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CAMPS NZ**



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SOUTHERN CROSS KIDS CAMPS NZ TRUST BOARD

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Anita Vermeer

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Cover picture:

*In safe hands – kayaking with a buddy.
(Photograph by Dave Pierce Digital Photography)*

2010 Annual Report of the Trustees of SOUTHERN CROSS KIDS CAMPS NZ

The third camp was held at Camp Iona, in North Otago, in January 2010. This was attended by 34 children and 63 volunteer workers and was, again, very successful. We were particularly pleased that we were able to accept more campers than last year, and that they were referred to us from a range of agencies wider than we had experienced in previous years.

Anita, the Camp Director, gives a more detailed account of the camp, commencing on page 4.

Finances

Financially the year has been very successful, with a surplus of \$17,078. The major reasons for this excellent outcome are:

- We received \$13,230 in grants that were specified to be spent on fixed assets. This amount directly affects "the bottom line" in that it is spent on buying items of equipment and thus the expenditure is not included in the report of income and expenditure, but rather is directly reflected in the balance sheet.
and
- The members of our staff were commendably frugal and we spent less than we had budgeted.

This result has enabled the trust to go into the new financial year in a much stronger financial position than was previously possible. The trust now owns some key equipment that is important to its ongoing administration and to the ongoing operation of camps.

The trust also goes into the new year with nett current assets of \$12,499, which is close to our target for financial reserves required as a platform to enable us to function in the longer term in a robust and stable manner.

Plans for Expansion

The vision of Southern Cross Kids Camps NZ has always been to provide camps for children throughout New Zealand.

Accordingly we have worked towards this objective by providing training and experience for people in centres beyond Dunedin. We have Directors in Training for both Christchurch and Wellington and we are looking forward to the first "out of Dunedin" camps coming into being in these two centres. Anita has more to say on this in her report.

Financial Support

Many people and organisations provided financial support for this venture, both directly and by supporting the on-line auction. We are grateful to each and every one and there is a list of acknowledgements on page 8.

However we must pay particular tribute to the Otago Community Trust, The Lottery Grants Board and the Kingston Sedgfield Charitable Trust, whose grants were foundational to making the camp possible.

People Who Helped

Many people helped behind the scenes. We take this opportunity to thank Miriam Mowat, Alison Tobin and Averil Pierce, who co-ordinated much of the trust's fund raising programme.

The volunteer staff who attend camp are simply wonderful. These people give up a week of their holidays to help these children. They are the backbone of the camp.

We deeply appreciate the support and practical assistance provided by the team at Southern Cross Kids Camps, Australia.

Dunedin City New Life Church generously provided a base, storage and office facilities, together with their continuing support.

We owe a huge debt of thanks to our Director, Anita, who is the trust's inspiration, mentor and leader. We must also mention Averil Pierce who is our Assistant Director and who made a very valuable contribution by sharing the load of leadership.

And, above all, we give thanks to God, our Heavenly Father, who made all this possible.

Shane Vermeer

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Trustees.
10 May 2010

CAMP CULTURE

2010 Southern Cross Kids' Camp Dunedin was an amazing experience. There was incredible unity, support and encouragement within the team. We had a total of 34 children - 24 children had previously attended camp and 10 new children joined us.

The **TEAM** went beyond the call of duty, working more than 15 hours per day to enhance the overall running of the camp. The atmosphere was electric and I can boldly say that this week made an impact not only on the children, but also on the volunteers. The following feedback sums up the volunteers at camp "What I saw was young people whose hearts were touched and moved. Young people who had put themselves, their wants, needs and comforts aside for week. They were caring, and gentle - What a testimony for the young people of Aotearoa - it certainly encouraged and gave me faith and hope for the up and coming generation".

