

Connecting Mid Canterbury
Charitable Trust

ANNUAL REPORT

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Welcome to Connecting Mid Canterbury Charitable Trust's first Annual Report. I hope it will increase your understanding of what we in the Trust have set out to achieve since we first began in July 2017.

Firstly, I need to thank Kate White, our driving force over the last year and an inspiration to many, if not all of us, involved with Connecting Mid Canterbury and our TimeBank and Learning Exchange initiatives. Thanks to Lotteries funding, we are now able to employ Kate as a part-time coordinator, along with Mari Swindley (as of August 1. 2018).

We are grateful to the other funders and sponsors who supported us in our first year of operation - both Ashburton Rotary Clubs, Foodstuffs/ Netherby Four Square, Rushton Marketing and Nelson Building Society (NBS). Special thanks also to timebanker Marion Bartlett who single handedly ran our Scrap Metal Fundraiser and raised much needed funds for the Trust.

I'd like to thank the members of the board of Connecting Mid Canterbury for their efforts and enthusiasm. Governance is not an easy road but we have our first strategic plan in place and are growing in maturity.

And where would we be without our volunteers who give so much without expectation of reward - thank you to those who help with member support, event planning, the Learning Exchange, the website and other activities key to making our initiatives successful.

I have enjoyed my time on the board, connecting with the amazing people of Mid Canterbury and contributing my skills and expertise. Unfortunately I cannot continue in my role as Chair due to other commitments so will be stepping down at the AGM.

Best wishes,
Matt Harris

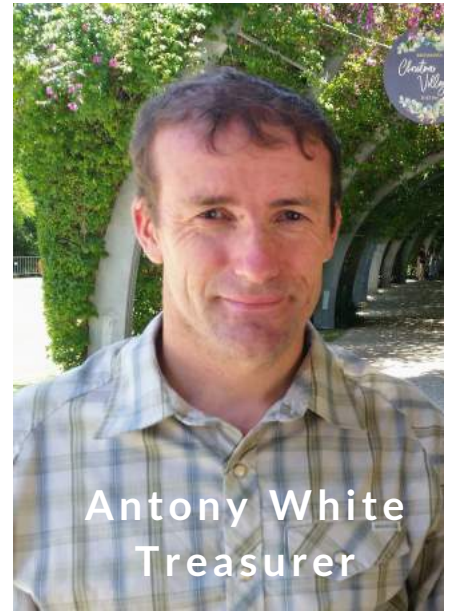
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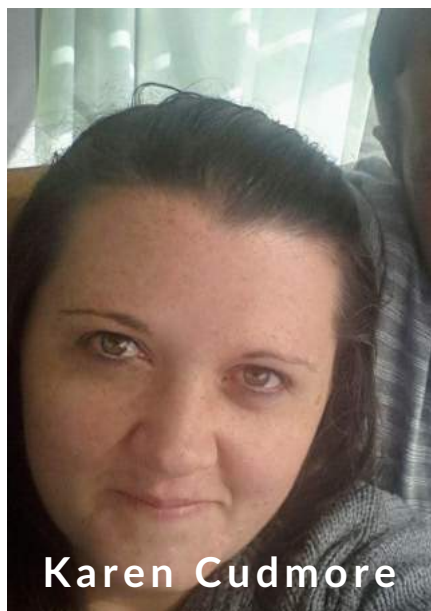
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ABOUT US

Connecting Mid Canterbury formed in July 2017 with a board of nine trustees. In December 2017 it was registered as a Charitable Trust with the Charities Commission, CC55035.

VISION

Mid Canterbury is a connected, regenerative, resilient community that cares.

MISSION

To support the growth of a regenerative, resilient and caring community by connecting people, services and resources in Mid Canterbury.

OUR INITIATIVES

In order to fulfil its purpose the Trust launched two initiatives on October 1st 2017, the **Mid Canterbury TimeBank** and the **Learning Exchange**.



MID CANTERBURY
TimeBank

Connect  Contribute  Belong

MID CANTERBURY TIMEBANK

What is a TimeBank?

