



**Performance Report
for year ending 31 March 2019**

Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust





Entity Information

for the year ended 31st March 2019

Legal Name	Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust (BRCT)
Type	Charitable Trust
Registration Number	CC42634
Entity Purpose or Mission	BRCT seeks to nourish and support resilience in Blueskin communities and to create models of resilient behaviour that can be adopted elsewhere. Our particular focus is on identifying and implementing local climate change solutions.
Structure	BRCT is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. Trustees maintain the vision and provide governance. The Trust Manager is responsible for setting and delivering the annual work plan, managing daily operations and staffing. Volunteers provide additional support.
Main Sources of Cash and Resources	Grants, contract work, and community donations
Main Methods Used to Raise Funds	Grants, contract work, and community donations
Reliance on Volunteers	BRCT has one full time employee and receives substantial volunteer and pro-bono support to develop and implement its' projects.
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Trustees	Craig Marshall (Chairperson) Jacinta Ruru (Secretary) Charles Abraham (Treasurer) Dell McLeod Metiria Turei Toby White



“BRCT was born in a place full of creative, hopeful people who want their communities to be strong and who believe the world can be a better place.”

Statement from our Patron



Greetings as we celebrate another year of the Trust's achievements.

With signs of climate breakdown all around us and in the media every day it has become easier to talk about it and more and more people are demanding action. I'm inspired by the school climate strikes, and delighted that my grandchildren chose to take part, with Isabella, 11, making her own sign, NOW MEANS NOW! (I wonder where she has heard that before?)

It has never been easier, nor more important, to take concrete action so it is exciting to see real progress on our Climate Safe House. The recent partnership with Otago Polytechnic and sponsorship from Formance Ltd have given it a real boost. The first such house will be built in November at the Dunedin Home Show, then transported to Waitati as a more permanent solution to coastal flooding than building sea walls. Hopefully we will demonstrate the concept to the point where public authorities will fund it at scale. We certainly need that.

While it is the Climate Safe House that has most fired my imagination, as a genuinely novel idea, I must also mention the Blueskin Energy Network peer to peer electricity retail platform, running successfully for over a year now, with the Waitati Green-Gold Enviroschool connecting their 10kW of solar panels so the surplus (sunny weekends, holidays) can all be used by the local community. Great stuff.

Keep warm this winter, and I wish you another imaginative and trail blazing year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeanette Fitzsimons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanette Fitzsimons

Comment from our Chair

The Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust was established to support Blueskin communities through services and projects. The Trust has a deep commitment to the developing practical steps to address challenges that face our communities. These challenges include climate change, poverty and resilience to changes. Recognising these problems is one thing: knowing what we can do to address them is harder. We work collaboratively with our community, stakeholders, and government agencies to develop strategies to assist in community resilience.

Our long running provision of discounted firewood and insulation continues to improve the warmth of community homes. We completed our last Cosy Homes assessments, continue to support the work of the Cosy Homes Trust, and entered a contract with BRANZ to undertake home energy assessments.

The year has seen some significant achievements for the Trust. We helped launch the Waitati School Solar Array, a project funded by Harper Collins and the Waitati School Board of Trustees and supported by huge community volunteer effort. The Blueskin Community Directory was released, providing a quick, easy-access resource that includes Civil Defence information. The Mihiwaka Walking Track project was launched and developed by Danish intern, Mathias Skovgaard, working with numerous stakeholders.

The Climate Safe House project continued this year with project planning a major focus. Blueskin designer and engineer, Gerry Thompson of Eclectic Home Designs, finalised the plan in conjunction with the client, and major sponsor, Formance Limited, joined the project. The Blueskin Energy Network (BEN), New Zealand's first commercial-community partnership in peer to peer electricity sales continues to grow. BEN has been identified by the Community Energy Network, a national group of regionally focused community organisations as a model for other smart grid projects around New Zealand and an excellent example of clean, local, affordable electricity.