A **CAMPER** (child) who had experienced significant loss and trauma was referred to us by Aged Concern. This camper lived with his Grandmother in a 2 bedroom unit sharing one room with his Mother. The camper was quiet, withdrawn, unwilling to try new things and generally lacking confidence - UNTIL Thursday - at the Ewings Farm water hole. The camper climbed up a 6 metre cliff to attempt to jump - We all waited for him to jump in to the water hole but fear gripped him. As he climbed back down, another camper jumped, so he returned back to his previous perch. After several minutes, he left this spot and climbed a further metre, to the next perch and looked down. After some cheering on, he mustered up the courage and jumped! This was his, and my highlight of the week! He overcame incredible odds and the look of accomplishment on his face was life changing. For the rest of the week you could see he held his head up and glowed with confidence.....



WELCOME: All children who attend camp are welcomed by their Buddy, who holds a banner with the camper's (child's) name on. From the moment they arrive they know we are so happy to have them spend the week with us!

SOFT TOYS: the first night can be an anxious time especially for children who have been traumatized. To help lessen anxiety in the new environment all children choose their own soft toy on the first night.

BACK PACKS: the children also receive a new back pack filled with personal items, drink bottle, book, pen and paper. For some children they carry their back pack all week to protect their belongings.

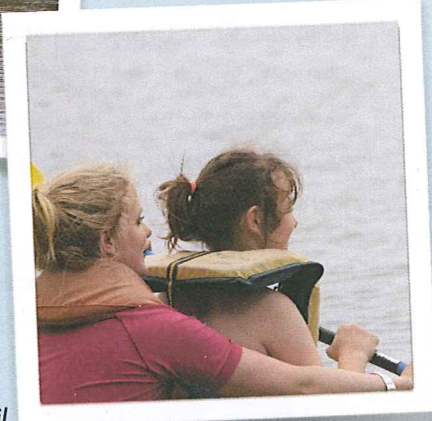
Bill McKerrow, and **Waianakarua Lions Club**, allowed us to use the McKerrows Pond. Here the children enjoyed sailing, kayaking and row boats. **Geoff** kindly instructed the children which empowered many of them to head out in the boats without buddy help. The Waianakarua Lions club also spoilt us with an scrumptious hot lunch.

OUT AND ABOUT:



McKERROWS POND

* *Sailing at camp was a skill many young ones mastered quickly....*



Campers also enjoyed kayaking & preferred their buddies stay with them until their confidence grew...



We went to **Ross Ewing's Farm** for lunch followed by the chance to experience the fast and furious water slide, the death defying leap of faith off a cliff into the depths of a water hole and bonnet surfing! We all had such a brilliant time - participating in exciting farm activities, something a lot of city kids don't usually get the chance to enjoy!

TEACHING TIMES: DRAMA, PUPPETS, MAGIC



The committed drama team took the children on an adventure throughout New Zealand in the "Great Kiwi Challenge", the children tuned in each morning to giggle and help the team get to where they were going.



The team from Australia and America attended our camp to facilitate the training for the New Zealand Directors. They also were our special guests and did a tremendous show which had the children in hysterical laughter!





Southern Cross Kids' Camps
Dunedin Team 2010



Directors from Right: Colleen Dunis, Carolyn Boyd, Lyn Too, Tim Richardson & Sue Carpenter

We had **63 volunteers** from all over New Zealand. Prior to camp, interviews, screening, and training are undertaken. The trust board meets monthly. One team applies for funding, while another team refines the various aspects of the camp program in anticipation of an extraordinary, moving and life changing week. The many hours the volunteers put in behind the scenes are the back bone of the camp. The team's effort and commitment are exceptional and we are all grateful for all that they give to promote Southern Cross Kids' Camps New Zealand. **The singular focus of all we do is to make a positive impact on every child who attends.**



Due to poor weather conditions, many campers had the opportunity to enjoy more quieter activities including Lego Construction!

This year we were privileged to have trainers facilitate **Director's Training** alongside our camp. We were thrilled to have with us Carolyn Boyd (Australian Southern Cross Kids' Camps Founding Director), Colleen Dunis, also from Australia and Sue Carpenter from America. Our new New Zealand Directors are: Lyn Too, who has had many years serving Southern Cross Kids' Camps and has dreams of running a Camp in Wellington; and Tim Richardson, who attended the Dunedin Southern Cross Kids' Camp last year as a buddy, is aiming to run a Camp in Christchurch.

