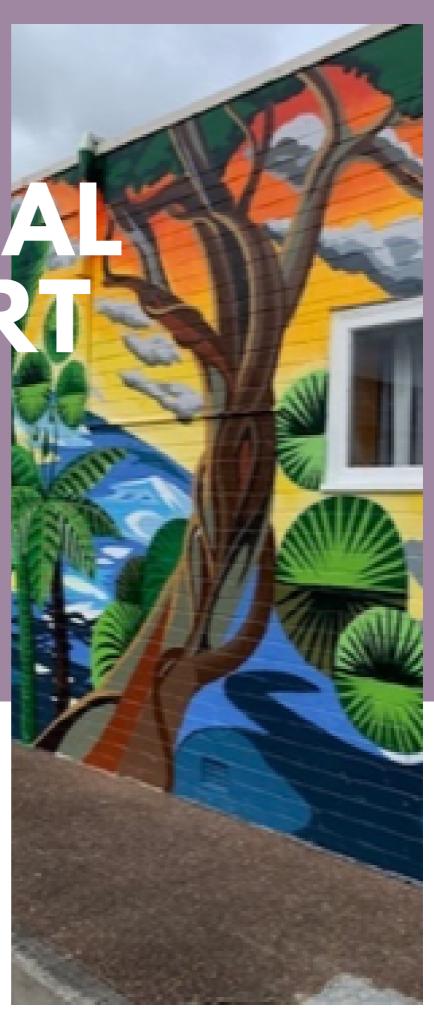
ANNUA REPORT 2021-2022



Devonport Peninsula Trust



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## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

### Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

Te Hau Kapua Devonport Peninsula Trust's vision is for a welcoming community – in which our people are engaged with each other, and the environment in which (we) live.

Looking back at the 12 months this report covers, it is instructive to note that that vision for communities has been challenged, that perhaps some lessons have been learnt, and that reverberations continue. It has been a time when our community's' cohesiveness has been measured and the importance of resilience underlined. Building community by enabling and empowering local communities and groups, through facilitation, support and networking, is vital and important.

It is heart-warming to see the number of volunteers increasing, and healthy attendance at community events and work programmes. Some event attendance records have been broken and the need for our communities to reconnect, recover, and celebrate is evident.

The effectiveness of the Trust's work, in the Community Engagement programme, the umbrellaed Restoring Takarunga Hauraki programme, and the Devonport Arts Festival programme is only made possible through the dedication of staff and volunteers, who all give generously of their time. The Trustees give their time generously, committed to the Trust's vision for realising communityled initiatives.

The work of the programmes the Trust undertakes is made possible by its partners, the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, Devonport-Takapuna Local Board and Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, Auckland Foundation, Global Action Plan Oceania and others, including generous private benefactors.

To all those who contribute towards the Trust's Kaupapa, we can all say thank you, as we continue to create a more resilient community invested in the health of our environment.

Iain Rea, Heamana/Chair, Te Hau Kapua Devonport Peninsula Trust

Ngā mihi mahana,



## REPORT SUMMARY

This report covers one of the more difficult periods in the recent experience of AotearoaNZ communities.

Covid caused disruption to the lives of many, and certainly caused considerable uncertainty for the Trust team, especially for Maria Teape, leading the Community Engagement strand, and Lance Cablk, leading the Restoring Takarunga Hauraki strand, who had to modify plans/postpone events as a result of lockdowns, and in order to be responsible members of the Peninsula community.

The work of the two strands progressed as much as was possible, but some events had to be cancelled. Some, the team tried to postpone, such as the very popular 2021 Halloween Trail, which had to be postponed to the 1st of April 2022. This date did not work out either, and the event seemed destined for the usual month in 2022.

Some significant staffing changes occurred during this financial year, including the appointment of Nigel Bioletti as General and Fundraising Manager, the resignation of long serving Community Co-ordinator, Maria Teape, who was farewelled at a lovely ceremony at Stanley Bay Bowling Club, and the appointment of a Community Events Manager, Abby Jones.

The Trust Board continues to monitor the Trust's compliance and, particularly, its financial position, very carefully, as the increasing costs of the Trust itself and the increasing costs of staff and overheads bite into the funding the Trust receives for both strands of work. The Trust's reach into the community was extended in the financial year, with the Devonport Arts Festival becoming another umbrella-ed strand of work. This relationship will be formalised in due course.

As the Financial year drew to a close, a wonderful celebration of Matariki was occurring, with a large number of people taking the offered opportunities to make a lantern, and then, on June 25th, to hikoi to the tihi of Takarunga for a gathering, waiata, and community connection. It was another step toward ensuring that Matariki can be fully acknowledged and celebrated by the Peninsula community in the years ahead.

The Trust continues to seek new and additional sources of funding, so that it can achieve a good financial position, and be able to maintain and grow its provision for the Peninsula Community.

## OUR IDENTITY

The Trust was formed in 2010.

The Devonport Peninsula Trust is incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act, and governed by a voluntary Trust Board of seven members, including Chairperson, Treasurer, and Board members, all of whom have a deep and long-standing involvement in the community and an understanding of and commitment to community development.

Trustees are appointed by the Chairperson, and remain as Trustees until they resign in writing, or are asked to step down, in accordance with the Trust Deed terms.

The Trust Board has a Governance and Management structure whereby the Board carries out the functions of strategic planning, policy development, financial accountability, and the appointment of key staff.

