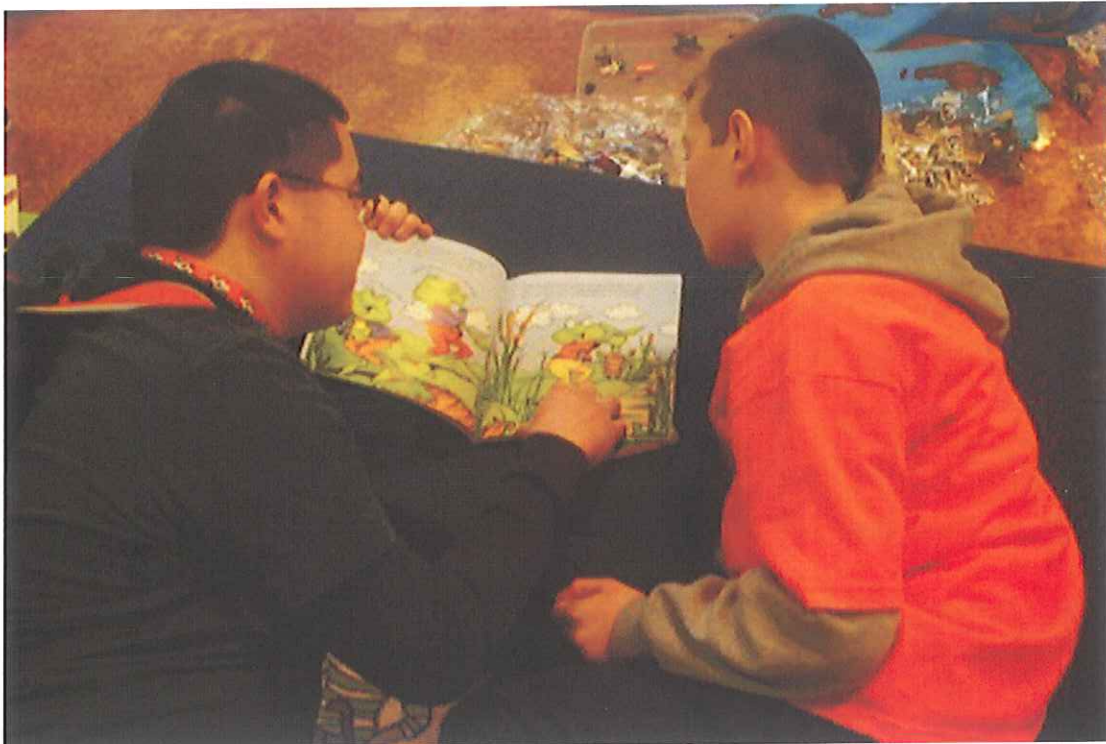


KIDS CAMPS NZ



Making a difference in the life of a child, one child at a time!

2013 Annual Report



KIDS CAMPS NEW ZEALAND
(Previously Southern Cross Kids Camps NZ)

Trustees;

Hamish Thomson (Chairperson)
Ruth Bowers
Norman Thompson
Michael Tonks
Bryan Usher
Anita Vermeer
Shane Vermeer

National Director:

Anita Vermeer

Bankers:

Kiwibank Limited

Auditor:

Ross Smith
Dunedin

Charities Commission Registration No. CC21040

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Cover picture:

Story time with a buddy at a January camp.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Making a difference in the life of a child, one child at a time!

This year has been a very positive and exciting year for the Board and the organisation as a whole as we have worked to build on the success of previous camps.

At a national level the Board, funded by the Tindall Foundation, has begun working with NFP Works Limited to draw upon their experience and expertise as we develop Board capacity and our strategic plan for growth beyond Dunedin and Wellington. Alongside of this we have commissioned some research to help ensure we maintain our Camps effectiveness and make sure our volunteers and staff are trained to best practices.

Our commitment to best practice has meant we have worked to recruit new Board members who not only share the vision and passion of Kids Camps but have proven skills and experience in key governance areas. As a result of this I am pleased to advise that Bryan Usher and Mike Tonks have joined the Board this year. Both Bryan and Mike bring skill sets in policy development, resource management and governance which strengthen the Board as we position for growth.