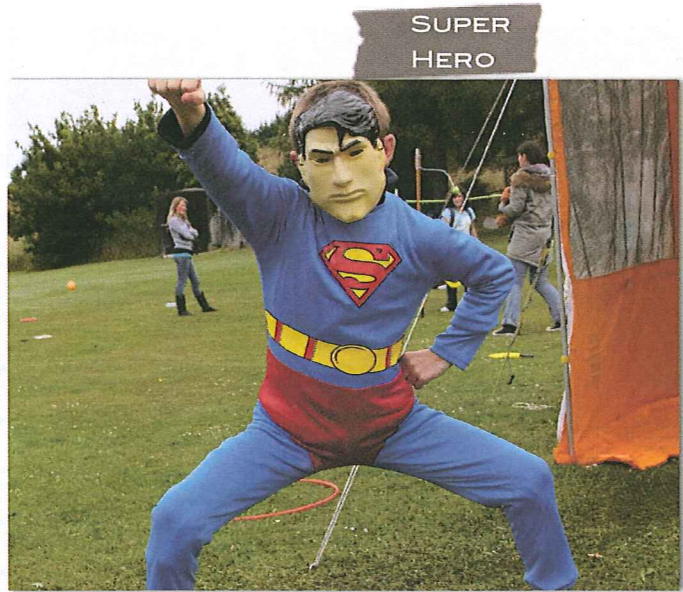
Averil Pierce has also attended Southern Cross Kids' Camps Directors training in Australia in April 2010. Averil plays a vital role recruiting, training and planning camps, and I was greatly encouraged by her trip to Australia. While she was at training a young buddy really stood out. As she got to know him, she found out that he had been a camper at one of the first camps in Australia. He testified to the camp changing his life forever! Averil can see a day when this young man will direct camps!

My hope is to see camps expand throughout New Zealand, to see as many children as possible benefit from attending these camps and most importantly, for each of these children to enjoy camp and grow in confidence. Hopefully some of these same campers will one day become camp Directors!

I appreciate the support of the Social Workers employed by the Ministry of Social Development in Dunedin, who have been instrumental in referring children to attend Camp. I am especially thankful for the tremendous effort and support Caroline Gregan (Youth Justice Co-ordinator) has given us, not only by coming to camp but also by co-ordinating applications, promoting camps, and supporting and facilitating training sessions throughout the year. Also a very special thanks to Sue Bain, the "Advocate for Children and Young People who Witness Family Violence", who also attended camp and facilitated training sessions throughout the year.

Thank you also for the support of Churches from the wider Dunedin community who have helped in various ways. Especially noting our hosting church Dunedin City New Life who kindly donated office, meeting rooms / storage space. Also to South life who assisted with a van and hosted meals for evaluation of our Camp Iona. Thank you to the Straight Up Trust who allowed us to use two vans to transport volunteers to camp. Thank you to the "Scrap bookers" around New Zealand who kindly prepared pages for the children's Albums, your creativity is valued especially by some of our less creative male buddies!

The community's response to the devastating cycle of trauma experienced by this younger generation has been overwhelming. Its is with heart felt thanks that together we can truly make a difference in the heart of a child.



Camp Iona 17 to 22 January 2010

The next generation of heroes! What will they look like? Children learn largely by the model of behavior they observe around them. One week of camp has impacted 34 children many of whom have attended previous Southern Cross Kids' Camps. These children are empowered with life

skills that build in them confidence and self-esteem. The Adult buddies model relationships that bring out the very best qualities in each child. It is such a privilege to watch our next generation of kids abound and become heroesplease consider helping us in 2011.....

Thank you to all the Sponsors, who have made the camp such a success - without your help, none of this would have been possible.