### OUR CHARTER: A SUMMARY

Our Charter: A Summary								
<b>Vision:</b> A thriving inclusive, engaged and welcoming community								
Mission:  Making Communities Happen' by enabling and empowering local communities through facilitation, support and networking.								
				Our values:				
Te Tiriti o Waitangi Respecting and implementing the dual heritage of the partners of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.	Diversity Acknowledging an celebrating difference within our community and organization	l <b>Inclusion</b> Working with a spirit o and diverse partici		Accessibility Considering physical, temporal and fiscal accessibility across all our work.	Collaboration Working cooperatively with others to achieve more together than we can on our own	through good govern		Sustainability Planning for the future through good governance and management
	Our relationships:							
Aspiring to Meet Needs Residents including children, youth and young people, newcomers, migrants, working parents, older people, single people, families, school leavers andunemployed, returning Kiwis, extended families and visitors		<b>Key Players</b> Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, ANCAD, other funders (potential opportunity)			Collaborators  Devonport Museum, Business Association, Maunga Authority, community centres, local Not for Profit organisations, Navy, schools, sports clubs, Police, environmental groups, churches			
Our Goals:								
Facilitate and develop comevents that promote a sebelonging and wellbeing celebrate the (unique and culture that defines Penicommunities	ense of recogn g and lea vibrant) partner insula suppo	community initiatives by izing need, (encouraging dership), working in ship, (providing umbrella rt), and activating local unity spaces and places	creation of	e community well-beir f networking (and oth ld relationships and re	er) opportunities	Communicate local information and raise community awareness; attend local board meetings	credi susta	de good governance and a ble organization through ainable, transparent and ccountable practices

### **KEY STATISTICS**

900

Kids Athletics total attendances 8000

Seedlings Planted 280

Mid-Winter Dippers

2500

Bayswater Halloween Trail Attendees 3061

Trust social media followers: Neighbourly, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter 2

Art Trail Murals Completed

7070

Highest Month Facebook Reach-Restoring Takarunga-Hauraki 1500

Rat Trap Placements

### TRUST OPERATION

Nigel Bioletti commenced duties Dec 1st 2021 as General and Fundraising Manager. The position was designated fixed term, as the Trust could not commit to the role long term for financial reasons. Maria Teape resigned effective May 30, as she felt that with the General and Fundraising Manager position in place, she had the opportunity to take a break, enjoy a "sabbatical", and possibly explore new horizons. This did mean that the General and Fundraising Manager role was a more viable one. Abby Jones was appointed in June to a part-time role as Community Events Manager, so was only briefly employed in this financial year period. The fact that both the GAFM and CEM roles are part-time has potentially helped the Trust achieve a more financially sustainable staffing structure, to be confirmed in the budget for the year ahead. Hana Catterall took over the leadership of the Youth Forum project through to the end of the 2022 Calendar year.

So, as at the end of the Financial Year, the Community Engagement strand of the Trust's staffing was: Nigel Bioletti; Abby Jones; Holly Houston; Maddy Crawford; and Hana Catterall, and for Restoring Takarunga Hauraki, the team consisted of Lance Cablk; Zane Catterall; Terehia Walker; Natanahira Pona; Karen Francis; Nigel Hopkins.

Ongoing meetings between the GAFM and the Trust Chair helped ensure progress toward objectives, and to ensure that meeting agendas were set for Board meetings, and all required documentation was available to Trustees.

The year obviously brought its challenges from a Health and Safety perspective. Staff were very, very cognisant of the need to ensure that the activities of the Trust did not contribute toward Covid spread, and so, events such as "Kids Athletics" were set up to ensure maximum participation and enjoyment for children, whilst ensuring as much social distancing as possible for children and whanau.

Two new Health and Safety requirements were introduced to Events by Council. One – that there be a spill kit on hand if any spillage occurred as a result of having Port-a-Loos at Trust events, and secondly, that there be a kayaker on duty at the Mid-Winter Dip, to ensure that water-craft did not come into contact with swimmers. This latter requirement makes total sense in this busy part of the harbour. A Strategic Planning review meeting was held in January, facilitated by Sandy Thompson, a Strategic Planning consultant very familiar with the Not-for-Profit sector. It was a valuable day, and resulted in a new Strategic Plan document, incorporating a specific goal for further development of the way the Trust incorporates Te Āo Maori into its work.

### Data summary for the Year:

Typical monthly esponse data for our media platforms are as follows:

Website - between 200 and 300 unique visits; approximately 500 to 600 page views

Mail-Chimp - 1500 E-News subscribers

Neighbourly - approximately 7000 profile impressions

Twitter – approximately 100 followers

Facebook - approximately 100 visits; between 5000 and 60000 page reach

Instagram - 20 to 30 accounts reached

### **Events & Programmes**

### **Devonport Senior Forum:**

The group met as Covid conditions allowed, but attendances were down, with an average of 6 attendees for the 2021 half of the Financial Year. The Forum gathered more momentum as Covid pressures reduced, with 2022 Forums averaging 10 attendees. The group has continued to discuss key issues such as Auckland Transport plans for reduced traffic speeds in the central Devonport area. Trish Deans provided a valued conduit to the Local Board, updating at each Forum meeting. Community Constable Glenda Peri also attended regularly, updating the group on policing trends, and intentions.

### Youth Forum and Inter-generational Meet-ups:

Meetings were held as Covid permitted, but resumed regularly in 2022. The group discussed the location of its meetings, and settled on alternating these between The Rose Centre and The Barracks, to allow easier attendance for members living in wider Belmont vs wider Devonport.

Hana Catterall was approached by Maria to take up leadership of the group, and did so from April 22. This was an excellent move. Hana helped the group to become involved in providing a Rainbow Space at "The Hub", as part of the Matariki celebrations happening just before the end of FY22. This was very successful, with the group setting up a space, interacting with members of the public about Rainbow Youth concerns, selling some produce and goods.

The commitments Youth Forum members have to their studies, their other school activities mean that some members have had to pull back on thir attendance at regular meetings, but most have wished to stay 'in the loop' and able to help out as and when required.

Intergenerational meet-up sessions have continued as Covid, other commitments, and school holidays have allowed. Wendy Bailey has helped keep the programme going, but numbers have reduced significantly. That said, the discussions at each meeting have been excellent, with a range of topics covered, and an interesting sharing of perspectives.



Community network meetings were able to proceed as planned through the financial year, with the November meeting being held remotely. Speakers included personnel from Auckland Transport, members of the Local Board, managers and trustees from local organisations, and updates by Lance Cablk and Zane Catterall, of Restoring Takarunga Hauraki.

This continues to be a very good forum at which people can raise issues of concern, and that these are heard by Local Board representatives.

It also allows new organisations and initiatives to present to the group, enabling them to make connections with local people.