In a TimeBank people give and receive help exchanging time credits instead of money. Everyone's time and skills are valued equally. Timebanking software enables members to see others' requests and offers, post their own, contact each other and record exchanges.

What have people exchanged?

- business advice
- gardening
- entertainment at child's birthday party
- IT help
- furniture repairs
- window cleaning
- decluttering support
- bread
- swimming lessons
- sewing
- conversational English
- baking
- handyman jobs
- wool spinning lesson
- house work
- mentoring
- upcycling clothing
- crochet lesson
- help with photos
- carport dismantling
- golf buddy
- transport
- preserving food
- fencing
- reviewing of accounts
- piano lessons
- hair cut
- companionship
- website development
- cooking meals
- lawn mowing
- pantry reorganisation
- physiotherapy
- serving at a luncheon
- vegan food tips
- oven clean
- pet bath
- jewellery clean
- proofreading
- help with heater
- tutoring
- exercise support
- foot massage
- French lesson



TIMEBANK STATS

103 members (as at June 30 2018)

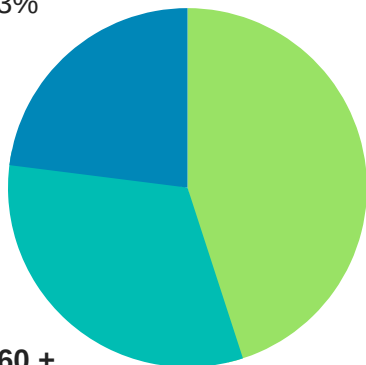


96 individuals

- 19% men, 81% women
- 29% non-NZ born
- oldest members are 83
- youngest is 20

Age of Members

20 - 39 years
23%

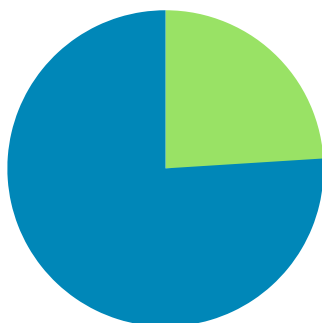


40 - 59 years
45%

60 +
32%

Where Members Live

Rest of Mid Cant
24%



Ashburton
76%



- 7 organisational members, including**
- Presbyterian Support
 - Ashburton Learning Centre
 - Mid Canterbury Newcomers Network
 - Mid Canterbury Rural Driver Licensing Programme

2,389 HOURS EXCHANGED

(as at June 30 2018)



1,100 TimeBank exchange hours
330 Learning Exchange hours
959 Coordinator's hours

697 EXCHANGES

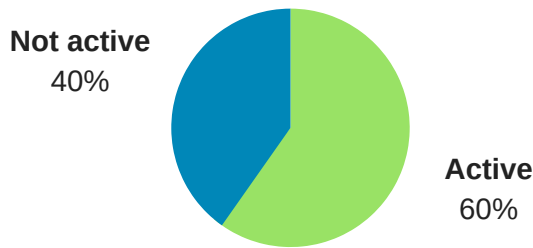


52 - coordinator work
645 other exchanges between members

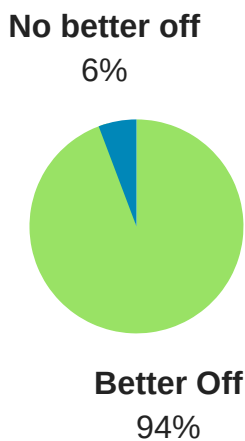
ANNUAL SURVEY 2018

85% of members completed our annual survey.

Members were asked to rate the TimeBank on a scale of 1 (disappointing) to 10 (fantastic). **Average rating = 8.6 / 10** showing high satisfaction levels.