We continue to engage with local and national government, representing our community interests and advocating for sound policy, planning and regulation. We made submissions on the Zero Carbon Bill, the DCC Draft Annual plan, the Healthy Homes Guarantee Bill (No2), the Low Emissions Economy, and to the Interim Climate Change Commission. We also participated in the Strengthening Communities Hui, the Eco-Design Advisors Annual Conference, and in strategic planning with the Community Energy Network, alongside Scott's contributions via the Energy Committee to the Otago Chamber of Commerce and participation on the board of the Cosy Homes Trust.

Our focus is on building community resilience and creating solutions to together. We work with partners from all sectors and support a number of like-minded organisations like Cosy Homes, membership organisations like the Otago Chamber of Commerce and Community Energy Network, the About Us project, and the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic with their research and training programmes.

The BRCT relies on contributions from many people. Scott Willis continues to do marvellous work driving our programmes and coordinating the support of our many wonderful volunteers among whom is Camilla Cox who continues to do a great deal for us. Thank you also to our Trustees, who work extremely hard to make our projects successful.



Craig Marshall, Chairperson 2019

Organisational Outcomes

The last 12 months from April 1 2018 to March 31 2019 has seen steady progress with ongoing projects like the Blueskin Energy Network and the Climate Safe House, the completion of the Community Directory, and the birth of the Mihiwaka Walking Track project. BRCT continued to work hard to support engagement in the issues that affect our communities and to represent the Blueskin community in city forums and submissions to local and central government. Our strong focus on energy and home health has continued with heating and insulation supply to the Blueskin community.

Organisational Outputs

Description and Quantification (to the extent practicable) of the Entity's Outputs:	2018/19	2017/18
Cuppa Tea Publications, articles published	33	38
Insulation provided	724m2	67.5m2
Affordable firewood provided	100 tonnes	50 tonnes
Active Projects	Climate Safe House, Blueskin Energy Network, Mihiwaka Walking Track, Community Directory, About Us—encounters in Otepoti	Climate Safe House, Blueskin Energy Network,
Cosy Energy Advice provided (calls, emails, walk-ins)	28	8
BRCT subscribers	403	386
Public and stakeholder meetings community workshops, and presentations.	30	14

Additional Outputs

Blueskin Energy Network members	46	3
Social Media reach (Average per day):	431	216
Social Media reach (May max)	3601	3927
Increase in social media followers	113	130

Additional Information

Blueskin Energy Network: Launched in December 2017, the Blueskin Energy Network is a smartgrid development. BEN supports the growth of local renewable electricity generation and allows community members to share sustainably generated energy while giving residents access to more affordable, green electricity. This year has seen steady growth in the number of members and recognition nationally of the value and further potential of this innovative project.

Community Directory: The community directory was compiled this year. BRCT supported the Waitati PTA to seek funding from the DCC for this project, a collaboration between the PTA, BRCT, Civil Defence and Waikouaiti Coast Community Board member Mandy Mayhem-Bullock. The directory brings together homeowner contact details, important in an area with many holiday homes, and provides information and contacts for community and emergency services.

Climate Safe House: Work on the climate safe house project continued. A design was developed in conjunction with the client and a local designer, a principal sponsor secured, additional in kind support was found, and work to secure a builder was ongoing. The next year should see the lodging of local body consents, construction of the home (off site) and movement of the home to the site in Waitati.

New Project: Mihiwaka Walking Track: BRCT hosted a Danish Intern at the end of this period who worked to scope the possible development of a walking track that would link existing walkways to create a Blueskin Bay to Dunedin track. This project is being lead by BRCT and is a collaborative effort between many parties including the Orokonui Ecosanctuary, Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki, the Halo Project, the Initial Volco Trust, Blackhead Quarries, City Forests, Dunedin City Council, Department of Conservation, Blueskin Recreational Access Group, Blueskin Bay Watch, Otago Tramping Club, and Councillor Rachel Elder. The intern prepared a report from BRCT which outlines the proposed track development. The next year should see volunteers doing the first track improvement and construction work.

About Us—Encounters in Otepoti: This year, BRCT became the umbrella and mentor organisation for the About Us project. This project aims to give immigrants in Otepoti a voice, allowing them to speak for themselves and present their perspectives in public. The About Us team hopes that “establishing a platform for multicultural and multiethnic voices deter stereotypes and cliches, will help us live (in Dunedin) together, not just next to each other.” This project fits well with the BRCT goal of community resilience and the belief that we can achieve great things if we work together.