### **Community Partnership Meetings:**

These meetings have continued since being initiated in March, providing an opportunity for leaders of peninsula organisations to share their intentions, plans, and new initiatives, with the wider group, and also, to enable "cross-pollination" of ideas, in order to provide the best outcomes for the community. Attendance has averaged 12 attendees. A Facebook page was set up to allow communications between set meetings. Toward the end of the FY, the group was able to co-ordinate activities for Matariki 22.



### **Special Meetings we have been involved with:**

Devonport Emergency Response Plan development – The Trust has been represented at almost all of the meetings that have enabled the development of the Devonport plan – with either Iain Rea or Nigel Bioletti attending.

Concerns were expressed that this whole process seemed to be a return to work that had been done some time ago, but, nevertheless, the project continued, and, at the end of FY22, a draft plan was beginning to come together, with hubs being identified as support bases for their immediate communities, in the event of a local emergency.

Maddy O'Dwyer, from ANCAD, with Rachel Mercer, of Auckland Emergency Management, did a great job of maintaining momentum for the group.



### **Haumaru Housing visits**

This connection has been lost, and needs to be re-established in the new Financial year.

### Kai 4 Com/Kaimahi Dinners

Maria continued to support Kaitahi kitchen, doing deliveries of meals herself. However, this was another area that fell by the wayside when Maria finished up, but which will be picked up in the new Financial year, once Abby Jones has settled in to her new role.

There is a need to establish a firm connection between the new Trust staff, and those involved in the Kai4Communities network.

#### **Summer Play**

This was a successful programme, despite the effect of Covid on the number of sessions – there being 24 sessions in total, rather than the planned for 36.

Maria and the team gathered feedback from attendees. This was very, very positive, with parents appreciating the opportunity to meet and befriend new contacts, and to see the enjoyment their little ones derive from the open ended play with a range of equipment. One "coffee group" of parents use this opportunity as their regular meeting place.

Most attendees report finding out about the opportunity on social media, or by word of mouth.

Overall, attendance is up compared to last year where 27 sessions were held in total with attendance of 824. In Devonport, 550 people attended – this is slightly less (11%) than Devonport numbers last year. This season has been our first running sessions at The Rose Gardens in Belmont, instead of Bayswater Park, Bayswater. 410 people attended Belmont sessions, which is double the attendance in Bayswater last year. On average, 46 people attended per session in Devonport and 32 people per session in Belmont.

#### **Kids Athletics**

This was another successful programme, being run by Trust staff, aided by Student assistants, and a small number of community volunteers.

Attendees reported that they were very appreciative of this chance to see their children enjoying physical activity, as parents were still excluded from school premises.

One case of a child becoming infected with Covid was reported to the Trust. Immediate messaging from the Trust assured parents that Covid measures would continue to be followed as carefully as possible for the remainder of the sessions. There were approximately 912 attendances at 6 sessions – we had no cancellations this season. On average 152 attended per week, made up of 95 athletes and 57 spectators. This is an overall 38% increase compared to last year; a 46% increase in athlete numbers and 27% increase in spectator numbers. The Trust team was extremely cognisant of the need to minimise any chance of community transmission, and took steps to ensure the children social distanced as much as possible whilst working in their teams.

#### Winter Play

At the end of FY 22, Winter Play was just getting under way at Bayswater School Hall. The School team was extremely supportive, and parents were very happy with the warm and light-filled space the hall offers – with children able to move easily from activity to activity. Winter play is planned to last through to the end of October, and is averaging 16 parents and children in these first few weeks.





### **Bayswater Halloween Trail**

The plan to hold the Bayswater Halloween Trail on April 1, 2022, after being postponed from October 21, was not able to be realised, and so, Halloween 21 was postponed to October 2022!

There were discussions about changing the event to a Spring Festival, but provider issues were soon identified as ruling this out.

Some costs for Halloween had already been incurred.

The organisation of Halloween 22 was obviously going to fall to our new Community Events Manager, Abby Jones, but there is ample time for her to prepare for this event.

### Pedal to the Pump Track

This was a very successful event, made possible because of the under-spend on other events as a result of Covid restrictions.

This was to have been a collaboration by Bike Devonport, Devonport Rotary, who had built the Pump-Track, Auckland Transport, and the Trust, but in the end, the considerable staffing difficulties facing Auckland Transport meant that they could not be directly involved.

The event consisted of two bike convoys, one departing from Windsor Reserve in Devonport, another from Lake Town Green in Hauraki. The bike convoys were marshalled by experienced Bike Devonport cyclists. The Devonport convoy had around 25 cyclists and the Hauraki convoy started with around 10 and swelled to 50+ along the way, picking up a number of people at Bayswater Park then again in the Old Lake Rd area.

The festivities at the Pump Track all went well and we were lucky with the weather, which in the few days before hand was very windy and wet. We had one light shower and wind wasn't an issue. We think all in all we had around 200+ people at the event. The loose parts play provided by Junky Monkeys was well received, we nearly used up all our sausages and of course the Pump Track itself was popular. We also gave out some great bike related prizes – the event was MCd by Ian Cunliffe. Devonport Rotary Club members were there to help set up and pack down and we also had lots of other voluntary (unplanned help) from staff family members, Ngahiwi and Terehia Walker, Lance and Nigel B, which was greatly appreciated.

We received lots of great verbal feedback. People commented about the great turnout, and appreciated encompassing the wider peninsula with the Hauraki convoy. Members of Bike Devonport and Devonport Rotary Club expressed appreciation for a successfully run event. Some nice feedback was also received on social media, following Holly's post of after event pictures. One person said: "I am the guy in the picture, with the white hat and my little boy's on the pink trike lol... I gotta say I was so impressed at the individuals who got stuck in and helped out. All the helpers and people who made this happen were well organised, friendly, warm and incredibly up beat. There was even a young guy fixing bikes for free and fixed my step daughters bike, with a smile on his face. I just want to say thank you to everyone involved and feel the event was a huge success. It is really great to see this level of kindness and encouragement in our community"

It was also great to see members of the local board there and Auckland Councillors, Chris Darby and Richard Hills. North Shore MP Simon Watts was also there.





