

Our Kerikeri

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Our Kerikeri Community Charitable Trust

Secretary's Report for year ended 30th June 2022

Kia ora koutou

As we left 2021, we thought the year of disruption had left, only to be confronted with the challenges of 2022. Many of our trustees got impacted by Covid-19 or the severe winter flu taking its round in our community. Regardless we manage to stay in touch and keep the trust machinery working – albeit of a slower steam ahead.

Our presence in the wider community is growing and I am really proud of our involvement from both community placemaking events to formulating the community aspirations in e.g. consultation or planning documents. Our largest project, by date “Te Haa o te Ao” sculpture really took shape in 2022 and is a testimony to several groups working together for a common goal. This project would never have been feasibly without support from the many local specialist workers who despite several setbacks have continued the work. The sculpture is to illustrate our tension with nature and the battle to combat global warming. In some sense the battle already started when we took this project under our wing, but we can now see a completion date around the corner.

As we head into a new year, I think it's a good time to reflect on our work and commitment. As trustees we are now custodian of the relationships, trusts and respect built up during the last couple of years. In addition, we have also captured a wealth of knowledge and insights. The momentum is slowly building and I anticipate our work will become somewhat smoother, as long as we stay focus and grounded on the aspirations of the wider community we serve.

Ngā mihi nui



Lasse Pedersen

Secretary – Our Kerikeri Community Charitable Trust