**by Anita Vermeer,
Dunedin Camp Director**

We are especially grateful to the following major sponsors who contributed towards operational costs:

Kingston Sedgfield Charitable Trust	\$8,000
Otago Community Trust	\$5,000
NZ Lottery Grants Board	\$5,000
Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust	\$2,850
Dunedin City Council	\$2,800
Lion Foundation	\$2,000
JR McKenzie Charitable Trust	\$2,000
John Ilott Charitable Trust	\$1,200

And also:

The McGuckin Trust	The Eddie Fong Charitable Trust
Farra Engineering Limited	Donaghys Industries Limited
Peter Sara, Barrister	Farnon Garthwaite Law
The Rotary Club of Dunedin South	

...and all the other people who so generously made financial contributions towards the work.

We have greatly appreciated the following Charitable Trusts who enabled us to undertake particular projects and to buy much-needed equipment:

AAW Jones Charitable Trust	<i>Crockery and cutlery</i>
The Perry Foundation	<i>DVD about the work of SCKCNZ</i>
The Eureka Trust	<i>Storage shelving</i>
The Trusts Charitable Foundation	<i>Computer equipment</i>
The Southern Trust	<i>Data projector and camera</i>
Alexander McMillan Charitable Trust	<i>Microphone sets</i>

We have appreciated special help from:

Dave Pierce Digital Photography	Dunedin City New Life Church
The Chat Bus	SouthLife Church
The Straight Up Trust	All those who made possible our on-line auction

And nothing would have been possible without the co-operation and support received from:

The staff and buddies who donated a week of their lives.
 Child, Youth and Family Service of the Ministry of Social Development and its wonderful Dunedin staff.
 Parents, foster-parents and caregivers,
 and
 All those kids who entrusted themselves to us for those five days in January.

SOUTHERN CROSS KIDS CAMPS NZ TRUST BOARD

Statement of Financial Performance For the year ended 31 March 2010

2009		\$	\$
	Income		
33,580	Donations and fund raisers (Note 6)		<u>56,530</u>
	Expenditure		
4,924	Camp food and Kitchen Requirements	6,109	
4,407	Rent of camp site	2,329	
2,420	Transport to and from Camp	3,604	
<u>8,818</u>	Camper activities		<u>11,900</u>
<u>20,569</u>	Direct Cost of Operating Camp		23,942
<u>621</u>	Family Fun Day		326
<u>--</u>	Depreciation on Fixed Assets (Note 5)		2,123
<u>2,291</u>	Training and Support of Volunteer Workers		4,584
2,614	Administration and Insurance	3,872	
2,313	Audit Fees	2,000	
316	Fundraiser costs	34	
<u>1,403</u>	Promotional Material		<u>2,571</u>
<u>6,646</u>	Cost of Administration		<u>8,477</u>
<u>30,127</u>	Total Expenditure		<u>39,452</u>
<u>3,453</u>	Surplus of Income over Expenditure		<u>17,078</u>

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Statement of Movements in Equity

For the year ended 31 March 2010

2009		
\$		\$
2,785	Opening Equity	6,238
<u>3,453</u>	Surplus for period - total recognised income and expenses	<u>17,078</u>
<u>6,238</u>	Closing Equity	<u>23,316</u>

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2010

\$		\$
	Current Assets	
13,700	Kiwibank Current Accounts	13,543
1,442	GST refund due	612
<u>593</u>	Stock - Items for Next Year's Camp	<u>611</u>
<u>15,735</u>	Total Current Assets	14,766
	Fixed Assets	
--	Fixed Assets at cost	12,940
<u>--</u>	Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>2,123</u>
<u>--</u>	Total Fixed Assets	<u>10,817</u>
<u>15,735</u>	Total Assets	<u>25,583</u>
	Current Liabilities	
3,842	Sundry Creditors	2,267
<u>5,655</u>	Grants Received in Advance	<u>0</u>
<u>9,497</u>	Total Liabilities	<u>2,267</u>
	Equity	
6,238	Total Funds held	23,316
<u>15,735</u>	Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>25,583</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2010

1. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies are adopted in the preparation of these financial statements;

(a) General: The financial statements are prepared using the historical cost basis.