“Our power bills are about a third cheaper too, especially when we get points for using our power off peak. Awesome power company... and I am not just saying that.”

Alex Wilson and Hilary Rowley, BEN customers.

Spotlight on the Climate Safe House project



The Climate Safe House project is a flax-roots community project managed by the Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust to develop healthy, future-proofed housing in areas vulnerable to climate impacts. It is about making changes to prepare for a managed retreat.

The first Climate Safe House has been designed and is on track to be built next year to provide a warm, efficient, elevated and transportable home for a Blueskin community member whose home has been rendered unlivable by repeated flooding.

The CSH project is a testament to the strength of collaboration. Our major sponsor, Formance Limited, has joined the project, recognising the need for homes to be affordable, quick to build, and warm. The Dunedin City Council, Otago Polytechnic, Fulton Hogan, and Enphase Ltd are just some of the parties working together to deliver the first climate safe home.

The CSH model is designed to be transferable to other parts of Aotearoa where flooding is expected to impact increasing numbers of low lying communities.



"I just need a house that is far enough off the ground that it isn't going to get flooded... whenever it rains I am so stressed, having to stay up all night to monitor the river and the situation here. It's not a nice way to be living."

Flood-prone Waitati resident

Spotlight on the Mihiwaka Walking Track



The Mihiwaka Walking Track Project was initiated in 2018 as a joint project aiming to create a walking connection between Blueskin Bay and Dunedin City. By linking the chain of existing tracks, the new route will provide a new walking experience plus enable greater access for predator control to increase biodiversity in the area—part of the HALO project and Predator Free Dunedin.

BRCT is coordinating this project, which is a collaboration between multiple parties including the Initial Volco Trust, City Forests, DOC, the Orokonui Ecosanctuary, the Halo Project, and the Blueskin Recreational Access Group. We hosted Mathias Skovgaard from Denmark who spent three months working with the other parties to scope the project and develop a plan for the next steps.

The Mihiwaka Walking Track Project intends to create a community asset for Blueskin and beyond. It will draw people into our wonderful area, promote active recreation, enable better pest control and biodiversity protection, and facilitate community connectedness.



Tama tu tama ora, tama noho tama mate.

An active person will remain healthy while a lazy one will become sick.

Comment from our Treasurer

I would like to present the BRCT accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2019.

The Trust had a sound year with income and expenditure well aligned. Our income for the year of just over \$130 000 included grants from the Dunedin City Council and the Southern Community Trust and a contract for home energy audit services with BRANZ. Compared to last year, a greater proportion of our income came from service provision, including sale of firewood and insulation. Our outgoings at \$136 000 comprised nearly \$80 000 in staffing and volunteer costs, and included a commitment of time and administration to Blueskin Energy Limited.

Moving into the next financial year we aim to keep seeking new sources of funding to ensure that we can continue to support our community and maintain our momentum with the projects currently under way.



Charles Abraham—BRCT Treasurer

Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 31st March 2019

	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
Revenue		
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	31 657	29 327
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	1 032	-
Revenue from providing goods or services	99 644	59 570
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	93	270
Other revenue	-	-
Total Revenue	132 426	89 167
Expenses		
Expenses related to public fundraising	-	-
Volunteer and employee related costs	76 047	88 776
Costs related to providing goods or services	9 656	13 114
Grants and donations made (BEL transfer)	31 600	-
Other expenses	20 457	59 810
Rounding	-	1
Total Expenses	137 759	161 701
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-5 333	-72 532

Statement of Financial Position

for the year ended 31st March 2018

	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts and cash	54 476	37 402
Debtors and prepayment	15 326	-
Inventory	-	-
Other current assets	-	-
Total Current Assets	69 802	37 402
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	2 696	3 499
Investments and other non-current assets	-	-
Total non-current assets	2 696	3 499
Total Assets	72 498	40 901
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities GST to pay	703	113
Bank Overdraft	-	-
Creditors and accrued expenses, and employee costs payable	-	-
Unused donations and grants with conditions	-	-
Other current liabilities	36 040	-
Total current liabilities	37 043	113
Non-current liabilities	-	-
Loans	-	-
Other non-current liabilities	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	-	-
Total Liabilities	37 043	113
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)	35 455	40 788
Accumulated Funds	-9 212	
Capital contributed by owners or members	50 000	50 000
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	-5 333	-9 212
Reserves	-	-
Total Accumulated Funds	35 456	40 788