### **Mid-Winter Dip**

The Dip was held June 19th this year – a clear day, and not too cold. Suzanne Stickney was a wonderful volunteer supporter of the event, helping coordinate people, seeking prize vouchers from local business owners. Maddy and Nigel were the DPT staff members for the event, and Iain Rea , Chair of the Trust, helped too. Calliope Scouts set up the sausage sizzle; Jeremy Schmid, from 'The Officers' Mess" provided pumpkin soup, the Druid helped create a fun vibe – a lovely community event, with between 250 and 300 people taking the plunge. People had heard about the event through different media, from friends – one lady travels from Onehunga each year to take part.



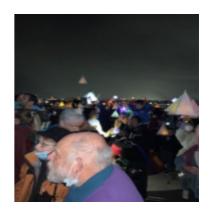
#### Matariki

This celebration fell into the very end of FY22.

It was a collaborative effort, with kaumatua Ngahiwi Walker, and Trust, RTH, Devonport Community House, Rose Centre and Devonport Businesss Association staff coming together to provide a wonderful Matariki celebration on June 25th, the day after the official Public Holiday.

What eventuated was a magnificent range of activities and events for the community, including the lighting up of the facades of Victoria road shopfronts; Matariki documentsary screenings at The Vic; many opportunities for children and their parents to create a lantern in readiness for the June 25th hikoi to the tihi of Takarunga; a hikoi down the peninsula, visiting places where RTH restorative action is taking place, including a stop at He Manu Hopukia Marae, story-telling at Devonport Library, kapa haka performances on the wharf, a hangi meal for key workers and participants, but the culmination was the hikoi to the summit of Takarunga. It was fortunate that Victoria Road had been closed to traffic for the period enabling everyone to walk safely up to Kerr Street, as the number of people was totally unexpected. On the summit of Takarunga, there were some waiata, some speech-making, before people descended to the village, and a meal, or home. Following the weekend concerned, there were additional activities at The Rose Centre, and at the Community House.

Matariki brought the Financial year to an end.





# DEVONPORT ARTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE OUTCOMES FOR THE YEAR

The Trust developed a relationship with the Devonport Arts Festival Committee in late 2021, as the Chair of Devonport Arts Festival Committee, Philipp Jasper, was of the opinion that the Trust could provide Governance support for the Committee, allowing committee folk to focus on the Arts themselves.

It was opportune that, at that same time, Auckland Council, through its arm, Auckland Unlimited, was making funds available to help business areas in the city to rejuvenate after the 2021 Covid period. This Fund was known as the Local Activation Fund.

The Trust put together an application for funding to enable two more murals to be added to the existing Devonport Art Trail. The application was for approximately \$17,300, with an additional \$6000 provided equally by the Trust itself, and the Devonport Art Festival Committee – this whole budget to be spent on an opening event at the Vic Theatre, for the addition of the two murals, and all of the costs associated with that, the development of an Art Trail video, a revised Art Trail flyer, for that flyer to be available on the web, and for a small closing ceremony.

Local Street Art exponent, Sparrow Philipps, was contracted to identify, and develop working relationships with artists who might be in a position to be able to create the two murals. His knowledge of the Street Art field was invaluable.

The project encountered some difficulties in establishing sites for the two murals, but there were multiple factors to consider in this process. In the end, two locations were confirmed, with very willing and supportive site managers and their committees.

Site One – 'Harmony Hall' – was the north side wall of the hall of the Devonport Senior Citizens Association in Wynyard Street. The mural here was created by Dan Tippett. Dan was extremely generous in that what was initially to be a 30 square metre mural ended up becoming an amazing 60 plus square metre work, covering the entire north facing wall of Harmony Hall. The reaction from passers by was very positive. The Trust thanks Dan for his willingness to go the extra mile with the project.

Site Two – The Devonport Community House – upper storey east facing wall – this mural was installed by Ross Liew (Trust me) and Margarita Vovna. It took some time to establish a safe and workable platform for the two artists, but a clever scaffolding installation enabled the work to proceed safely. The weather decided to be a little unsupportive for Ross and Margarita, but, with perseverance, a wonderful work was created in the given space – and again, much larger than originally anticipated, and thanks go to Ross and Rita too. Again feedback from the public was extremely positive.

A concluding ceremony was held at The Vic Theatre, with a small group of supporters sharing in the event. The two murals were blessed in a ceremony led by Zane Catterall. This was a lovely way in which to finalise the project.

The Project came in within budget. The Trust looks forward to continuing to support the Art Festival Committee in delivering Arts opportunities for the Peninsula community.

# DEVONPORT ARTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE OUTCOMES FOR THE YEAR



Site One



Site Two

### **OUR PEOPLE**



**Lance Cablk** Programme Coordinator



Terehia Walker Wānanga Coordinator



**Natanahira Pona** Wānanga Advisor



**Zane Catterall** Tīkanga and Kaupapa Māori Coordinator



**Karen Francis** Administration Coordinator



**Nigel Hopkins**Digital/Pest-Free Field Coordinator

#### Overview

Restoring Takarunga Hauraki (RTH) is a successful community group with a range of initiatives that enable people to learn about, protect, and restore native ecosystems and organisms. We work across the Takarunga Hauraki Peninsula in our neighbourhoods and community reserves in Hauraki, Belmont, Bayswater, Narrow Neck, Devonport, Stanley Point, and the adjacent coastal areas of Waitematā and Tīkapa Moana (Auckland Harbour and estuaries and the Hauraki Gulf). Since our founding in 2017 we have built capacity and support in our community. Fostering active learning and collaboration among community groups and leaders is a key part of our work. We have high aspirations and a growing capacity to reach our goals of restored ecosystems, flourishing wildlife, and broadly-participating communities.

We have accomplished much over the 2021-2022 financial year, despite COVID restrictions. The year began and ended with Puanga Matariki community celebrations. Even during COVID lockdown periods, we continued to meet online to plan and learn together. Our native ecosystem restoration expanded to include newly established regenerating forests in 13 reserves, with the planting of more than 6000 native plants. We also expanded our pest control on two eco-corridors and two Tūpuna Maunga. Our nursery team had a brilliant year developing two small nursery sites alongside other community groups and proposing an additional large RTH-led community nursery. We also employed people in several new part-time roles including a Tīkanga and Kaupapa Māori Coordinator, a Pest Free Peninsula Coordinator, and an Operations Coordinator.

