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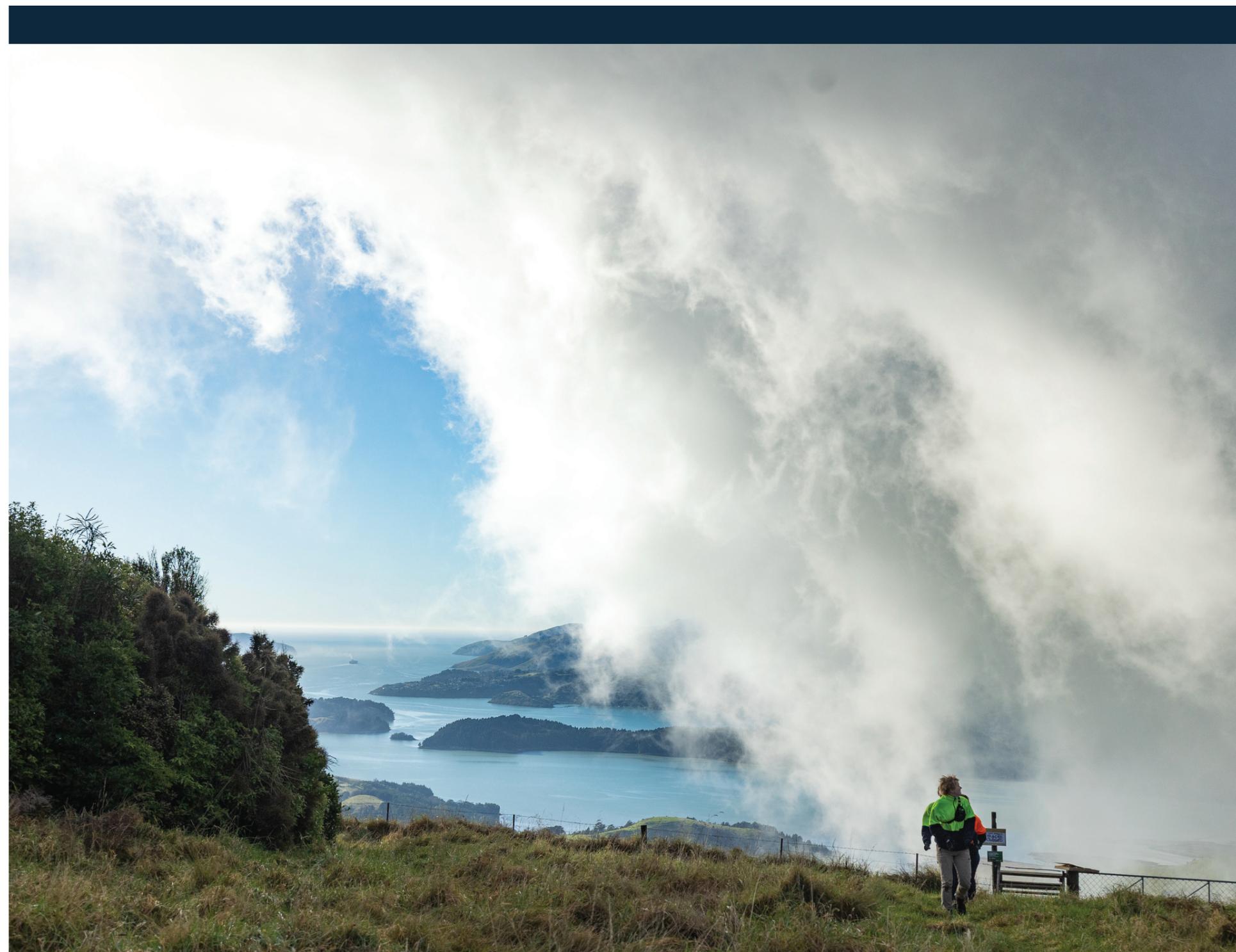
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