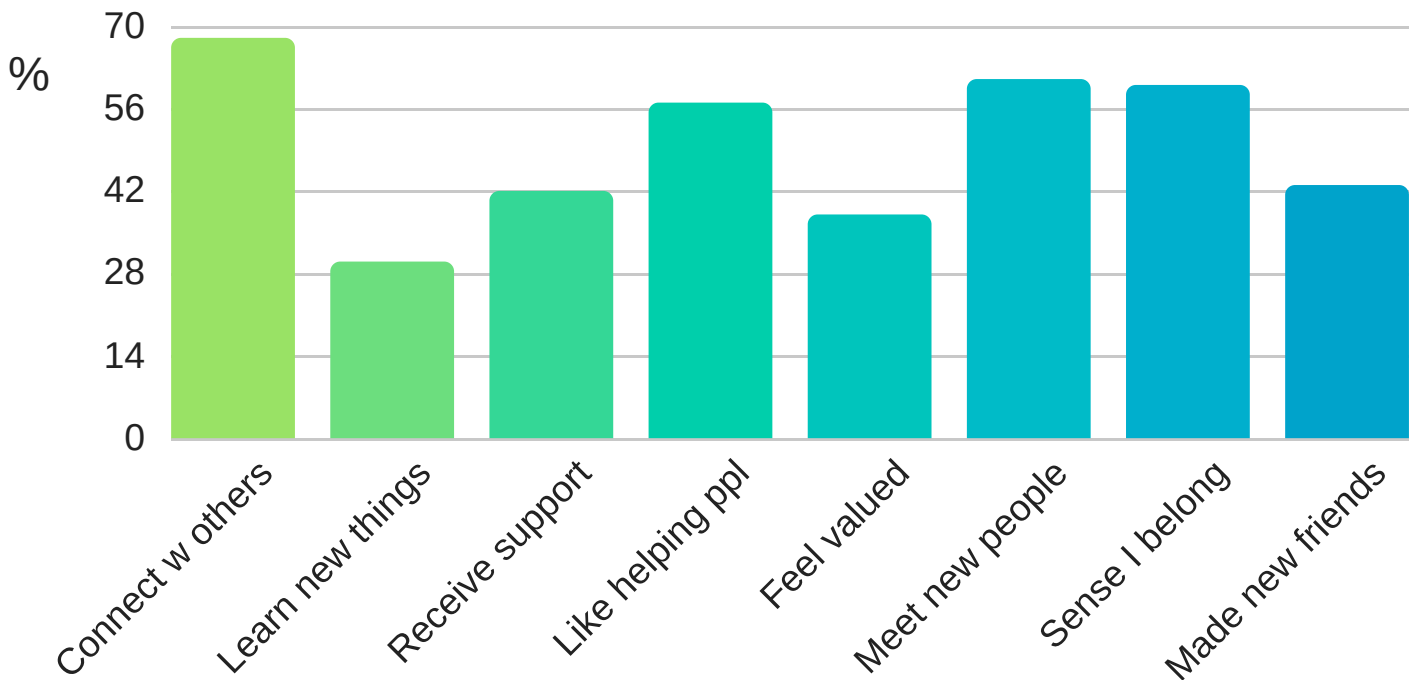
60% of members considered themselves active members of the TimeBank. They've exchanged with others, attended social gatherings and/ or Learning Exchange events, some helped out as TimeBank volunteers, others taught in the Learning Exchange.



40% did not see themselves as active members: some had only recently joined the TimeBank, a few had difficulty with the members site and others had no time to get more involved but were happy to know it was there when they need it.

94 % of all members feel better off for being in the TimeBank, 100% of active members feel better off.

What contributes to members feeling better off?



TIMEBANK SOCIAL GATHERINGS



A key component of our TimeBank is running what we call social gatherings- events which give people a chance to connect with others, have fun, hear about others' needs and skills, and generally feel a sense of belonging to the TimeBank. People often feel more comfortable and willing to help or exchange with those they have met, hence the value in organising these events, so members can meet each other.

TimeBank Social Gatherings

- Afternoon tea & board games
- Bands in the Park
- Christmas picnic in the Domain
- Mystery Trip - to aviation museum & beach
- Concert - supporting local event
- Queen's Birthday High Tea
- Fish'n' chips Games night



LEARNING EXCHANGE

What is a Learning Exchange?

In a Learning Exchange members of the community share their knowledge and skills through talks and workshops and anyone is welcome to come along and learn from them. Each school term a Learning Exchange programme is published, featuring a variety of topics. Usually the events are facilitated by TimeBank members but occasionally there are guest presenters.

What has been on offer in the Learning Exchange ?

- Grow your own food garden tour
- Running your own business
- Guided tour of the universe (astronomy)
- Tech Session: Photos
- Affordable Christmas crafts & gift ideas
- Getting through the Silly Season (budgeting)
- Alternative Christmas Treats
- Kombucha Making
- Self- development series - four workshops
- Patchwork coasters
- Cyber security
- Te Reo Māori
- Knot a problem
- Mortgages
- Being Muslim in NZ
- Making the most of KiwiSaver
- Flax weaving/ Matariki
- Jewellery making



COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Kia ora koutou,

What an absolute privilege and delight it has been to coordinate the work of the Connecting Mid Canterbury Charitable Trust from its inception, seeing the launch of the Mid Canterbury TimeBank & Learning Exchange in October 2017 and running to keep up ever since!

It has been a very full year setting up both initiatives, welcoming and supporting members, coordinating volunteers, organising events and setting up systems to keep track of everything. It has been great to have a dedicated office in Community House and Connecting Mid Canterbury's Strategic Plan and 2018 Action Plan to follow. I am grateful for all the volunteers who help in various ways to make things happen, but particularly Mari Swindley who has regularly staffed the office and helped so much with admin & member support. I don't know where I'd be without you Mari- thank you!

Thanks go to Ashleigh at Rushton Marketing too, who did a fantastic job of designing the TimeBank logo. The connected hexagons used in the logo remind us of a beehive, where each bee contributes to the community in the hive and together they create something wonderful.

A TimeBank member helping out another may feel that it is just a small act, but when timebankers all over Mid Canterbury do these small acts for others they help create a wonderful, connected, caring community. And that's what it's all about – not just getting help for odd jobs or helping others (as nice as that can be). It's about the opportunities these exchanges provide us to connect, contribute and belong to the community we live in.



We have so many generous, talented, passionate people who've shared their skills through TimeBank 1-1 exchanges and through the 25 Learning Exchange events held between October 2017 and June 2018. It is wonderful to see the skills and talents in our community being made known and shared.

With the Learning Exchange programme and monthly TimeBank social gatherings there's hardly a week without some kind of TimeBank event. It's busy but fantastic!

COORDINATOR'S REPORT CONTD.

One of the highlights of my role is meeting all the wonderful people who join the TimeBank and hearing of the ways that the TimeBank is enriching their lives. I've enjoyed sharing these member stories and spreading the word about timebanking through my regular monthly column in the YOU magazine and talks at various groups.

I look forward to welcoming new members into the TimeBank in the coming year, getting to know them at social gatherings and seeing more people enjoy our Learning Exchange events. I'll do my best to promote, seek funds and network so we see more individuals, groups and organisations in Mid Canterbury experience the benefits of belonging, connecting and contributing to others through the TimeBank and Learning Exchange.

Mehemea ka moemoea ahau, ko ahau anake.
Mehemea ka moemoea tātou, ka taea e tātou.
~ Te Puea Herangi.

*If I dream alone, alone I dream.
If we dream together, together great things are possible.*



I am so very grateful for those on the Connecting Mid Canterbury Board and the many volunteers and members who have dreamed with me about the potential and possibilities for TimeBanking in Mid Canterbury. It's amazing how much has been achieved in our first year (with a budget of less than \$6,000!) and very exciting to see where we go from here.

Ngā mihi maioha,

Kate White, Coordinator
Mid Canterbury TimeBank & Learning Exchange

THE YEAR AHEAD

We look forward to celebrating the first birthday of the TimeBank & Learning Exchange with a promotional '**Love Your TimeBank**' week, September 23-30. It is great to have the support of Welcoming Communities and Ashburton District Council for this week, as we aim to raise awareness of the Trust's initiatives.