To better reflect the vision for camps, which are distinctly New Zealand in feel and culture, this year the Board formally changed the name of Southern Cross Kids Camps NZ to Kids Camps New Zealand. The new name, along with a new logo, has been registered and reflects the growth and maturity of the organisation. We continue to be indebted to Southern Cross Kids Camps Australia for their support and assistance in the early years, without which we would not be where we are today.

At a local level both Dunedin and Wellington Camps continue to grow with successful camps being run in both centres. The nature of growth means the local committees are continually having to recruit and train volunteers, raise funds, and organise camps while still engaged in their workplaces and churches. This serves to underscore the calibre and commitment of the local committees and Camp Directors and gives us confidence as we look to the future.

Financially, this has been a good year for the trust. We are in a strong financial position and the board is grateful to all who have contributed generously to the work. We have acknowledged this support elsewhere in this report. We are also grateful to local committees and volunteers who have not only worked hard to raise funds, but who have been models of financial prudence in using these resources to the best effect. We are greatly blessed by the quality of these people who make Kids Camps what it is.

On behalf of the board
Hamish Thomson
Chairperson

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

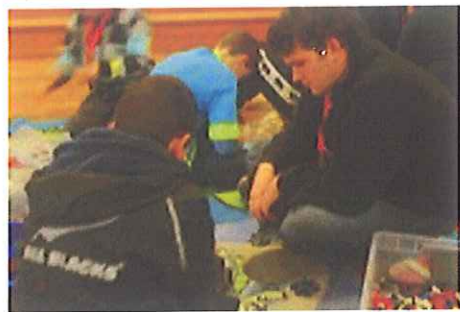
Making a difference in the life of a child, one child at a time!

The last 12 months have been a very busy time in the life of Kids Camps New Zealand. We successfully ran 3 camps, two in Dunedin and one in Wellington. It was a great opportunity to meet so many wonderful children and volunteers.

What's it really like for one of our kids?

The following extracts were taken from children's applications. This incorporates and reflects how life is for the majority of the children who attend Kids Camps:

- *The Children are taken from parents due to safety issues and neglect. Some live in homes where the Father is unable to care for child due to safety issues. Mother is an alcoholic. Further reports are that the Children have witnessed a lot of domestic violence and drug abuse and experiencing extreme transient lifestyles. For some they are exposed to prostitution, having experienced severe transient home environments; others have witnessed violence between their Mother and ex-partners. A few children can be effected also by mental health episodes from their parents and at times live in a chaotic, emotional household.*
- *Some of the children have no contact with their parents, others have just began to have contact with their parent, others have contact with parents that is sporadic and the child is often disappointed. Some children have been passed around family members, they are struggling to keep up with school work.*
- *The physical and emotional tolls are clearly evident for the children. Some come to tears easily, others live in fantasy world and often lie. Some of the children kick, bite, hit and throw tantrums, scream and are verbally abusive. The children are reported to have very low self-esteem and are unsure about life itself. They are anxious about new situations, and at times can be very destructive.*



Camps that make a difference:

When a child comes to a Kids Camp they are surrounded by volunteers aged 14 to 69 who support and encourage their every move. With the low child to adult ratio, this enables us to clearly see the incredibly tough times these children have experienced. These children long to be safe and secure, fed, nurtured and loved unconditionally. We see them blossom in the positive atmosphere and we catch and record this in a memory book for each child to take home. The children grow in self esteem and



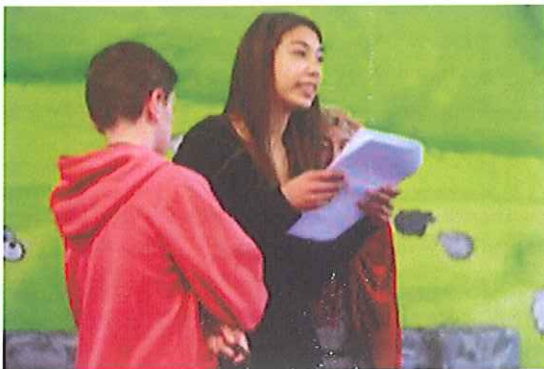
overcome challenges, from being the lead star in a drama to scaling the climbing wall. Our camps help children process the grief associated with parental inability to provide stable contact.