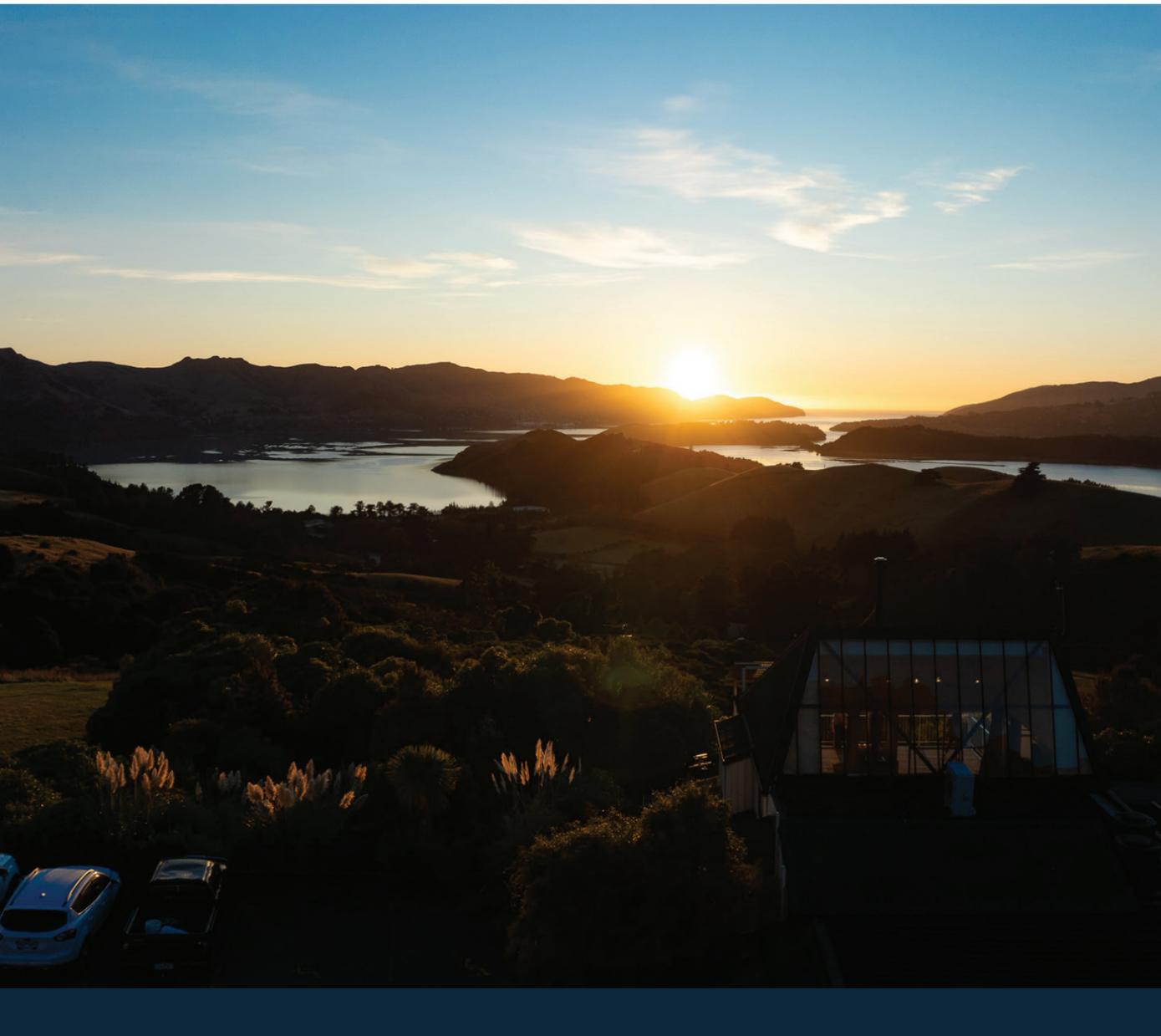
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

