



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **TRUST CONTRIBUTES OVER \$700,000 IN LATEST FUNDING ROUND**

Seventeen applicants, spread throughout the Central Lakes district will receive a mixture of grant support from Central Lakes Trust totaling \$717,182 for the month of October. Combined with the 50 tertiary education scholarship recipients, whom each received \$2,500, sees the Trust disperse over \$820,000 worth of funding.

Alpine Community Development Trust, Catholic Social Services, Hospice Southland, and Age Concern Otago receive a combined \$151,500 to assist with operational costs over the coming 12 – 20 months.

“The wellbeing of our community members is very important to the Trust. We try to ensure funds are allocated where they will have the most impact for the community. Supporting these causes, ensures many of these charities continue to provide important services to our community,” says Trust Chairman, Tony Hill.

The Trust is also supporting a pilot programme; Central Otago Youth Employment Pilot Project. The pilot is to develop a coordinated learning pathway so young people who may otherwise choose to leave the region because of a lack of coordinated education and training beyond school, continue to engage in education, training and employment.

The programme will work with identified students to create a vocational pathway, provide mentoring and coordinate support to ensure students set and meet long term aspirational goals.

“The Trust keenly supports educational projects to improve educational outcomes for the people of our region, we look forward to seeing the results of the pilot in April 2019,” says Tony.

In addition, Upper Clutha Tracks Trust receive \$80,000 towards creating the Hawea Flat to Hawea River Track between Hawea to Albert Town and Wanaka.

While the restoration of the Stewarts Cottage Menzies Dam by the Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust also receives a boost of support with \$84,411 from the Trust.

Other projects to receive grants include Wanaka Associated Football Club, whom receive \$40,000 for a mobile storage and changing room facility, Poolburn School with support towards the upgrade of their tennis court to a multi-sport surface, and Ophir Hall receives \$22,500 towards their kitchen renovation.

Molyneux Park receives support towards new cricket covers, which enables players across all ages to develop skills on a high grade wicket, and also has the added benefit of enabling

four-day first class domestic cricket events to be hosted at the ground.

“The Trust’s annual grants budget is \$6.3m and the latest round of grants takes the total approved for this financial year to over \$3.8m” Susan Finlay, Central Lakes Trust’s Acting Chief Executive said.

## **GRANTS APPROVED – OCTOBER 2017**

### **Project grants**

Arrowtown Bowling Club	Replacement playing turf	\$96,000
Upper Clutha Tracks Trust	Hawea Flat to Hawea River Track	\$80,000
Cromwell College	Pilot Employment Project	\$75,000
Warbirds over Wanaka	2018 Airshow	\$50,000
Wanaka Associated Football Club	Storage and changing room facility	\$40,000
Poolburn School	Multi Sport Surface	\$34,833
CODC	Ophir Hall kitchen renovation	\$22,500
CODC	Cricket covers- Molyneux Park	\$20,000
Community Patrols of NZ	Cromwell Patrol Vehicle	\$15,000
Challenge Wanaka Sports Trust	2018 Event expenses	\$15,000
Glenorchy Primary School	Outdoor classroom posts	\$6,800
Alexandra Golf Club	Defibrillator	\$ 2,138

### **Guarantee Against Loss**

Showbiz Queenstown	Production of Mamma Mia	\$20,000
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### **Operational Grants**

Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust	Restore Stewarts Cottage Menzies Dam	\$84,411
Alpine Community Development Trust	Operational 12 months	\$51,000
Catholic Social Services	Operational 12 months	\$35,000
Hospice Southland	Operational 20 months	\$33,500
Age Concern Otago	Operational 12 months	\$32,000
Cromwell Community Welfare Trust	Multi Year – Year 3	\$ 4,000

**TOTAL: \$717,182**

## **ENDS**

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