



Birkdale Beach Haven
**Community
Project Inc**
Our Place Nō tātou Kāinga

ANNUAL REPORT

2013 – 2014

Vision

To develop community spirit.

Mission

*Provide the opportunity for local people to organise
and do worthwhile, enjoyable things together.*

www.birkdalebeachhaven.org.nz

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2014

The Birkdale Beachhaven Community Project has undergone major change over the last 12 months. Changes to the structure of the organisation have been brought about by the need to thoroughly review the financial basis upon which BBCP operates and how it delivers a community development service to the Birkdale Beachhaven area. The real challenge has been to use the very limited funding available from the Council to best effect while still maintaining the levels of service and community activity which the public has come to expect from the Project.



A big focus this year has been the 40 year anniversary of the Project. Birkdale Community House was the first such community development establishment in New Zealand. This 1974 initiative taken by a group of local people supported by the former Birkenhead Borough Council allowed the establishment of Birkdale House at 134 Birkdale Road. The 40 year celebrations took on a variety of forms, largely based around the timing of the Celebrating Beachhaven festival in March this year. The grand opening at the beginning of March kicked off the month of activities. At the end of March a pleasant garden party at Birkdale House closed off the festivities. Throughout the month there was much reminiscing and happy reunions of old Project members across those four decades of community activity. It was a very rewarding experience. The great outcome of the 40 year celebration is the manner in which it has rekindled interest in the Project across the age groups and across the mix of ethnic groups living in Birkdale and Beachhaven.

On the business front our serious task this year was to face up to the difficulty the Project confronted in relation to the two Early Learning Centres at Birkdale and Beachhaven. Our limited resources had meant that we were forced to acknowledge that our governance and oversight of the early childhood service needed a real shake-up and a big financial injection. Negotiations with the Council's Early Childhood Centre provided the much needed expertise to ensure that the two community crèches could achieve and maintain the necessary registration under the Ministry of Education 2008 regulations. Following this the Project passed the two ELC units over to the Auckland Council Kauri Kids where they are now managed.

A further reorganisation focus has been on the structure of the Project, again driven by the need to move the community development model along with the times and to face reality of the limited operational finances available for community development work. In June 2014 the project committee confirmed a new structure under a project coordinator assisted by a part-time administrator. The new structure sees the coordinator in charge of both community houses while relying on a growing number of organised volunteers to assist in the day-to-day community house operations. So far, after two months, this structure is working well and reflecting the changing community development model which the Project wishes to sustain.



One of the stalls at our Young Entrepreneur Markets



Hand-crafted greeters at Beach Haven House

Highlights from the Project Coordinator

Both Beach Haven and Birkdale Community Houses continue to provide a warm and comfortable place for the community to meet, learn, share and promote wellbeing. Each house has a diverse range of groups who use the Houses. The doors are open 9-3pm Monday – Friday and many folk pop in regularly for a hot drink and a chat.

We continue to respond to the needs of the communities of Beach Haven and Birkdale. Over the last year we have supported many families and individuals in crisis by using our extensive networks to gather food, clothing and furniture to help with isolation issues and building confidence.

We listen to the community needs and provide new groups, classes and events as there is a need. In the past year we have held events such as a Christmas Market, a self Defence Class, Matariki Movie Night, Young Entrepreneur Markets, Celebrating Beach Haven, School Holiday Art groups, Art Exhibitions, Morning tea for the International Day of the Older Person and a Plunket Movie Afternoon. All of these events build a strong sense of belonging, identity and pride in our community.

A further highlight of the year has been the growing strength of the after school and holiday programme unit now known as **KIDS @ 134**. The after school and holiday programme service operating under the MSD OSCAR model has provided a valued community service this year. The holiday programmes have been highly booked during each school holiday and the after school programme has grown from strength to strength to the extent that the Project provides a bus pick-up service which is economical and viable.



Afterschool Friday treat, a beading afternoon.

The Kids at #134

"As always you have planned an awesome programme for the Kids these holidays. You and your team do an amazing job."