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31st March 2018

	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
Cashflows from Operating Activities		
Cash was received from		
Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	33 342	29 326
Receipts from providing goods and services	86 317	59 570
Interest	93	270
Cash was applied to:		
Payments to suppliers and employees	105 357	111 700
GST paid	-3 330	1 315
Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	-	-
Cash was received from:	-	-
Cash was applied to:	-	-
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	-	-
Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	-	-
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash	17 074	(22 534)
Opening Cash	37 402	59 905
Closing Cash	54 476	37 402
Represented by Bank Accounts and Cash	54 476	37 402



“We act to strengthen our communities with an emphasis on energy, food, water, and community resilience.”

Statement of Accounting Policies

for the year ended 31st March 2019

Basis of Preparation

Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust has elected to apply a PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not for Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2 million. All transactions in the performance report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The performance report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

All amounts are recorded exclusive of GST except for Debtors and Creditors which are stated inclusive of GST.

Income Tax

Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for this exemption.

Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the statement of cash flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the financial year (last year – nil).



“No one agency will keep us safe. Resilience depends on our web of connections.”

Notes to the Performance Report

Property, Plant and Equipment

This Year 2018/19					
Asset Class	Opening Carrying amount	Purchases	Sales / Disposals	Current year depreciation & impairment	Closing carrying amount
Land	-				-
Buildings	-				-
Plant & Equipment	1 740			695	1 045
Furniture & Fixtures	-				-
Office Equipment	258			107	151
Computers	-				-
Machinery	1 500				1 500
Heritage Assets	-				-
Total	3 498	-	-	802	2 696

Last Year (2017/18)					
Asset Class	Opening Carrying amount	Purchases	Sales / Disposals	Current year depreciation & impairment	Closing carrying amount
Land	-				-
Buildings	-				-
Plant & Equipment	2 901			1 161	1740
Furniture & Fixtures	-				-
Office Equipment	442			184	258
Computers	-				-
Machinery	51 500			50 000	1 500
Heritage Assets	-				-
Total	54 843	-	-	51 345	3 498

There were no significant assets donated to the Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust this financial year.

Notes to the Performance Report

Accumulated Funds

This year 2018/19				
Description	Capital contributed by owners or members	Accumulated surpluses or deficits	Reserves	Total
Opening Balance	50 000	(9 212)	-	40 788
Capital contributed by owners or members	-	-	-	-
Capital returned to owners or members	-	-	-	-
Surplus/Deficit		(3 877)		
Distribution paid to owners or members	-	-	-	-
Transfer to reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfer from reserves	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	50 000	(13 089)	-	36 911

This year 2017/18				
Description	Capital contributed by owners or members	Accumulated surpluses or deficits	Reserves	Total
Opening Balance	50 000	63 322		113 322
Capital contributed by owners or members	-	-	-	-
Capital returned to owners or members	-	-	-	-
Surplus/Deficit	-	(72 534)	-	(72 534)
Distribution paid to owners or members	-	-	-	-
Transfer to reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfer from reserves	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	50 000	(9 212)	-	40 788

Notes to the Performance Report

Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments

There are no commitments as at balance date (Last Year—nil).

Contingencies

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at balance date (Last Year—nil).

Other

Significant grants and donations with conditions that have not been recorded as a liability—None

Goods or services provided to the entity in kind—BRCT has received significant pro-bono support and volunteer contribution. The estimated of total volunteer and pro-bono support for the year is \$105 000.

Assets used as security for Liabilities—None

Assets held on behalf of others—None

Related party disclosures—there were no transactions involving related parties during the financial year (Last Year—nil)

Events after the balance date—there were no events that occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the performance report (Last Year—nil)

Ability to continue operating—No intention to stop operating.

Correction of errors—None



“Creating local climate solutions together.”