps were run for those who parent alone but have multiple children. There was one Mums Camp in June and one Dads Camp in August, both of which were extremely successful.

There were a total of 76 people from 24 families who attended as well as 29 volunteers over the 2 weekends. There was a very positive response gained from attendees. PSCT provided strategic planning, support, finance and volunteers to make this happen.

Other agencies approached to submit possible attendees were Te Aroha Noa, Manline, Financial Freedom Budgeting Services, New Zealand Police, Rape Crisis, and Women's Refuge.

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Holiday Programmes

Kids' Holiday Programmes were run at CCC on Pascal during the school holidays. Each programme of games, activities and food was run for four days during three of the school holidays. Sarah Lloyd led the team, and had volunteers and parents to run the programme. There were well over 120 children who attended over all the programmes.

Junior Road Safety Park

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Craft Packs

Late in 2016 a set of craft packs were assembled to be delivered to families who were in need of extra support. The families that received the packages were very varied, from families who had association with the ACROSS service, some refugee families, to children who are currently living away from their family homes. The packages brought a bit of extra joy to their holidays and some ownership over a box of craft activities that they may have never before owned.

Events

Movie Night

A movie night was run in the auditorium of CCC on Pascal in July, showing the movie [How to Train a Dragon 2](#)

There was free entry, with food, drink, ice creams, popcorn and a goody bag being given out free of charge. Bleachers were put up, and a large screen erected.

There were over 400 people who attended this event on a cold wintery night. The community on the west side of the city was targeted but families came from all over the city.

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Christmas Party

The fourth Free Community Christmas Street Party was run on a closed section of Pascal Street, in the Arena Manawatu carpark and in the Christian Community Church buildings. There was a Street Party theme. Free food and refreshments were provided, including popcorn, ice cream, sausages, candy floss, fruit, home baking, and hot and cold drink. Other free activities provided were balloon animals, face painting, nail polish, rock painting, planting seeds, bouncy castles and other inflatable activities, and petting animals.

There were many Christmas Hampers given away, as well as Countdown and Mitre 10 vouchers, food baskets, and a selection of toys and other goods. There was live music by Truly Made, the IT Factor Finals, 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 over 2000 people who attended and we had very positive reports from everyone we spoke to, including some who have attended all three of these events and are planning to attend next year's as well.

Overview

Overall the initiatives and events, we reached over 4000 people from our community (this is a conservative estimate as it is difficult to have exact numbers for some initiatives) and on an income of around \$57,733. We have continued to grow the brand of PSCT this year and aim to continue that growth in the coming year. We have made some great connections between those helping with these initiatives and events, and the people attending. We feel privileged to have worked alongside and developed our relationships with many other fantastic organizations doing amazing work in strengthening and supporting our communities in our wonderful city.

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