



MEDIA RELEASE

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For immediate release

\$850,000 goes to community causes

Over \$850,000 has been granted towards charitable projects and programmes throughout the Central Lakes region in this March funding round, says Chairman Tony Hill. “This sees \$7.81 million granted for charitable causes within the Central Lakes area for the financial year end,” he says.

Amongst recipients are St John Wakatipu whom receive \$100,000 towards a new ambulance for the region. This will improve the quality of the Wakatipu fleet and forms a part of an ambulance replacement plan which sees aging ambulances; those that have travelled over 400,000 kms, or older than eight years replaced.

Alexandra Men’s Shed will receive \$200,000 towards their new premise to ensure the growing membership can be realised, which in turn allows the men that join to give back to their community.

“The vast number of projects that have the Men’s Shed behind them, and the volunteer support they provide within the community is beneficial and well received throughout our region,” says Susan Finlay, Chief Executive, Central Lakes Trust.

“The men collectively provide free or at cost assistance to a wide range of community organisations and individuals, fundraise on behalf of other charities, and coach or mentor and support individuals in a variety of practical subject areas,” she says.

“The shed will be a community centre, a centre of excellence, and a hub for a network of in-community activities,” says Alexandra Men’s Shed Trustee, Trevor Goudie.

The Dunedin Community Care Trust receives a boost of funding over the next two years to support a pilot programme to better meet the needs of disabled people within Central Lakes.

“The Trust supports people to live in their own homes, in their own communities, and has been responding to requests from families in our region who cannot access support here, and are either considering moving their families, struggling on their own, or needing to pay for private services,” says Susan.

“This pilot provides an opportunity to understand demand which will in turn provide better service in the future,” she says.

LUMA Light Festival which attracted 35,000 locals from throughout our region last year will receive support for equipment and planning resources to sustain the growth of the event. In total it attracted 40,000 – 50,000 people, and up until last year was entirely volunteer based. “The group is well established and highly organised with good plans in place for its future, and this funding will bridge the logistical needs so they can both grow and sustain the event,” says Tony.

Funding for the Sport Otago swim safe programme and the Central Otago Principals Association referral programme have been confirmed in line with school rolls for the year, respectively receiving \$89,730 and \$79,080.

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“We encourage those in the community registered with charities and with a charitable cause to seek our advice as to whether we can assist,” says Susan.

GRANTS APPROVED – MARCH 2018

Project grants

Alexandra Men’s Shed	Construct a new shed	\$200,000
Order of St John – South Island	New ambulance for St John Wakatipu	\$100,000
LUMA Light Festival	Support for the festival expenses	
\$60,000		
Central Otago Health Inc.	SimMan Resus Manikin	
\$39,048		
Parent to Parent NZ – Southland	Sibling support camp	
\$3,340		
Mt Aspiring Outdoor Education Centre	Purchase of water tank	\$2,700
Wanaka Community Toy Library	Purchase of new toys	\$2,369
Project Litefoot Trust	Bannockburn Bowling Club	\$1,800

Operational grants

Dunedin Community Trust	Two-year pilot for rollout of services	\$135,000
Parent to Parent NZ Otago	Operational Grant	\$5,000
Otago Multiple Sclerosis Society	Operational grant 2018 (9 months)	
\$3,195		
Alexandra Community Advice Network	Operational Grant	\$7,000

Strategic Initiatives

CLT Tertiary Scholarships	2018 Allocation	
\$125,000		
Sport Otago Swim Safe 2018	Operational	\$79,080
COPA Referral Program 2018	Operational	\$89,730
CLT Resthome Goldfish – Multi Year	Provide aquaria in 7 rest homes (3 years)	\$13,410(pa)
QLDC	Strategic review of Community Facilities -QLDC	
\$10,000		

TOTAL: **\$876,672**

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ABOUT THE CENTRAL LAKES TRUST

Central Lakes Trust is a charitable trust that grant funds for charitable purposes.

It is the largest philanthropic trust per capita in the Southern Hemisphere. The Trust purpose is to make a positive lasting contribution to the community by supporting charitable projects throughout Central Lakes; to enhance our community and the lives of the people within.

Since its inception in 2000 the Trust has grown its asset base from the \$155m, bestowed by the Otago Central Electric Power Board, to assets totalling \$360m, and has distributed more than \$86m into a wide range of community projects and services throughout the Central Lakes area.