RTH continues to grow. We have a strong Rōpū Kaimahi team and core team of further volunteer leaders, a growing number of contributing volunteers, many new and strengthened initiatives as described in the sections below, and we are developing additional communications, funding, and administrative systems, all with the intention of reaching our aspirations.

#### The Strands of our Work:



#### **Eco-corridor restoration**

We have identified three eco-corridors on the Takarunga Hauraki Peninsula that have significant potential to increase the tree cover and ecological connectivity across the peninsula from the Hauraki Gulf into the inner estuaries of the Waitematā Harbour. Each of these corridors has developing volunteer teams and community leaders. Our key collaborations are with Auckland Council/Devonport Takapuna Local Board and the Tūpuna Maunga Authority on public reserves. Additionally, we work with community groups, businesses and local schools to promote and accomplish ecosystem restoration.





Our collaboration with the Sustainable Business Network was extremely successful, including roughly 2500 square metres of riparian plantings. We have newly developed major-sponsor relationships with Devonport Recycling Centre's charity and Ryman Healthcare. Additionally, we have developed new funding relationships with Waitematā Golf Club and Auckland Foundation for our Ngau-te-ringaringa Eco-corridor Projects. The Royal New Zealand Navy has supported several reserve projects by involving their trainees in our work, with ongoing commitment.

RTH volunteers planted and mulched 3764 native seedlings in the Ngataringa Eco-corridor (8 reserves plus RTH Stanley Bay Bowling and Ngātaringa Tennis Clubs) and 2532 native seedlings in the Shoal Bay Eco-corridor and an additional 60 at Mt Cambria Reserve. A total of 6358 native plants, comprising 56 eco-sourced species were established and are being maintained in 13 public reserves and two sports grounds.



#### **Pest Free Peninsula Initiatives**

Pest Free Peninsula teams have grown under Nigel Hopkin's leadership and organising efforts over the last twelve months. Dozens of new people have joined the initiative, many of whom are developing their own neighbourhood networks in order to to trap pest animals and protect native wildlife. Volunteers running pest eradication lines were supported to resume their work across 16 reserves. Results of rat and possum trapping are reported on Trap NZ.

Our largely voluntary teams work closely with Tūpuna Maunga Authority staff to control rat populations, and create pest-free halos around both Tūpuna Maunga Takarunga and Maungauika. Furthermore, we aim to create a pest-free wildlife sanctuary on Maungauika. Three neighbourhood organising events and trap hand-outs were completed. Numerous neighbourhood rat-trapping coordinators were established. These volunteer coordinators form the core of our Ngā Manu o Maungauika pest free wildlife haven strategy, stage one of our aspiration for pest eradication across the entire peninsula.





A possum defense strategy is being implemented with trappers along the northern shorelines of both sides of the peninsula. We have responded to several purported sightings of stoats with trapping. Both of these species are relatively rare or non-existent on the Takarunga Hauraki Peninsula and to protect Island Sanctuary Rangitoto, we aim to keep it that way.

Responsible pest ownership is an ongoing part of our work to protect local wildlife.

#### **Nursery Plant Nurseries**

As the COVID restrictions eased, the nursery team and other volunteers enjoyed meeting weekly to grow plants and discuss plans. These 20-30 volunteers have established nursery sites at the Devonport Community Gardens (Mt Cambria Reserve) and near the Waitematā Golf clubhouse. A handful of people regularly collect seeds at diverse locations on the North Shore and Hauraki Gulf Islands. Many of these seeds are now flourishing as thousands of native plant seedlings. We are also growing seedlings in larger pots to produce saplings for planting in particular areas such as along the golf course and street berms. We also use these nurseries as a depot for further seedlings received from other nurseries.

We hosted a regional Iwi, Hapu and Community Nursery Network meeting that helped us establish relationships with key nursery leaders and access to important knowledge and resources.

Our nursery team has submitted a proposal for a community native plant nursery at Dacre Reserve on an historic brickworks site. Once approval is received we will address health and safety concerns and develop infrastructure for a nursery with capacity to grow 40-50 thousand native plants per year.

With expertise of our team, a LoRaWAN-based watering control system that is possibly the first of its kind in New Zealand was established and will be expanded in the new nursery. Rainwater collection tanks and other nursery infrastructure has been established by our nursery team.

### Wānanga o te Taiao me Ngā Toi

Our hands-on work in the reserves give volunteers many experiential learning opportunities. Through Wānanga o te Taiao me Ngā Toi/ the Indigenous Ecology and Arts Wānanga (WoTT), further learning about Te Ao Māori and arts practices are offered. WoTT is a collaboration among Mana Whenua Iwi, the RTH team and local whānau, arts centres, and schools to create workshops and community actions to promote learning in ecological and Mātauranga principles through a creative outdoors lens.





Puanga Mātariki was a major focus of our Wānanga this year. We established close ties with leaders and artists at Te Taua Mōana Marae, Depot Artspace, The Rose Centre, and Lakehouse Arts. This collective of artists and leaders developed a vision for a community activation and celebration of Puanga Matariki, following the leadership of Natanahira Pona. In 2021, 22 lantern-building workshops were attended by hundreds of families and classroom students building their own paper and bamboo lanterns with colourful native wildlife and Te-Ao-Māori designs. We organised a hikoi up Takarunga that included about 100 people and ended at the Depot Artspace for a hakari celebration with food and entertainment.

Puanga Matariki 2022, the first celebration as a national holiday, was extraordinary for our Peninsula community. Our Wānanga team convened a series of meetings with community and school leaders to coordinate development of individual and joint group plans. These plans resulted in a series of presentations on the meaning of Puanga Matariki at the Rose Centre, and 21 lantern-building workshops at 14 local schools and a three-week series of lantern-building workshops and day-long events at a pop-up hub in the village co-sponsored by RTH with additional funding from the Devonport Takapuna Local Board and the Devonport Business Association with major funding from the New Zealand Government. Our community celebrations culminated with a hikoi from Wilson School down the peninsula to our hub and a spectacular lantern hikoi up Victoria Road onto Takarunga Maunga tihi with an estimated more than 1000 participants.