(b) Stock: This consists of items that have been purchased in advance with the intention that they be used in the camp that is scheduled for January 2011. This stock is valued at cost. There is a stock of used material that is held in storage following previous camps. Together with other consumables, this has been written off against expenditure in the year in which it was purchased and is carried in the accounts at nil value.

(c) Income: Income is recognised in the period it is received and banked.

(d) Differential Reporting: The trust qualifies for differential reporting because it is not publicly accountable and is not large. All available exemptions have been applied.

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the year, except for the adoption of a policy in regard to depreciation on fixed assets. This is the first year in which the trust has owned fixed assets. (See Note 5)

2. Reporting Entity

The trust is an incorporated society.

3. Grants Received in Advance

At 31 March 2010 there were no grants received in advance. (At 31 March 2009, grants totalling \$5,655 had been received, but had not at that time been spent on the items specified by the terms of the grant. These were subsequently spent as required during the current year.)

4. Taxation

The trust is registered as a charitable trust with the Charities Commission. As such, gifts to the trust are deductible by the donor as donations for tax purposes. Any surplus of income over expenditure is not taxable.

The trust is registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST). All moneys paid and received are shown nett of GST.

5. Depreciation

During the current year the trust purchased fixed assets for the first time.

Fixed assets are valued at cost and depreciation is provided at the following annual rates:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Annual Rate</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Book Value</u>
	\$	%	\$	\$
Computer and Photographic Equipment	7,620	20%	1,327	6,293
Sound Equipment	1,810	20%	91	1,719
Crockery and Cutlery	1,821	33%	577	1,244
Office Furniture and Equipment	191	10%	16	175
Storage Shelving	<u>1,498</u>	10%	<u>112</u>	<u>1,386</u>
<u>Total Fixed Assets</u>	<u>12,940</u>		<u>2,123</u>	<u>10,817</u>

6. Income

Major grants received during the current financial year were as follows:

Kingston Sedgfield Charitable Trust	\$8,000
The Trusts Charitable Foundation	\$6,275
Otago Community Trust	\$5,000
NZ Lottery Grants Board	\$5,000
Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust	\$2,850
Dunedin City Council	\$2,800
Alexander McMillan Trust	\$2,000
Lion Foundation	\$2,000
JR McKenzie Charitable Trust	\$2,000
The Southern Trust	\$1,509
John Ilott Charitable Trust	\$1,200

Major sources of income were as follows:

	\$	Percentage of total
Community and Charitable Trust grants	31,850	56%
Grants for capital expenditure and one-off projects	13,230	23%
Corporate, community groups and individual cash donations	3,846	7%
Community group non-cash donations	2,304	4%
Camp fees	4,622	8%
Fund-raiser event organised by the trust	513	1%
Other sources,	165	1%
Total Income	<u>\$ 56,530</u>	

7. Contingencies

There are no contingent liabilities and no contingent assets as at 31 March 2010. (2090: Nil)

Shane Vermeer
Shane Vermeer, Chairman

Norman Thompson
Norman Thompson, Treasurer

10 May 2010

Auditors' Report

To the members of Southern Cross Kids Camps N Z Trust Board

We have audited the financial statements on pages 1 to 4. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2010 and its financial position as at that date. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 3.

This report is made solely to the members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Trust as at 31 March 2010 and its financial performance for the year ended on that date.

Auditors' Responsibilities

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the Trustees and reporting our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing:

- (a) the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements; and
- (b) whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Trust, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

We have no relationship with or interests in the Trust other than in our capacity as auditors.

Unqualified Opinion

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion the financial statements on pages 1 to 4 fairly reflect the financial position of the Trust as at 31 March 2010 and its financial performance for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 10 May 2010 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.



Chartered Accountants

Dunedin