



Major Grant funding round results

The Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury (CTMSC) have allocated funding of **\$165,000** to **10 organisations** in support of community projects in the second of two Main Funding Rounds of 2022.

The Methven Swimming Pool Association Inc received \$40,000 towards a multi-stage pool upgrade and modernisation. This community pool needs much work done to continue being open to the district and reduce the pressure on those committee volunteers who have given up considerable hours over the past seasons dealing with break downs and issues due to the aged nature of the existing filtration system. Jo Newport, secretary of the pool association says "The pool is a resource we are passionate about and as a committee we want to ensure that the community have an opportunity to enjoy swimming locally for many years to come." This active swimming pool association is continuing with their fundraising. Please check out their Give A Little page – Save Our Pool – if you are able to donate to this community project.

Seniorcare Geraldine Inc, also known as Waihi Lodge, provides rest home facilities, day care for the elderly and apartment living for those who are mentally challenged in Geraldine. The current kitchen is 50 years old and is used to cook and deliver meals to the community as well as providing meals to residents, day care attendees and apartment residents. A grant of \$25,000 was given to help upgrade the kitchen to a fully functional, compliant and safe space that is essential to the operations of Waihi Lodge.

Arts on Tour NZ Trust has been supporting local agencies to present the best of Kiwi artists to audiences in rural and more remote townships for 16 years. A letter of support noted that the cancellations and lockdowns of Covid-19 brought home to us all the vital significance of the live arts in people's wellbeing. The \$10,000 granted will assist this group to stage events in our region over the next 6-12 months.

Total grants approved in the December meeting:

Ashburton area:

Highbank Hall Charitable Trust	Building upgrade	\$10,000
Methven Swimming Pool Association	Pool upgrade	\$40,000

Geraldine Area:

Seniorcare Geraldine Inc	Kitchen upgrade	\$25,000
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Timaru Area:

Timaru Yacht & Power Boat Club	Jetty repairs	\$10,000
Pleasant Point Bowling Club	Building upgrade	\$20,000

Waimate Area:

Bushtown (Waimate) Inc	Project costs	\$15,000
Waimate District Resource Trust Inc	Furniture & operating costs	\$20,000
Whalan Lodge	Kitchen upgrade	\$12,000

All Districts:

People First New Zealand Inc	Operational Costs	\$3,000
Arts on Tour NZ Trust	Supporting 2023 Tours	\$10,000

Total Funding **\$165,000**

Further funding rounds for 2022-23 financial year are:

- Round 4 – Capital project up to \$20,000. Closes 3rd February 2023. Open now.

Funding rounds for the first half of 2023

- Round 1 – Operational costs up to \$15,000. Closes 24th March 2023
- Main Round 1 – Major grant funding over \$20,000. Closes 5th May 2023
- Round 2– Capital project up to \$20,000. Closes 28th July 2023

CTMSC is keen to support more environmental projects. Please contact the Community Relations Manager if you wish to discuss your project.

Contact the Community Relations Manager to discuss before applying on 03 68 77 589. See www.comtrust.org.nz for more details.

The Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury uses returns from investments to fund its philanthropy. The Trust supports not-for-profit organisations and projects which contribute towards achieving a region of healthy, vibrant and caring communities. To learn more please visit www.comtrust.org.nz