



The Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury provides funding grants to not-for-profit charities and community groups 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 2023-24 financial year on 18 March 2024.

Capital project funding up to \$20,000 grant requests were considered. 7 applicants were successful and a total of **\$62,480** was granted, bringing this financial year's total grants to **\$1.8million**.

In **Temuka** \$12,000 was granted to the Temuka Bowling Club as a contribution to the artificial green, along with \$5,000 to St John Temuka Area Committee to upgrade the security systems at the ambulance station.

In **Pleasant Point** the Trust granted \$10,000 to the Sutherlands Hall Committee for the renovation to the Hall kitchen. Gay Claridge from the Hall Committee said "Our community is committed to the restoration of our historic hall for future generations to come and this donation from the Mid and South Canterbury Community Trust will go a long way towards the kitchen renovations. We are extremely grateful for the grant and along with our fundraising we can now look forward to commencing our project."

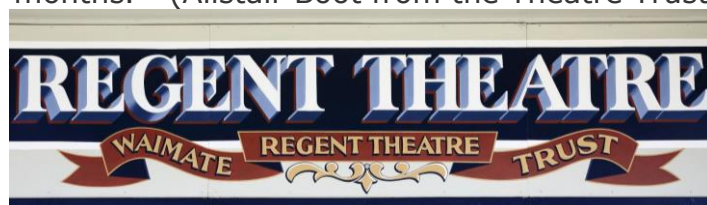
In the **Mackenzie District**, the Trust was pleased to support the Burke's Pass Heritage Trust's Riparian Restoration and loop track project with a grant of \$17,480.

"The Te Kopi o Opihi/Burkes Pass Riparian Restoration Group are delighted to receive news of your wonderful support that will enable us to protect the existing native planting from browsing animals and clear the way for stage 2 planting with a future community track along the Opihi River giving environmental and cultural benefits for all to enjoy."



Burkes Pass Riparian Planting

The **Waimate** Regent Theatre Trust were granted \$12,500 for heat pumps. "The Waimate Regent Theatre Trust is very grateful to the Mid and South Canterbury Trust for a substantial grant towards heat pumps in the Theatre's Annexe and projection room. The Waimate Theatre Company who are starting rehearsals for their next production will be over the moon having a warm area to rehearse in, not to mention the dance classes and all the other users of the annexe over the cooler months." (Alistair Boot from the Theatre Trust)



And in the **Ashburton** District, Dorie Charitable Trust were granted \$3,000 to purchase a community lawnmower, and Ashburton Bridge Club received \$2,500 towards replacement blinds for their rooms.

Trust CEO, Liz Shea said “we had applications from a wide variety of different organisations; we are always impressed by the passion and commitment in our not-for-profit community and our Trust is here to support that. Our key message is always that we are here to help.” 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.