Between the Puanga Matariki celebrations we also had many other Wānanga activities. For Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, our coordinator Zane created a video series on native plants and led an online workshop sharing Te Reo Māori

resources and concepts around te taiao/ nature. The Takarunga Weavers continued learning skills and tīkanga with harakeke our raranga, harakeke weaving kaiako Takutai Moana Watts. RTH sponsored tīkanga and arranged the workshop. Natanahira led our Wānanga with a series of presentations In part building on the previous year's events.







#### Waka tapa rua biculturalism

We are committed to Waka Tapa Rua Biculturalism and Tiriti-based partnerships in all aspects of our work and learning. With Zane Catterall's leadership and wide-contributions to a growing team of Māori contributing to our Wānanga and participating in all aspect of our work. We are all on a journey to partner with Mana Whenua iwi and other Māori leaders to weave Tīkanga and kaupapa Māori into our vision, planning, and day-to-day operations.

We have established strong ties with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei at the Pourewa Hub and Nursery. RTH volunteers are contributing to efforts on Motutapu Island alongside our Ngai Tai kī Tāmaki hosts and Te URU Whakaaro organiser friends. We are developing further connections regionally as well.

### Administration, Communications, and Fund-raising

RTH has foundational financial partnerships with the Devonport Takapuna Local Board, the Auckland Council, and the Tūpuna Maunga Authority. Additionally, this year we have sponsorship agreements with Ryman Healthcare, the Devonport Recycling charity (Global Action Plan Oceanea), and others. Devonport Peninsula Trust is our umbrella organisation and community partner.

RTH has a flat organisational structure of paid and volunteer coordinators/leaders and strongly inclusive community participation. Our Lead Coordinator role, currently filled by Lance Cablk, increased to a full-time this year, allowing for further development of our work programme, collaboration with the community, and capacity-building generally. At the beginning of the financial year we successfully filled three new part-time paid roles to support growth and sustainability of RTH. These include a Tīkanga and Kaupapa Māori Coordinator and Pest Free Peninsula Coordinator, as discussed above, and additionally an Operational Coordinator. Karen Francis, our current Operations Coordinator, has created administrative and communication systems alongside day-to-day operations.

Volunteer coordinators contribute an extraordinary amount of work to RTH, including Eco-corridor team, Neighbourhood Trapping, Nursery, Finance Coordinators. Anne McMillon and Gordon Brodie co-chair the RTH Rōpū Kaimahi steering group and are also board members of the Devonport Takapuna Peninsula Trust. We have an active fund-raising committee that has developed a multi-pronged strategy.





Our communication channels have developed. We have a monthly advertisement in the Flagstaff newspaper showcasing our efforts and upcoming events co-sponsored by Ryman Healthcare. Our social media pages and discussion groups are flourishing with over 1000 members on our Facebook group and typical posts reaching hundred or sometimes thousands of supporters and interested Aucklanders. Weekly newsletters and group emails are distributed widely and to various teams. Our website is being re-developed.

#### **Climate Action Kaupapa**

We are aware that the global climate crisis and connection ecological crisis is an existential threat if not addressed adequately. Many people in our community, including high school environment club students and local climate activists who have joined RTH, are concerned and want to contributing to solving this crisis and developing resilience in our community to changes already underway. Our ecological restoration work will help remove carbon dioxide, a key greenhouse gas, from the atmosphere. Ultimately fossil fuels must remain underground.

RTH has supported student activists with chalk-sign messages and the student led Intergenerational Strike for the Climate and development of a local climate activation team, Climate Action Takarunga Hauraki that developed our of Zero-waste Belmont and Devonport team efforts.

#### High aspirations and fun

The RTH team and collaborating groups are both enjoying our work together and aspiring to grow capacity to have a bigger and bigger impact and inspire and support similar community-led ecological restoration efforts across the region. We welcome everyone to visit our website (www.rth.org), join our Facebook group discussion, and join one of our team events sometime soon.













# TREASURER'S REPORT

I was appointed as Treasurer for the Devonport Peninsula Trust in December 2018. It has been my pleasure to work with the trust since that time.

The accounting and payroll systems put in place in the previous year have ensured the growth in the Trust activities have not overwhelmed the systems. The hours of the paid administrator have been increased in line with the growth in the activity overseen by the trust. I am also grateful for the continued support from ANCAD in overseeing the financial administration and compliance work. The annual accounts are audited by Brownes Chartered Accountants.

The trust umbrellas two main activities. The Community Engagement Program (CEP) is predominantly funded by annual grants for community events and programs from the Auckland Council via the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board. The Restoring Takarunga Hauraki (RTH) work is funded from several different grants. Predominately the RTH grants are for specific projects and are for periods of less than one year. The growth in the RTH work and the complexity around managing multiple grants has been a challenge during the year. I am very pleased though with the way the paid staff have managed these grants.

The trust has been operating continuously for over ten years on annual grants and very few reserves. The nature of the work umbrellaed by the trust requires the board to continue to plan over multiple years with the assumption that funding will continue into the future. The short term nature of the funding though does require the board to retain reserves to allow for an orderly closedown should the funding not be renewed.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

The trust has no intent to accumulate large reserves from the current funding sources. The trustees however felt it was prudent to maintain two reserves.

- Capital replacement reserve of \$9,000. No addition was made to this reserve in the current year.
- Contingency reserve of \$35,000 being approximately 3 months of overhead expenses excluding specific event-based costs. This reserve is to cover the delay in receiving the grant money for the year and to cover the costs of winding down the trust if the annual funding is not renewed.

The RTH work has increased significantly and is expected to grow further. The board will increase the contingency reserve as funds become available to ensure the contingency reserve covers 3 months of expenses.

A funding plan for the 2022/23 year has been approved by the board and sufficient funding has been secured to enable both the CEP and RTH work to continue.

The trustees are very grateful to Auckland Council, through the Devonport Takapuna Local Board, and the other funding providers, for their continued support of the trust

For detailed Financial Statements, go to the Charities Commission website, and search Devonport Peninsula Trust.

