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The Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury provides funding grants to not-for-profit community groups and projects in our region which goes from the Rakaia River in the north to the Waitaki River in the south and to the Southern Alps to the west. The Community Trust Board met for their second meeting of the 2023-24 financial year on 19 June 2023.

Major grant requests over \$20,000 were considered, and 12 applicants were successful with a total of **\$337,500** granted.

In the **Mackenzie** district, the Mackenzie Basin Wilding Trees Trust received \$15,000 for their work in community engagement for wilding pine eradication.

In **Waimate** the Friends of Studholme Bush Scenic Reserve were granted \$30,000 towards their pest-proof fence project, Pro-Ject Waimate received a \$75,000 contribution to Stage 1 of the cycle trail from Studholme to Waihao Forks, Waimate Tennis Club were granted \$20,000 towards the resurfacing of the Tennis Courts, and Maungati Golf Club received \$5,000 for the purchase of a fairway mower.



Mackenzie Basin Wilding Tree Trust

In **Geraldine**, Grande Vue Golf Club were granted \$5,000 towards a new mower and Project Peel received \$20,000 for their weed eradication project in Peel Forest Reserve

In the **Timaru District**, Old Boys Sports Clubs received \$2,500 towards club development and the New Zealand Raptor Trust was granted \$75,000 for their New Zealand Falcon Captive Breeding facility project.



Jenni Fraser from the Raptor Trust said *"We are over the moon with the generous donation for the Falcon Captive breeding facility – thank your team for believing in us. It is a momentous moment for the Trust as everything we have planned for is now going to become a reality."*

In the **Ashburton District** the Ashburton Youth Café Charitable Trust received \$10,000 towards the BASE Youth Centre, Digital Waitaha Charitable Trust were granted \$10,000 to support their digital skills and awareness programmes, and the Staveley Campsite Committee received \$70,000 towards the 50th anniversary building upgrades at the campsite.

The Community Trust receives a wide range of applications for all sorts of projects from across our region. Trust Community Relations Manager Catherine Neill said "the Trustees were very impressed by the range of applications they received and all the work going in our communities. They were particularly pleased to be able to support projects celebrating our unique wildlife, landscape, and community facilities." If you are a not-for-profit group anywhere in Mid and South Canterbury, please call the Community Relations Manager on 03 68 77 598 or look at the website www.comtrust.org.nz to see if you are eligible to apply to the Community Trust for funding for an event, programme or capital project.