Highlights from the camps:

- Having a chance to talk with some volunteers during the week at camp, it struck me how complicated life can be with some volunteers facing major illness and loss. The enormous stresses of life have been ever present

for some volunteers. However with all of these trials they still eagerly prioritise this work in their life. When I asked "Why?", the most common response was the benefits for the children are enormous - we see the results within the short week of camp. Some have said, I have had to give up other things, but will not give up this work - the children are just too important. We need to continue this work.

- Volunteers all around New Zealand sending handknitted scarfs and hats for the children who attended winter camp in Dunedin.
- The dedication of volunteers who spend countless hours preparing for camp, the group of committees that meet monthly to raise awareness of the vulnerable children and funds to run the camps and the long serving Trustees who have stood strong and dealt with diverse tasks and copious amounts of paper work to make these camps happen has been outstanding.



- To be at a camp and watch directors build their teams through training, fun games and strict guidelines that certainly enable all the volunteers to give their very best to care for the children to such a high standard. To show one another this support is incredible and somewhat overwhelming.

- To see the children race past screaming "this is the best camp ever" and "my buddy is the best". To see all the children be so moved with all the gifts that all the funders have made possible, to see them experience an abundance of good healthy food, to try new challenges and overcome them is nothing more than magnificent.

- Finally to see the professionalism in our camps, the unity, love and respect for one another is

formidable. Together as a community, we can truly make a difference. Not everyone can come to camp, some give time at monthly meetings, others to raise funds, and others donate money. All of these awe-inspiring acts are like pieces of a puzzle that build an amazing kids camps for children who have experienced abuse, abandonment and / or neglect.

Looking forward to our future:

- We have been kindly donated a Capacity Building Grant which is designed to build and develop a work plan that not only sustains our charitable trust but will allow us to grow in to other regions around New Zealand.

- New Flyers have now been produced with our new Logo. These will be used when we promote Kids Camps and be sent out for business sponsorship.
- Our focus is on building strong and efficient teams that are supported by the National Trust Board, the web site and local committees. We believe that future growth will unfold as we build the right foundation for camps to function extremely well.
- We are extremely thankful to David Burchett from www.firstfruitswebdesign.com who has done an impressive job designing our web site www.kidscamps.co.nz to be user friendly for our volunteers and informative for visitors to the site. David is endlessly updating and adding to this for our volunteers and directors to have access to vital information that will assist and equip them in providing the necessary documentation they need in real time.
- Research has been commissioned to take a closer look at the benefits of our camps in the children's lives. It is incredibly hard to quantify the work we do over one short week in the life of a hurting child, through the testimonies of many children, parents, caregivers, social workers and schools that the camps do meet our objective. However to have a professional study completed will be remarkable.
- We will be running a camp in Dunedin and in Wellington in January 2014, it will be amazing to see all the children and volunteers who will return for this and to meet new comers to Kids Camps NZ.

Finally it is with heart felt thanks for the epic hours the volunteers have put in to the children, the committee members who enthusiastically meet each month and are zealous about preparing for the camp, and finally to our Trust Board - long serving members: Norman, Ruth and Shane who have been on the board since 2008 and to Bryan and Mike who have come on this year. You are all dynamic and unwearied in your logical and well thought out approach to making this organisation a possibility and improving the camping standard for children in our care. Thank you for your integrity and support over the past 12 months.



It goes without saying, thank you to Child Youth and Families, Open Home Foundation and other agencies who have referred the children to us, they are fantastic young people who will be a tenacious and strong generation that will hold steadfast to their hopes and dreams.

To all our sponsors, businesses, community organisations, churches who have supported us over the year, we appreciate you believing in us to deliver the objective of providing happy memories to children who are hurting in our community, to see them gain hope and grow in self esteem - we know that none of what we have done would have been possible without you.

Together we all can build a stronger community for the vulnerable children.

Anita Vermeer
National Camp Director

We are especially grateful to the following major corporate and community sponsors who contributed funds during the current year to one or more of the three camps held during the year:

	\$
Otago Community Trust	10,000
United Way	7,000
Thomas George Macarthy Trust	6,000
Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust	5,000
Infinity Foundation	5,000
Tindall Foundation	5,000
Pub Charity	3,600
Pelorus Trust	3,000
Lion Foundation (Wellington camp)	2,500
Dunedin City Council Community Grant	2,400
Youthtown	2,000
Southern Victorian Charitable Trust	2,000
Lion Foundation (Dunedin camp)	1,503
Bendigo Valley Trust	1,000
Child Protection Otago Trust	1,000
Trust House Foundation	1,000

We have appreciated help given in a variety of ways by:

Dunedin City New Life Church	Musselburgh Baptist Church
Abundant Life Church, Wellington	Caritas Aotearoa NZ
Catholic Women's League groups	Open Home Foundation
Sisters of Compassion	Sisters of Mercy
The Society of Mary	Rotary Club East Dunedin
St Luke's Church AAW, Mosgiel, Dunedin.	
Dunedin Patchworkers & Quilters	Firstfruits Webdesign
NZ Post Limited	Apex Print, Petone
Dunedin Packaging Supplies	New Zealand Vanlines Limited

The host of individual donors who have given generously to the children are too numerous to list here, but we greatly appreciate your support.

It was cold in Southland in July: The children who attended this camp loved the hand-made woollen hats and scarves donated by knitters from across the nation.

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

Volunteers who gave up many hours of their time to serve on local camp committees, raising funds, assisting with pre-camp preparations and supporting the local camp Director.

The local Camp Directors, 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.

The Open Home Foundation, Wellington.

The Principals of schools who assisted local Camp Directors in nominating children who would benefit from a week at camp.

Parents, foster-parents and caregivers,
and
all those kids who entrusted themselves to us for those five days of camp.

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Statement of Financial Performance
For the year ended 31 March 2013

2012		\$	\$
	Income		
<u>46,331</u>	Donations and fund raisers and interest received (Note 5)		<u>89,008</u>
	Expenditure		
21,948	Rent of camp site and camp food	28,563	
2,708	Transport to and from Camp	5,707	
<u>14,303</u>	Camper activities	<u>21,526</u>	
<u>38,959</u>	Direct Cost of Operating Camps		55,796
<u>125</u>	Family Fun Day		220
<u>2,736</u>	Depreciation on Fixed Assets (Note 6)		2,281
<u>4,255</u>	Training and Support of Volunteer Workers		5,125
3,570	Administration, including Insurance	4,943	
2,000	Audit Fees	750	
3,308	Fundraiser costs	0	
<u>0</u>	Promotional Material	<u>210</u>	
<u>8,878</u>	Cost of Administration, including Fundraising		<u>5,903</u>
<u>54,953</u>	Total Expenditure (Note 7)		<u>69,325</u>
<u>(8,622)</u>	Surplus(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		<u>19,683</u>

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Statement of Movements in Equity

For the year ended 31 March 2013

2012		
\$		\$
32,114	Opening Equity	23,492
<u>(8,622)</u>	Surplus(Deficit) for period - total recognised income and expenses	<u>19,683</u>
<u>23,492</u>	Closing Equity	<u>43,175</u>

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2013

\$		\$	\$
Current Assets			
27,007	Kiwibank Current Accounts	34,614	
983	GST refund due	2,790	
<u>1,904</u>	Stock held	<u>2,783</u>	
<u>29,894</u>	Total Current Assets		40,187
Fixed Assets			
13,840	Fixed Assets at cost	14,014	
<u>7,587</u>	Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>9,868</u>	
<u>6,253</u>	Total Fixed Assets		<u>4,146</u>
<u>36,147</u>	Total Assets		<u>44,333</u>
Current Liabilities			
3,155	Sundry Creditors	1,158	
<u>9,500</u>	Grants Received in Advance (Note 4)	<u>0</u>	
<u>12,655</u>	Total Current Liabilities		<u>1,158</u>
Equity			
<u>23,492</u>	Total Funds held		<u>43,175</u>
<u>36,147</u>	Total Liabilities and Equity		<u>44,333</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2013

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 future camps. 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.

2. Reporting Entity

The trust is an incorporated society.

3. 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.

4. Grants Received in Advance

At 31 March 2013 there were no grants received in advance.. (At 31 March 2012 grants received in advance totalled \$9,500.)