# FINANCIAL REPORT 2021-2022

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Actual This Year	
\$	

Revenue	
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	10,355
Revenue from providing goods or services	331,434
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	316
Total Revenue	342,105
Expenses	
Volunteer and employee related costs	235,385
Costs related to providing goods or services	126,021
Other expenses	2,857
Total Expenses	364,263
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(22,158)

Actual Last Year	
\$	

11,237	
232,729	
72	ı
244,038	
101,891	
137,430	
3,437	
242,758	
1,281	

# FINANCIAL REPORT 2021-2022

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Act	tual	This	Year	
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Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank accounts and cash	165,295
Debtors and prepayments	13,985
Total Current Assets	179,280
Non-Current Assets	
Property, plant and equipment	3,688
Total Non-Current Assets	3,688
Total Assets	182,968
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Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Creditors and accrued expenses	27,654
Employee costs payable	10,654
Unused donations and grants with conditions	85,264
Other current liabilities	841
Total Current Liabilities	124,413
Total Liabilities	124,413
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)	58,555
Accumulated Funds	
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	12,276
Reserves	
	46,280
Total Accumulated Funds	58,556

Actual	Last Year
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102,518	
102,316	
6,885	
109,403	
2,555	_
2,555	
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5,870	
6,484	
18,690	
200	
31,244	
31,244	
80,714	
34,434	
46,280	
80,714	

### OUR BOARD

### Iain Rea, Chairperson

Iain works in media and communications and has run his own company, employing staff, working in marketing, arts promotion and production. His two young-adult sons, George and Gabriel, were raised on the peninsula where he has lived since 1999. He is a member of the Kaitiaki Group that supports Restoring Takarunga Hauraki, a founding member of Bayswater Environmental Action Network, and Chair of Devonport Peninsula Precincts Society, and Devonport Senior Citizens Association.



#### Brent Talbot, Treasurer

Brent is a chartered accountant and a chartered member of the institute of directors. He uses the skills developed through these memberships to bring a disciplined approach to finance and governance oversight. Brent has had a long career in both finance and information technology developing strong skills in both. He has worked in NZ and overseas as a consultant with many organisations to implement and realise the benefits from new systems.

Brent has lived in Devonport since 1990 and raised two children, Evie and Frank. He enjoys working with community groups which work to make our communities inclusive and respectful of all. Brent is also a director of Altus Enterprises which is a social enterprise providing employment for people with disabilities.



#### Ian Cunliffe, Trustee

Ian has lived in Devonport since 2004 and in that time he has served as President of Devonport Rotary Club on two occasions. He had also served on various Boards of Trustees including those at Devonport Primary School, St Leo's Primary School and North Shore United Football Club and is a current board member of the Devonport Business Association. Ian presently works at Harcourts in Devonport but also has both a legal and educational background from previous positions held in the UK.



### OUR BOARD

#### Anne McMillan, Trustee

Anne has lived in Devonport since 2015 where she developed bicultural, sustainability and mentoring systems for an Early Childhood centre before retiring in 2020. Previously, in Rotorua, she was an IT consultant in financial, inventory and Māori Trust systems in a niche software company that also developed forestry systems. Anne's two children were raised there but one has since moved to Auckland and the other is now in Melbourne. Always interested in the volunteer sector through Playcentre, Martial arts and Early Childhood education, a love of the outdoors and physical challenges made it a natural fit to move into ecological restoration in the local community once she retired. Co-chair of the Rōpu Kaimahi for Restoring Takarunga-Hauraki she loves being out on the whenua every day planting and chatting to others.



### Philipp Jaser, Trustee

Philipp's background is in business management and performing arts. He holds a master's degree in arts management and has experience in both commercial and not-for-profit sector arts organisations.

Philipp's past work includes music and arts festivals, international touring acts and helping to create sustainable organisations and events, bringing together artists and audiences in the best possible circumstances. Philipp currently works with the Victoria Theatre Trust to create a sustainable business and hub of performing arts and screen arts in the historic Victoria Theatre Devonport for the benefit of our communities. Philipp is also the Chair of the Devonport Arts Festival Trust.



### Gordon Brodie, Trustee

Gordon has lived in Devonport since 1983. Prior to that he served as a Police Officer in Toronto, Canada for 10 years. Gordon's three children have all attended local schools and two still live in the area with families of their own. Gordon has always been involved in community projects and was a catalyst in establishing the Devonport Skate Park. He is a former Devonport Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow. He was a successful construction related business owner based on the North Shore. With a love of the environment it was inevitable that he would become involved with Restoring Takuranga Hauraki. He is a member of the steering group and co-Chair of this active community organisation.



### OUR STAFF

### Nigel Bioletti, General and Fundraising Manager

Nigel began work with the Trust in December of 2021, so that, at the end of the Financial Year, he had been General and Fundraising Manager for seven months, and settling into the relationships with Trustees and Staff members – Community Engagement and Restoring Takarunga Hauraki. He continues to strive to enable collaboration amongst the different organisations that provide opportunities for the Peninsula community. He continues to enjoy family life, home and garden, with two recent grandchildren to enjoy, and his music.



### Abby Jones, Community Events Manager

Abby was born and raised In Invercargill but spent every school holiday in Devonport with her Dad. She then moved permanently in 1996 and attended Takapuna Grammar school.

Abby's career background is a mix of Hospitality, Film and Events. She managed successful bars and restaurants all over NZ and in Australia. She studied Event Management in Melbourne in 2004, which has allowed her to participate in many big event productions around NZ and has organised numerous music events for various top NZ artists, special events and corporate functions.

She subsequently joined the film industry and has since held many positions in Production, Craft Service and Art departments.

In 2012 Abby established Bette's Bar & Eatery in Devonport and was the Managing Director of the business for five years.

Abby resides in Bayswater with her two children. She is an active member at Narrow neck Playcentre, her son attends Devonport Community Creche and her daughter attends Bayswater Primary School.

If there is one thing we have all learned from the last couple of years, it has to be how important our sense of community is in trying times. Abby looks forward to contributing to the Devonport community in a meaningful way.