More than 50 years ago, the founders named this place Living Springs and as we reflect on another year and the vast number of people who have been drawn to this place on a hill, we ask again the significance of a name that echo's back over two thousand years. It finds its roots in a chance encounter between Jesus of Nazareth and a woman drawing water at a well in Samaria. He spoke to her of another dimension of life and a promise of Springs of Living Water flowing up from her innermost being. In the Māori worldview (Te Ao Māori), we find the phrase "Mauri Ora" which embodies the concept of well-being, vitality, and the life force within all things and all people. More broadly, it signifies a state of optimal health, balance, and vitality, both physically and spiritually. These realities are the very heartbeat of Living Springs and all we are and do. We have the purpose of fostering and enhancing this inner life force for all who come to or abide here. Manaakitanga speaks of enhancing the life force through welcome and hospitality and in the past year we have hosted thousands of school children, hundreds of university students, choirs and craft groups, sports teams, health camps, family functions and funerals, to name but a few. We have catered in excess of 70,000 meals, facilitated hundreds of programmes, made grounds and accommodation facilities presentable, safe and welcoming.

The Board recently agreed in principle to the vision of a "Camp within an Ecosanctuary". A place of life and vitality, and huge strides have been made in enhancing the natural environment in recent years. Habitat is transforming, bird life is becoming more vibrant than in many of our national parks and engagement between people and place continues to grow. None of this is without its challenges and Living Springs, like many in the hospitality sector, has in recent years felt the impact of an escalating cost of living environment. Add to that the infrastructure challenges of fifty-year-old buildings and utilities, and associated compliance requirements.



Many generous donors are recognising the value of what is happening here at Living Springs and its impact on the communities we serve. As a result, our fundraising portfolio continues to grow and flourish and make impossible challenges possible. In late 2024 the YHA association of NZ, as part of its liquidation process, granted a \$1million donation to Living Springs, which will go towards major upgrades to three bunkhouses and the conversion of an existing staff house into a modern international volunteer hostel.

As always, our staff and volunteers are the heart and soul of making Living Springs the place it is today and whilst they face many challenges, the passion and sense of purpose they bring to their diverse roles is a major contributor to our success., The calibre and professional capabilities of our team is continually improving and this is the engine that is taking Living Springs forward into a brave new era. For many these are challenging times and in an increasingly unsettled and uncertain world, places that enhance the life force, the Mauri ora, like this sanctuary on a hill, this place so aptly named Living Springs, are playing a vital role in the wellbeing and vitality of the city of Christchurch and beyond.

Denis Aldridge, CEO



OUR GUESTS

A Gathering place for All Groups - Denis Aldridge

Our guests are at the heart of everything we do, and this sense of purpose drives us forward in trying to constantly improve our facilities, services and overall customer experiences. In this last year close to 10,000 people stayed at this “place on a hill” and totaled more than 18,000 bed nights. They included 5,045 school children who came from as far south as Cromwell, as north as Omihi and Rotherham and as west as Paroa. Beyond that a range of very diverse groups of people have stayed with us in the last year, all of whom were looking to do something that was important to them and were trying to find a place where that could happen. To each we promise warm hospitality, excellent facilities, delicious food and views to die for. These groups have included: NZ Police, Green Party Leadership, Ko Taku Reo – Deaf Education New Zealand, The Broken Movement Trust, Ragged Edge Solutions, CYS Extend, St John Youth, Frontiers Abroad, NEMA – National Emergency Management Agency, LANDSAR – Land Search and Rescue

I want to thank you and your wonderful staff for your help over the week. You were so very accommodating for the staff and their needs and made it a seamless stay for all - NZ Police





Why School Camps Matter - Joseph Aldridge

One of the great joys of working here is meeting a parent helper on a school camp who came to Living Springs as a child. With a big grin on their face, they'll tell you how they came here 30 or 40 years ago and how that visit is still one of their favourite childhood memories. They happily point out things that haven't changed and equally happily remark on things that have improved. Most of all, they are so glad that their child gets the opportunity to camp at Living Springs because they know what a blessing the experience was in their own life. School camps have been a constant feature at Living Springs since operations began in the mid 70s. The activities were a bit rough and ready in those days

but the intention was the same as it is today – to give kids adventures outside of their normal experiences so that they can grow into confident young adults able to make a positive contribution in the world. These days we align our activities closely with educational values and national safety expectations, but we try not to forget what it is like to be a child visiting Living Springs for the first time; the excitement that keeps them awake at night, the sense of wonder at seeing so many new things and places, the fun of sharing the experience with their classmates. We hope these things will never change. In February this year, we started surveying the parents who attend school camps to measure the quality of their experience. Pleasingly, we



found that 99% of those surveyed rated the overall experience a 4 or 5 out of 5. In the comments, they said things like “always love coming back to Living Springs, will be a highlight of my kids as well” and “as a parent I think it’s been the best camp I’ve been on, easy and clear instructions to help out but didn’t feel like I was doing too much. I love that they have to walk everywhere because it makes the students tired by the end of the day.” Our questioning of the teachers went deeper; we wanted to know why the schools send students to camp. The teachers told us that exposing kids to new experiences is one of the primary reasons, as is building resilience and teamwork. The experience of being on camp together helps teachers build relationships with their students, which, in turn, helps with learning back at school.