5. Income

Details of income in respect of the current year are as follows:

	<u>Dunedin/ National</u>	<u>Wellington</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$
Otago Community Trust	10,000		10,000
United Way	7,000		7,000
Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust	5,000		5,000
Dunedin City Council Community Grant	2,400		2,400
Youthtown	2,000		2,000
Southern Victorian Trust	2,000		2,000
Lion Foundation	1,503		1,503
Bendigo Valley Trust	1,000		1,000
Child Protection Otago Trust	1,000		1,000
Pelorus Trust		3,000	3,000
Lion Foundation		2,500	2,500
Trust House Foundation		1,000	1,000
Pub Charities		3,600	3,600
Infinity Foundation		5,000	5,000
Tindall Foundation		5,000	5,000
Thomas George Macarthy Trust		6,000	6,000
Grants received during previous financial year specifically for the July camp	<u>9,500</u>		<u>9,500</u>
Total grants from Community Trusts etc.	41,403	<u>26,100</u>	67,503
Donations from individuals and organisations	2,833	14,827	17,660
Fundraisers	0	2,193	2,193
Other income	1,107		1,107
Interest Received	<u>545</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>545</u>
	<u>45,888</u>	<u>43,120</u>	<u>89,008</u>

6. Depreciation

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Annual</u>		<u>Book Value</u>
	<u>1/4/12</u>	<u>1/4/12</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Deprecn</u>	<u>end of year</u>
	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Computer and Photographic Equipment	7,620	3,247	-	20%	1,523	1,724
Sound Equipment	1,810	995	-	20%	362	633
Crockery and Cutlery	1,821	35	-	33%	30	5
Office Furniture and Equipment	191	137	174-	10%	36	275
Storage Shelving	1,498	1,086	-	10%	150	936
Tents	<u>900</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>-</u>	20%	<u>180</u>	<u>573</u>
<u>Total Fixed Assets</u>	<u>13,840</u>	<u>6,253</u>	<u>174</u>		<u>2,281</u>	<u>4,146</u>

7. Expenditure

The pattern of expenditure during the current year has been quite different from that of previous years: During this year the trust ran two camps for Dunedin children (one in July 2012 and one in January 2013) and one camp in January for Wellington children. This is the first year during which three camps have been held.

The expenditure as between Dunedin/National and Wellington was as follows:

	<u>Dunedin/ National 2 camps</u>	<u>Wellington 1 camp</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$
Camp Site, and food costs	15,875	12,689	28,563
Transport to and from Camp	4,663	1,043	5,707
Camper activities	10,613	10,914	21,526
Family fun day	0	220	220
Depreciation on fixed assets	2,281	0	2,281
Training and support of volunteer workers	2,614	2,510	5,125
Administration including insurance	4,190	753	4,943
Audit fees	375	375	750
Promotional material	<u>210</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>210</u>
Total	<u>40,821</u>	<u>28,504</u>	<u>69,325</u>

8. Contingencies


There are no contingent liabilities and no contingent assets as at 31 March 2012. (2011: Nil)

9. Related Parties

There were no related party transactions during the year (2011: Nil)

10. Events Since Balance Date

There have been no significant events since balance date.



Hamish Thomson, Chairman



Norman Thompson, Treasurer

June 2013

KIDS CAMPS NEW ZEALAND.

AUDIT REPORT

I have audited the Annual Financial Statements for the Kids Camps New Zealand. The Statements provide information of the financial performance of the organisation for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013. This information is in accordance with the Statement of Accounting Policies.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that present fairly the matters to which they relate and for such internal controls as the Trustees determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AUDITOR

It is my responsibility to express an independent opinion, on the financial information presented and report my opinion to the members of the organisation.

BASIS OF OPINION

An Audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosure in the financial reports. It also includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the organisations circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed. I conducted my audit in accordance with general accepted auditing standards in New Zealand and Internationally. I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations in which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material mis-statements. In forming my opinion, I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Other than my capacity as Auditor, I have no relationship with or financial interest in the organisation.

QUALIFIED OPINION

The information presented for the audit has been completed, and I have obtained all information and explanations that I have required.

In my opinion, the attached statements Pages 1 and 2, together with the notes to the Financial Statements, fairly reflect the result of the operation of the KIDS CAMPS NEW ZEALAND for the twelve months ended 31 March 2013.

My audit was completed on 6 June 2013 and my unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.



Ross Smith
AUDITOR

6 June 2013.