Ehara tōku i te toa takitahi. He toa takitini tōku toa / My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective



### OUR STAFF

### Holly Houston, Promotions Coordinator

Holly has lived in the Devonport area most of her life, and is now lucky enough to be raising her own whānau in the community she loves. She previously ran her own ceramic arts business, as well as doing a variety of work that spanned events, volunteer work, social media, photography and teaching.



#### Gemma Fellowes, Event Assistant

Originally from the UK, Gemma and her family have called Devonport "home" for the last 10 years. She feels blessed to live in such a wonderful suburb, surrounded by white sandy beaches and an incredible community. With a passion for organising events and bringing people together, the opportunity to support the DPT is a blessing.

Gemma has a BA in Business Studies and work experience primarily in sales, events and administration. With a keen interest in health and well-being she has gained a certificate in Health Science from PreKure. This course highlights the importance of strong community and social connections for our general health.

You may spot Gemma walking, biking or talking around Devonport village! If not she will be at the beach.



### OUR STAFF

#### Hana Catterall, Events Assist

Hana and her husband were both born and raised in Narrow Neck and Bayswater and now raise their two children in Belmont. They have actively attended Devonport community events since 2015 and have made many long lasting relationships within the community. Being a part of preparing activities, facilitating and welcoming new and familiar faces within the community is something Hana thrives doing. Curating a positive, compassionate and welcoming environment is at the forefront of her values, as well as supporting others to find belonging and whānaungatanga (connection through experiences). Hana has years of experience working with babies and toddlers, is ECE trained and studied Te Ara Reo Māori for two years. Hana is curious and passionate about parenthood and the psychology surrounding all in which we do, and currently Volunteers for Youthline as a phone counsellor. She co-runs a weekly community playgroup in Bayswater. Their son attending Devonport Community Crèche and daughter Bayswater School.



#### Madelaine Crawford, Summer Events Assistant

A born and bred Kiwi, Madelaine grew up on Waiheke Island and has spent many days (and her hard earned pocket money) in Devonport over the years.

She has a BSci in Food Science which she gained in Dunedin. Whilst loving the Dunedin lifestyle, she needed to move as the ocean swims down there made her lips turn blue! Devonport seemed to be the perfect place for her and her whānau with the warm water beaches, stunning walks, sights and of course, the beautiful welcoming community. She cannot wait to meet you all at the upcoming Summer events the DPT have planned.



# COLLABORATIONS, SPONSORSHIPS, SUPPORTERS AND RELATIONSHIPS OF THE TRUST AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRAND







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### **Collaborations**

Restoring Takarunga Hauraki Devonport Arts Festival Committee

### **Sponsorships**

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Auckland Council Auckland Transport Bayswater Marina Ltd PMG Harcourts Real Estate

### **Partnerships**

ANCAD
Devonport Scout Group
Calliope Sea Scout Group
Devonport Girls Brigade
Devonport Girl Guides
Devonport Yacht Club
Devonport Volunteer Fire Brigade

Bayswater Community Committee Life 101

Bike Devonport Druid of Devonport Kelly Club Bayswater Devonport Drama

Community Constable (NZ Police)

Haumaru Housing

Devonport Community House

The Vic

Devonport Library Devonport RSA Belmont Rose Centre

Devonport Business Association

Devonport Depot Artspace

Devonport Museum Devonport Market

Navy Museum

He Manu Hopukia Marae

**Naval Community Organisation** 

Kai 4 Communities
Devonport Rotary
Devonport Lions Club
Devonport Folk Music Club

Devonport Peninsula Playcentres, Kindergartens, Primary Schools, Belmont Intermediate, and Takapuna

Grammar School Our local Sports Clubs Our local Churches

There are a number of other groups with whom we work from time to time.

# SPONSORSHIPS, SUPPORTERS AND RELATIONSHIPS FOR RESTORING TAKARUNGA-HAURAKI







Tūpuna Auckland Maunga Founda+ion Authority Founda+ion







# SPONSORSHIPS, SUPPORTERS AND RELATIONSHIPS FOR RESTORING TAKARUNGA-HAURAKI CONTD.

### **Financial Supporters**

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

**Auckland Council** 

Tūpuna Maunga Authority

Ryman Healthcare

Global Action Plan Oceania

Sustainable Business Network

**Ignite Architects** 

**Auckland Transport** 

Good For

University of Auckland Business School

**Auckland Foundation** 

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Whai Rawa

### **Education Partners**

AGE School

**Bayswater School** 

Belmont Intermediate School

**Belmont Primary School** 

Bayswater Kindergarten

Devonport Kindergarten

**Devonport Primary School** 

Hauraki School

St. Leos School

Stanley Bay School

Takapuna Grammar School

Takarunga Playcentre

Vauxhall School

**Devonport Community Creche** 

### **In-Kind Sponsors**

**Nut Brothers** 

Bunnings Warehouse - Wairau Park

Trees that Count

### **Independent Patrons**

Adam Benle

Chris Lucas

Donna Marshall

Eve McMillan

Lawrence Gilmore

Maureen McMillan

### **Iwi and Community Partners**

**Auckland Biodiversity** 

**Auckland Council Community Parks** 

Belmont Rose Centre

Chinese Conservation Education Trust

Department of Conservation

**Devonport Business Association** 

**Devonport Community House** 

**Devonport Depot Artspace** 

**Devonport Library** 

Devonport Peninsula Trust

**Devonport Recycling Centre** 

**Devonport Rotary** 

Devonport Yacht Club

He Manu Hopukia Marae

Healthy Waters

Kaipātiki Project

Lakehouse Arts

North Shore Forest and Bird

Northwest Wild-link

Para Kore ki Tāmaki

Pest-Free Auckland

Pourewa Nursery

Predator Free 2050

Predator Free Wellington

Pupuke Birdsong Project

Restore Hibiscus and Bays

Stanley Bay Bowling Club

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Sustainable Schools Auckland

Te Korowai o Waiheke

Te Raki Paewhenua

Te Taua Moana Marae

Waitematā Golf Club

Wakatere Yacht Club

Zero Waste Devonport

Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki