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The Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury provides funding grants to not-for-profit community groups and projects that make a positive contribution to 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 final meeting of the financial year on 27 March 2023. The Board were pleased to visit Mackenzie District Council and receive an update on happenings and events in the Mackenzie District from Mayor Anne Munro and her team.

Grants requests up to \$20,000 were considered. 12 applicants were successful and a total of **\$119,200** was granted.

In **Ashburton**, the Youth Institute of Ashburton was granted \$10,000 towards the CACTUS programme, Methven Golf Club \$5,000 for clubhouse re-roofing and Mayfield Golf Club \$5000 towards a new mower.

In **Geraldine**, Geraldine Bowling Club were granted \$10,000 for exterior painting.

In **Temuka**, the Temuka & Geraldine A&P Association received \$20,000 towards their building renovation project. Trustees were impressed by their commitment to the project and the work they have done to improve the facilities for everyone to enjoy.

In **Timaru** Te Aitarakihi Society Inc received \$5,700 for tools to help give young people skills and confidence. Alzheimer's South Canterbury received \$10,000 for the second year towards operating costs. Target Shooting South Canterbury were granted \$10,000 towards their range upgrade.

In the **Mackenzie District** – the Fox Peak Ski Club was granted \$8,000 for the Fox Lodge Solar project; the Trustees highlighted the club members many volunteer hours of work as a credit to the club's support in the community. Fairlie Volunteer Fire Brigade were granted \$20,000 towards a ute to help with fire prevention awareness programmes and transport of equipment.



In the **Waimate District**, Waimate Art Society were granted \$7,500 for installing heat pumps, Art Society Chairman Alistair Boot thanked the Trust, saying "we are so looking forward to having a warm space this year". Waimate Rugby Club were granted \$8,000 towards repairs for the building housing the Club's extensive history.

The Community Trust receives all manner of requests from throughout the region. Trust CEO, Liz Shea said "the key message we wish to share with our community groups in this very challenging time is that we remain open to funding requests and are here to help. We are particularly interested in supporting environmental and climate change mitigation projects in this coming year." If you are a not-for-profit group anywhere in Mid and South Canterbury, please feel free to 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.