Cheryl Gomer

"Im not surprised if it is filling up fast, it is well run now with great activities and events each holidays, makes me want to come too."

Susan Taylor



Kids at #134 trip to North Head Reserve during our July Programme.

At Birkdale an important community bonus this year has been the Council purchase of the former St Philips church hall at 136 Birkdale Road. This important community building with its large site and useful front yard carpark has been an adjunct to the Birkdale Community House for well over 30 years. Now that the building is in Council ownership the Kaipatiki Local Board is undertaking a programme of community consultation before decisions are made on the future use of the building. The Project has ensured that it is recognised as an important part of the future use and development of the building and land at 136 Birkdale Road. This will be an exciting project for the future.

To ensure that activities and facilities are directly related to the needs and wishes of the Community and that there is a continuing opportunity for expression and identification of those needs, and that priorities be established on this basis.

Over the course of the year there are many people who must be thanked for their energy, efforts and determination in assisting and promoting BBCP. A special thanks goes to Carla van Walen who has stepped up fearlessly as the interim project co-ordinator. Daniel Shotter has done remarkable work with KIDS @ 134. Our part-time accountant, Dianne Marsh, offered to fill the part-time role of project administrator. We are very delighted that she accepted that role.

A special thanks goes to the Kaipatiki Local Board and Chairperson – Kay McIntyre – for its continued interest and involvement in BBCP. Our special thanks go to Community Board member Ann Hartley for her ongoing support and mentoring of the committee during its serious decision-making this year. We thank all of the Local Board members for their interest in our work and their attendance at various functions and celebrations through the year. A special thanks to our two North Shore Councillors – Chris Darby and George Wood – who have continued to provide us with strong support and were welcome guests at the 40th celebrations in March.

A final thank you to all of those groups and individuals across the community with whom the Project has maintained good relationships and has gained strength and support throughout a difficult but rewarding year. My finishing note would be to offer a special thank you to the committee members who have stood up well to the pressures of the year and have been a constant supply of strength and encouragement to me and to each other as we went through these changes.

Brian Putt, Chairperson, September 2014

Quotes from some of our users

*“it’s my ‘group’ home”
John – 68*

*“A magnet that pulls people together”
Beach Haven Pastels group.*

*“its fills a great need and brings fun
and brings laughter into my life”
Jan – 66*

*“ it enhances wellbeing regardless of
age, People come from far and wide
to enjoy groups- Orewa, Takapuna,
Ponsonby, Huia and the bays.”
Birkdale Ukelele Group.*

*“I love the warm welcoming
environment”
Julie – 68*

To recognise and where appropriate, participate in existing community organisations and institutions, provided that these are seen as working in the interest of the overall community.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Summary Statement of Financial Performance

for year ended 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
Income		
Activity Income	124004	136081
Funding Income	331028	531764
Grants/Donations	79334	72608
Other Income	3070	13850
Total Income	537436	754303
Expenditure		
Administration/Overheads	97345	85556
Service Programmes	26450	22854
Marketing/Promotions	4182	4506
Personnel Costs	400268	575316
Total Expenditure	528245	688232
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before extraordinary items	9191	66071
Extraordinary Item – Ceasing Early Childhood Asset Disposal on Sale of Early Learning Centres	33963	0
Total Surplus/(Deficit) after extraordinary items	-24772	66071

This Financial Reporting has been taken from the fully audited Financial Report of Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project Inc for the year ended 30 June 2014.

It is not expected to provide as complete an understanding of the financial performance and financial position of Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project Inc as provided by

Summary Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
Current Assets	47358	84805
Fixed Assets	7182	34182
Total Assets	54540	118987
Current Liabilities	14095	48378
Funds in Advance	0	5392
Total Liabilities	14095	53770
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	40445	65217
Accumulated Funds	40445	65217

Summary Statement of Movement in Equity

for year ended 30 June 2013

Equity at Start of Year	65217	-854
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	-24772	66071
Equity at End of Year	40445	65217

the full Financial Report, but it gives a clear overview of the essential information and financial outcomes for the year.

Copies of the fully audited Financial Report are available from Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project Incorporated.



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