

## In a Nutshell: Health, Wealth and Happiness

In its latest funding round the Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury approved grants totalling \$124,089 to 24 organisations from around the region supporting a range of outcomes for health, community and recreational groups.

A large number of operating grants were provided to number of groups working to improve health outcomes in our region including **Mid Canterbury Riding for the Disabled** (\$5,000), the **South Canterbury Multiple Sclerosis Society** (\$10,000), **Parkinson's New Zealand** (\$10,000), **The Stroke Foundation of New Zealand** (\$3,000), **CCS Disability Action South Canterbury Inc** (\$10,000), the **RNZ Foundation of the Blind Inc** (\$2,000 digital audio books), the **Life Education Trust Mid and South Canterbury** (\$8,500), and the **Pinc and Steel Cancer Rehabilitation Trust** (\$9,804).

The Community Trust is also taking steps to support the region's economic wellbeing. At the individual level this takes the form of a \$10,000 operating grant to the **Ashburton Baptist Church**. The church, in partnership with the national office for **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** operate the local debt centre, supporting Ashburton families to recover from debt crisis, finding pathways towards financially sustainable futures for themselves and their families. The Trust will also be making targeted support available to individuals and families leaving Gloriavale through a contribution of \$10,000 to the Gloriavale Leavers' Fund set up by the newly constituted **Gloriavale Leavers' Support Trust**. General Manager Liz Gregory commented "The Gloriavale Leavers' Support Trust are thrilled to be receiving funds from the CTMSC for their unique work. The funds will be used wisely to help settle people who leave Gloriavale. The response to the recent launch of the Trust has been so encouraging, and we are so grateful to live in such a welcoming place. We want to acknowledge the large number of volunteers and kind South Cantabrians who offer their love and support to Gloriavale Leavers".

Offering another alternative, early intervention to promote future wellness through education and employment for potentially disadvantaged young people from any and all backgrounds an operational grant of \$5,000 has also been made to **Learning for You South Canterbury** who provide young people with private assessment and tuition to reach their academic potential. The Trust has also committed GAL (Guarantee Against Loss) funding for two 2020 South Canterbury events which will attract tourism and economic investment in the

region, the Southern Classic to be held at Levels Raceway (**Classic Action Motorcycle Sport SI Inc**, \$2,000) and the NZ Pony Club Association Show Jumping Championship to be held in Waimate (**Waimate Pony Club**, \$2,000).

This leaves a very diverse range of grants to a selection of recreational and sporting groups in our wider community in need of a small hand up to continue to provide members with a rich and varied spectrum of opportunities. These grants have been made to the **Tinwald Pony Club** (\$1,500 for replacement uniforms), the **Ashburton Swim Team** (\$3,300 for radios), the **Temuka Patchwork Group** (\$1,865 to cover rent and tuition costs), the **Choirs Aotearoa NZ Trust** (\$2,000 towards an NZ Secondary Schools Choir concert at St Mary's church in Timaru), the **Special Olympics South Canterbury** (\$2,000 operational costs), the **West End Croquet Club South Canterbury Inc** (\$4,000 for lawn upkeep), the **Highfield Mountainview Scout Group** (\$5,000 for kitchen/bathroom upgrade), the **Timaru Parents' Centre Inc** (\$3,920 towards Music and Movement Classes), the **TiMOru Soap Box Derby** (\$2,000 towards event costs for 2019), the **Waimate Cricket Club** (\$6,000 towards an artificial cricket pitch), and **Squash Midlands** (\$5,000 in wage funding for a newly established management/administration position).

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](http://www.comtrust.org.nz)

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