During the week TimeBank members across the district will have signs on their fences, some will have clues for a Scavenger Hunt competition. There will be a **Birthday Celebration on Sunday September 30th**, giving the public a chance to meet timebankers and see the kinds of things we exchange.

This Spring we will run our **Scrap Metal fundraiser** again. Not only does this raise funds for the Trust's work but helps people get rid of things that have been lying around as waste. A **car wash** on the 29th September is another scheduled fundraiser.

From August 1st until early December **Mari Swindley & Kate White will be employed at 10 hours each per week** to coordinate the work of the Trust. We hope to attain more funding for wages so we can continue employing coordinators into 2019. This is necessary for the long term sustainability of the Trust's initiatives.

Thanks to a **Lion Foundation grant** received in July we have been able to purchase a banner and get information brochures printed. These will be useful as we show how individuals, groups, organisations, schools and businesses can benefit from being part of the TimeBank and Learning Exchange. During this next year we hope to increase our business members (1 currently) and the number of outside organisations in the TimeBank (4 currently).

Most of our activities and members are in Ashburton. We will endeavour to hold events in Methven and Rakaia and promote our initiatives there when time allows. **November 2-4 the TimeBank will run a Camp** celebrating community and the forest in **Staveley**. We want our initiatives to be accessible and enjoyed by residents in all of Mid Canterbury.

In the year ahead we hope to see our **Community Fund** (an account of time credits) be used to support projects that benefit the wider community, perhaps in collaboration with other organisations. We remain open to needs, ideas and initiatives.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

I have benefited from a most wonderful new friendship. At my age finding new friends is wonderful, countering the loss of those who have been near and dear over many years. I have learned that my own skills are more numerous than I have ever thought. I enjoy sharing with others those things I can do and learning about new things.



TimeBank events always have a lovely sense of community.

As a newcomer to Ashburton it has been a great way to get to know new people and share ideas.

We have had two really good volunteers for our programme through the TimeBank & it is great that we can reward them with time credits.

I love the idea of exchange...that we are able to give of our time & talents & receive and learn from others without having to pay & that we can connect with people that we would not have otherwise.

The main benefit for me has been meeting people; some of my best friends I've met through the TimeBank. I feel a sense of wider family in a way. I've also done some wonderful exchanges with some great people. There are things I'd like to do but am unable to, so I've got timebankers in to do them, like the weekly house clean and planting and tidying the garden.

I have had the chance of connecting with a good, positive, like-minded, interesting group of people, that otherwise I wouldn't had been able to find. I am very grateful for this! I love the social gatherings and I always want them to be longer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ended 30 June 2018.

Revenue was received from:

- \$2,565 Sponsorships & Grants (for office rent, food etc)
- \$1,233 Fundraising (from various events during the year)
 - \$830 New Members Registrations (one-off joining fees)
 - \$825 Donations
 - \$252 Learning Exchange (event fees)
 - \$96 Interest (bank savings)

Total Income \$5,802

In addition to this income \$10,000 was received from the NZ Lottery Grants Board for Coordinator Wages, but not spent in this financial year. We were hoping to gain additional funding for wages but were not successful in our funding applications. The Lottery grant has been transferred to this current tax year and will be spent in full by 31 December 2018 which is within the funders' specified time limit.

Expenditure:

- \$1,525 Rent of office at Community House
- \$1,162 Food for events
- \$1,155 Insurance for Trustees
- \$1,721 Other costs of running the Trust

Total Expenditure \$5,563

The Financial Position of the Trust is sound, with a Bank Account balance of \$10,590 as at 30 June 2018. This is mainly made up of the \$10,000 Lotteries Grant that will be spent in the first half of the June 2019 Financial Year.

Overall, the Trust recorded a small surplus of \$240 in its first year of operating and since balance date has received several small grants for operational expenditure. We will continue to seek funding for coordinator wages to enable the Trust to be resourced to reach its full potential.

Antony White, Treasurer / Trustee