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Kaikoura Enhancement Trust

Kaikoura Enhancement Trust is a charitable trust subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957. The Trust was established in 2000, and does not trade with the intention or purpose of making a profit.

The Trust is considered to be a Council Controlled Organisation under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002, because the Council appoints its Trustees. In 2009 the Trustees are Mayor Kevin Heays, and Councillors Barbara Woods and John Ransley.

The objectives for which the Trust is established are generally:

- The collection and disposal of waste in an ecologically sound manner including but not limited to management of refuse facilities and including sewerage treatment programmes;
- To protect, enhance and sustain the natural and physical resources of the Kaikoura District particularly through sustainable waste management practices and more widely to encourage development of similar practice in other areas;
- The establishment, improvement and promotion of recycling programmes and programmes generally to reduce waste;
- Raise public awareness of the effects of alternative waste disposal methods through education and generally to create public awareness of sustainable management of resources;
- To make grants or provide other assistance for the research, development, distribution and implementation of alternative waste disposal methods, including waste reduction methods;
- To promote ecologically sound waste management processes and practices generally;
- To do all such things as may be necessary and consistent with creating a better living environment whilst sustaining the natural environment for future generations.

The most significant objectives of the Trust are performed through its subsidiary, Innovative Waste Kaikoura Ltd, the company responsible for the day-to-day management of the district's landfill and recycling facility.

The Trust has commenced a "Fantastic, No Plastic" initiative providing material reusable shopping bags in lieu of plastic bags, thereby reducing the amount of plastic that ends up in the landfill.

The Trust will continue to be involved in environmental issues that meet the above objectives. It is the nature of the Trust that these projects may be spontaneously approved during the course of any given year, generally subject to sufficient funds being sourced or otherwise with the specific approval from the Trustees.

The financial activity of the Trust is included in Council's group financial statements.

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Innovative Waste Kaikoura Ltd

Innovative Waste has a vision of a future with zero waste, of community's reducing, reusing and recycling to eliminate the need for landfills and a future that uses resources to create a sustainable company and enhances and protects the environment.

Innovative Waste is 100% owned by the Kaikoura Enhancement Trust (a trust wholly owned by Kaikoura District Council) and its establishment began in 1997 when Council first withdrew its rubbish collection and in its stead commenced a kerbside recycling collection. Today Innovative Waste is a multi-skilled business with a contract with the Council to manage the landfill and resource recovery operations within the district.

There are four overall objectives for Innovative Waste:

1. Innovative Waste has systems and procedures in place to enable the company to function effectively, efficiently and sustainably
2. Efficiently and effectively manage resource recovery operations that reduce waste to landfill and manage the landfill so that it does not impact on the physical environment
3. Provide a collection service that will make it quick and easy to recycle and encourage businesses and festival goers to reduce, reuse and recycle
4. Enable visitors and residents of Kaikoura to offset their greenhouse gas emissions through the planting of native trees on public land in Kaikoura.

In addition to its key role managing the landfill and resource recovery centre on Scarborough Street, Innovative Waste also collects recyclable material and residual waste from businesses, developers, festivals and events in the district. It empties and maintains the public rubbish and recycling bins around the township and rural areas, dismantles buildings scheduled for demolition, and collects abandoned cars throughout the district.

Another activity Innovative Waste undertakes is Trees for Travellers, which is a programme designed to offset the greenhouse gas emissions of the Kaikoura community through tree planting. Trees are purchased by visitors via the internet or at a number of outlets in Kaikoura, grown locally and planted on a number of sites within the district.

The financial activity of Innovative Waste is included in Council's group financial statements.

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Canterbury Regional Governance Group

The Canterbury Regional Governance Group was established in 2009 to act as a regional governance group for economic development on behalf of all the Councils in the Canterbury region. The purpose of the group is to act as an interface with central government and to coordinate the disbursement of government funding; particularly the Regional Strategy Fund and Enterprising Partnerships Fund.

The Kaikoura District Council is an equal shareholder along with the Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, and the Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn, Ashburton, Timaru, Mackenzie and Waimate district councils.

The new Regional Strategy Fund and Enterprising Partnerships Fund focus on encouraging regions to:

1. Develop robust regional economic development strategies and to undertake activities arising out of their strategies
2. Take a longer term perspective, and
3. Take a productivity based approach to improving the quality of the regional business environment to support the development, attraction and retention of globally competitive firms.

The Group was therefore established in response to a need for a regional governance structure that complies with the government's revised criteria in order to access the available Crown funding. Input and ownership of the governance group is regionally and sectorally representative of the region.

As there has been no financial activity for the Group to date, there has been no impact on Council's group financial statements.

Maori Participation in Decision Making

Council is fortunate to have an excellent relationship with Te Runanga o Kaikoura, and communication between both parties is open, frequent, and participative. A Memorandum of Understanding has not been formalised, however our shared governance and decision making structure deems a formal Memorandum of Understanding unnecessary.

The following is the feedback received from Te Runanga o Kaikoura:

“Te Rūnanga o Kaikōura and the Kaikōura District Council have a very progressive working relationship. We are very pleased to be able to say that out of the 25 councils in the Ngāi Tahu takiwā, the Kaikōura District Council is a flagship council for how to work with Iwi. This may not seem like a big thing to the general community, but it is unique, and it’s even unique nationally. The open door policy and receptiveness of both parties makes it, what it is. Apart from the obvious benefits locally, it is a relationship that can be aspired to by other councils and other runanga and is used as a benchmark by Ngāi Tahu whānui when dealing with their own councils.

It is not perfect and we learn new things about each other every day, but these differences and how we deal with them is what makes it special. The strength of a relationship is not in how you deal with the similarities, it is how you deal with the differences that matter and this was acknowledged long ago and built on. It is a great example of a workable Treaty of Waitangi relationship.”

*R Solomon on behalf of Te Runanga o Kaikoura
September 2009*

These committees are supported by Iwi representation.

*District Planning Committee
Hearings and Applications Committee
Tourism and Economic Development Committee
Social Services Committee
George Low Trust Assessment Committee
SPARC Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee
Kaikoura Community Arts Council Committee
Airport Committee
Road Naming Subcommittee*

