

Summary of key points from the MMCT Annual Community Meeting
17 December 2015, Miramar Maupuia Community Centre

Purpose: report back on financial year, highlights from the YTD, discuss community ideas for the year ahead and answer any questions

Attendees: MMCT Board members x 4, MMCT employees x 3, Miramar Art Club reps x 2, Volunteers x 3, Local residents x 6

1) Board and staff introductions – who are we; purpose of meeting

2) History of MMCT (process by which the Trust came about; vision and principles of the Trust)

3) Finance report (1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015)

- Noted report is based on transactions from 1 December 2014 – 31 March 2015 as December was when MMCT officially took over the management of Centre

- Surplus of \$39, 369 contributed largely by WCC funding contract and hall hire income. Expenses have largely been Wages and administrative costs. Asset schedule is largely what WCC handed over at point of transfer on 1 December 2014

- Provided brief FYI overview of new reporting standards (financial and non-financial accountability required) hence different report style

4) Highlights from the year (Most of this info is in the 3 page report produced for the ACM):

- Summary of activities, events and what's been happening at the Centre e.g. Poppy Pinning event, Matariki, Kai Basket food distribution service

- Overview of upcoming events and activities e.g. WREMO community meeting, looking at bringing in services such as Budget Services, another Matariki type event, neighbours day event

- Thanked volunteers and acknowledged funders – both volunteer and funder support is invaluable

- Signalled likely volunteer drive for 2016 to help with the Centre, activities/events

5) Questions and discussion time

- Noted surplus – residents happy to see surplus and not a deficit.

- Discussed the Matariki event held this year – they enjoyed it and would like to see it happen again but open up performance from other cultures too given the community is diverse e.g. Middle Eastern, Greek, Indian, Chinese, African. Ideas

around having stage outside (weather dependent); partnering with kura kaupapa school in Seatoun or Kohanga Reo

- Acknowledged the work that goes into organising events so early planning important (e.g. start in March) and seeking sponsorship to help with costs etc; partnering with other community groups can help share the workload too – groups lead and the Centre supports.

- Other activity/events ideas for youth included movie night (bring a dish/plate); Could see if Peter Jackson or his team might want to be involved with a movie night; discos (12 and under or social nights for kids or youth); Device/gaming nights; talent quest type event for children e.g. similar to WOW

- Recognised the need to raise the Centre profile and for it to be busy “the busier the Centre is the more profile it will get”; make it widely known the Centre is available for Hall Hire i.e. need to promote through as many channels e.g. facebook, website, Centre, notices in community, regular ads in paper

- Centre needs to have activities and services for community

- Discussed Art Club project that is utilising the Centre walls(Centre neighbour) – opportunity to tie in Art Club Project with Neighbours Day event in March

- Local resident mentioned she and other residents do knitting for babies – the Centre could promote the knitting club in case there are other residents keen and collect donations of free knitting wool for the project

- Discussed activities for the elderly e.g. card club run by local resident Diane. Small group of elderly residents attend every week and enjoy card games and cup of tea/catchup. There is a man from Tawa who would like to attend but does not have a car to travel to Miramar.

- Discussed barriers for community engaging in activities at the Centre e.g. transport. Perhaps volunteers can help with picking up or dropping off people who want to attend activities at the centre or the Center could invest in a “community” van which volunteers could drive.

- Discussed young people and how to provide more support re employment, homework hub, peer support in the community (younger kids supported by older kids), health and fitness, resources for young people. Local resident from Careers NZ provided some resources that could be promoted by the Centre