The location and natural surroundings, as well as the range of activities and helpful staff were other reasons why the schools chose to come to Living Springs, the teachers said. Qualities like resilience and teamwork are difficult to teach in a classroom, but once a child has acquired them, their ability to learn and grow as a positive person is greatly enhanced. Three days at Living Springs is not enough to overcome a lifetime of neglect or abuse, but it is enough to provide a counterbalance to these things, a ray of hope that tells a child ‘I discovered something new that I like, I found out I’m good at something, I can try new things and succeed even if I fail’. The possibility of this happening motivates everything we do at Living Springs.

OUR SCHOOLS

Aorangi Sponsorship Programme

The Aorangi Sponsorship Programme exists to provide camping experiences to disadvantaged school communities within the Christchurch area. Since 2009, thousands of students from low decile schools

Aotearoa that allowed us to sponsor six school camps. The schools were Te Komanawa Rowley, Te Ahuwai Bromley, St James, Te Waka Unua, Gilberthorpe and Wharenui. Many of these schools have been coming to Living Springs every year over the past decade and we have been able to develop close relationships with

their teaching staff. We respect the work they do and we try to align ourselves with their efforts to overcome disadvantage and develop each child to their full potential. Contact Heba at Heba@livingsprings.co.nz if you wish to contribute to this important programme.



have been able to experience the life-affirming benefits of a stay at Living Springs. For many, this is their first time staying away from home, eating different food and spending time in a non-urban environment. These are important milestones in a child's development, but they are increasingly missed because of lack

of opportunity and societal changes. But the benefits of the camping experience are too important to be withheld from our disadvantaged communities and so we seek likeminded partners to fund the cost of camp. In this past financial year we received generous donations from the Rātā Foundation and Recreation

KIDS CAMP

Kids Camp, Leveled Up - Bex Crosbie

At Living Springs, Kids Camp is not just a school holiday programme. It is a place where kids aged 8 to 14 get to have fun, build friendships, and grow in confidence. It runs four times a year and is led by a team of passionate young adult volunteers who give their time to create something really special. Each week is packed with high energy games, outdoor adventures, cabin chats, creative workshops, and heaps of laughter but also moments where kids are chal-

lenged to step outside their comfort zones, try something new, and grow. In July 2024, we introduced a new theme called Next Level. At its core, Next Level is about stepping up in attitude, leadership, friendship, and teamwork. It quickly became more than a theme. It became a value that shaped the way we trained leaders, how we supported our campers, and how we approached each day of camp. Leaders were challenged to give their best, lead with courage,



and grow in confidence. As they did, the campers noticed. They followed. They stepped up too, encouraging others, taking responsibility for their choices, and giving things a go that might have scared them in the past. One of the biggest changes we noticed was behaviour. The overall tone of camp shifted. Campers were more respectful. Cabin environments were calmer. Kids were more aware of how their actions affected others and instead of reacting, they paused. Encouragement became normal. Kindness stood out.

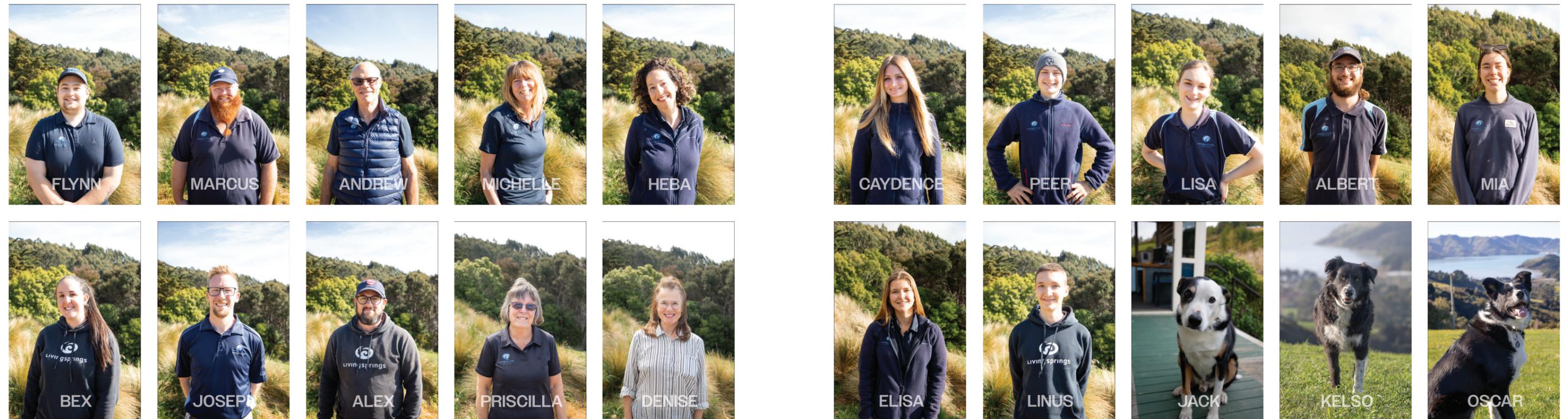
Teams worked better together. It shaped how we led, how we talked to each other, and what we expected not just from our leaders but from every camper too. It raised the bar in the best way.

As we get ready to launch a brand new theme in January 2025, we are not leaving Next Level behind. It is part of who we are now. The standard has been set and we are excited to keep building on the growth, courage, and culture it created.

OUR TEAM

At Living Springs, we are incredibly lucky to have a passionate and dedicated team, many of whom have been with us for years. Their experience and deep connection to this place help make Living Springs feel like home. Our CEO Denis has come and gone over the years, but his current stint alone spans 18 years, with even more time when you count it all together. Andrew in the office and John, our Chef and Operations Manager, both started in 2008. Prissy joined the programmes team in 2009. Others have gone off to explore and returned, like Grant, who began in programmes and now leads our environmental work. International volunteers are also a vital part of our team. This

year, we welcomed our largest group yet through the Aotearoa Cultural Volunteer Exchange (ACVE). Most are from Germany, but we recently farewelled two Americans and have welcomed volunteers from Finland, Brazil and Taiwan. Thanks to our new Volunteer Hostel, we can now accommodate more volunteers than ever before. At present, 11 live on site, with conservation volunteers in the new hostel and those supporting the camp team in the Lodge. Two areas of work, but one united team. These volunteers contribute across all areas. We could not do what we do without them. In John's words: "We're living the dream".





skink sightings), and undertook Tōtara and Mataī health surveys as part of our long-term planting strategy. BPCT's Farm Biodiversity Programme has supported us by helping to improve our monitoring practice using eDNA sampling and GIS mapping information. eDNA results showed the stream's TICI value was measured at 115.03, which means that the overall stream health/ecological function is considered 'Excellent'. This score falls into the 77th quantile of all samples analyzed by Wilderlab's eDNA system. Environmental Education is an important part of our delivery theme and ensuring the next generation will take care of our natural biodiversity. We have been working with various organisations and training institutions to support their objectives. Manaaki Whenua trailed new lure technologies for removing possums at low density. These lures were audio, visual and smell lures to help attract

any remaining possums to the trap. University of Canterbury's Frontiers Abroad programme has completed multiple research projects such as our bird data, pest monitoring and trapping techniques. This research helps guide our decisions and backs up any theories we may have. Governor's Bay Primary school piloted a new eco educational programme focused on Tree Identification and Invertebrate ID, bird listening and seed germination process. Old Man's Beard remains a challenge, with consistent cut-and-paste work and targeted spraying carried out across tributaries and high-priority restoration areas. Despite losing access to planting funds early in the year, we rallied. With support from Southern Woods Nursery, BPCT, Meridian, and Whaka Ora Healthy Harbour, we planted over 5,000 native seedlings. These included erosion control sites, the start of a new podocarp

OUR PLACE



The Year in Conservation - Grant Whitehead

The past year has been a period of adaptation for Conservation at Living Springs, due to the finishing up of the Jobs for Nature programme. Living Springs has continued to commit to its environmental objectives by continuing to fund Conservation and pursue the dream of our journey towards an Eco Sanctuary for the people of Canterbury. We find ourselves working in a natural team environment where Mauri Ora and Ki Uta Ka Tai can be an everyday Māori perspective we resonate with. 'Mauri Ora' is a concept which brings back balance to the eco system and provides a concept of wellbeing to people and natural environment. Ki Uta Ka Tai means helping the land restore from the mountains to the sea. If we can provide healthy habitats of water on the land, that will filter down to the sea. Both are important for a flourishing future in the harbour. Predator control re-

mained a top priority, with over 1,100 hectares under active management through the Living Springs-led Predator Free Allandale (PFA) initiative. This community-driven network brings together neighbouring landowners to form a predator control halo around the Living Springs property. Our pest control strategy, using a mixture of trapping, toxins and monitoring, has brought positive change to the area such as increased birdlife and a healthier regenerating forest. Working together with Summit Road Society, Christchurch City Council and Otahuna Trapping Group provides better long-term pest control results and enables us to collaborate on challenges and strategy together. We get better bang for buck when dealing with invasive species as we can drive down the numbers for a sustained period. We conducted seasonal bird counts, lizard monitoring (with successful gecko and

forest, and the foundation for our new butterfly sanctuary. Our volunteer whānau continues to grow contributing to pest control, planting, track maintenance, and weed removal. We formally employed a Volunteer Coordinator thanks to new funding, marking a pivotal step in sustaining volunteer capacity. We had volunteers join us for weed control, planting, trapping, plant release, track work and butterfly nursery work. Volunteer partners this year included Beca,

Cholmondeley, Aurecon, Meridian Energy, Corrections NZ, UC, BPCT, and CVNZ, among others, which helped deepen engagement across the community. We are thankful to all our sponsors and organisations that contribute so much to the environment and Living Springs. As we look to the year ahead, we remain focused on building a sanctuary where native biodiversity can thrive and people of all ages can connect with the natural world.

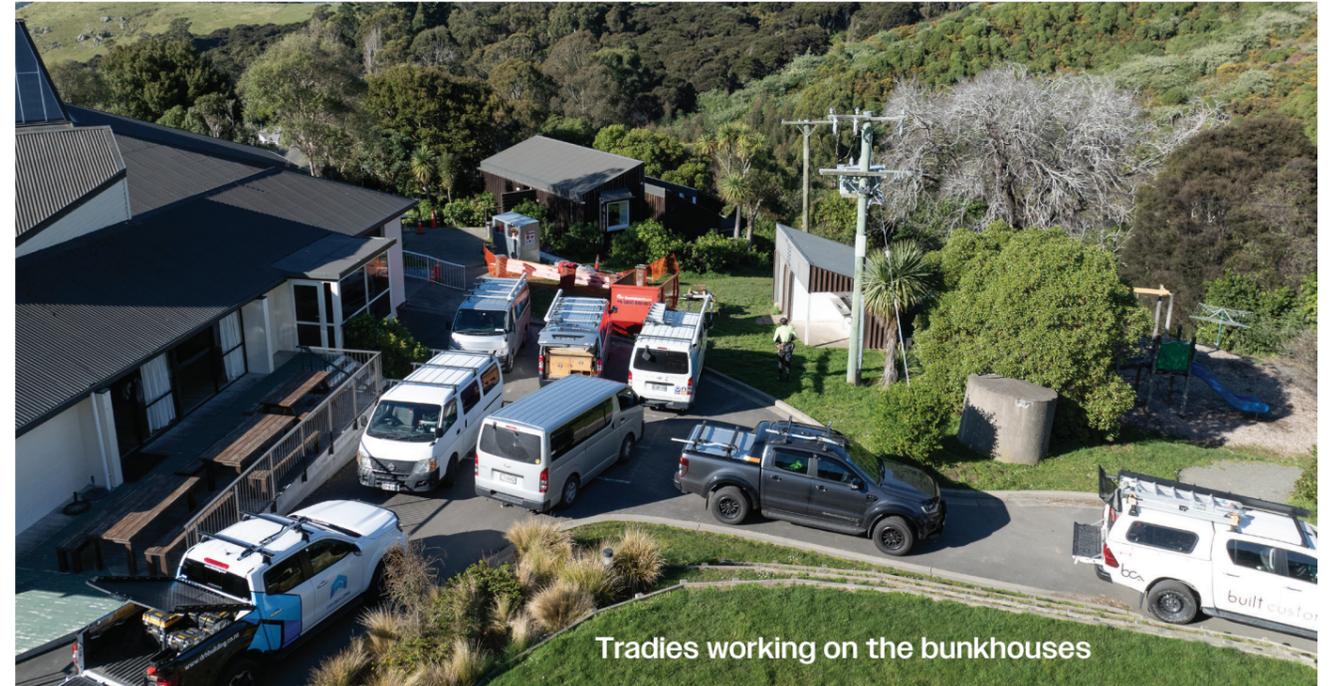
OUR PLACE

The Gift of the YHA - Denis Aldridge

Like two great rivers moving across the Canterbury plains, the YHA story and the Living Springs story have moved in a very similar direction across the passage of time. With their beginnings in different tributaries and at different points in time their natural course has proved to be at times remarkably parallel. The DNA of both organizations is located in their founding stories with visionary people who found their way to Banks Peninsula and had the courage and the tenacity to create something that became a gift to generations to come. Their similar values and ways of operating gave young people the freedom to explore wild landscapes, cultivate independence,

strengthen communities and foster a deep respect for the natural world. With time, other expressions like health camps wove into their legacies as they saw the need and acted upon it.

After eighty-three years of operation the Covid pandemic finally brought the YHA to a place where they had to call time on their operations and in late 2024 a liquidation process was begun. Living Springs, a charity with similar values and ethos was one of the major recipients and on the 5th June 2025 a Deed of Gift for \$1,000,000 was signed with YHA being the Donor and Living Springs being the Donee.



Tradies working on the bunkhouses



International Volunteer Hostel in progress



Bunkhouse 1 Completed

YHA Founder Cora Wilding

These funds have been designated to two specific projects which are underway as we write.

1. An internal upgrade and reclad of a forty-year-old house overlooking the camp to become an International Volunteer Hostel for the young people who come from all over the world to spend six months or a year volunteering at Living Springs.

2. Vital upgrades to three bunkhouse which have hosted a few hundred thousand young people over the last fifty years and transform them into welcoming, functional spaces. The upgrades include new bathrooms, joinery and floor coverings throughout and will breathe new life into these facilities for the next fifty years.

Living Springs will be ever grateful and are privileged to be able to honor and continue the legacy of YHA Founder Cora Wilding in this way

Entity Information

Living Springs Trust For the year ended 31 March 2025

Legal Name of Entity

Living Springs Trust

Registration Number

CC37397

Entity Type and Legal Basis

The entity is a Trust and a Registered Charity.

Entity's Mission

Living Springs is a charitable trust initially established in the 1970's as a place for schools, churches and youth camps. Since then Living Springs has acted like a magnet for the people of Christchurch and beyond, attracting thousands of young people and community groups into this unique and breath-taking setting. Since the commencement of the trust, it has endeavoured to honour the original commitment by the founders. Today its mission is to "create high quality environments where people have experiences that enrich them as human beings, enable them to grow stronger together and inspire them to live life to the full". Living Springs aims to create "high quality environments" in a holistic way and is focused on restoring and healing the land and natural habitats that surround the camp, thereby having a bigger impact on those who visit from the city of Christchurch and beyond. It is a facility that provides schools and community groups a place to hold an event or camp in an amazing setting. It is situated at the head of Lyttelton Harbour and the property is 450ha. It now plays a vital role in the wellbeing of the city of Christchurch and has become known as a place where life is celebrated, where knowledge is sought and where every year thousands of people are refreshed, strengthened and inspired.

Entity Structure

Operational

The Living Springs camp and facilities are run by approximately 17 permanent staff involved in adventure activities and recreational activities, catering, housekeeping and administration, with three staff to manage property and maintenance. Casual staff are used to meet our service demands in our busiest periods. Living Springs runs a tight financial line in order to remain an accessible and sustainable organisation while also providing a high standard of service to the people of Christchurch and beyond, hosting a diverse range of groups and running camps. Resources are always maximised and the structural organisation has been refined and detailed to utilise existing staff fully and reduce inefficiencies. Most staff are trained in several areas and can be called upon to work in other departments at short notice.

Descriptions of Entity's Objectives

The charitable purposes and aims of the Living Springs Trust is to:

- Provide a place of retreat, reflection, rest and sanctuary for people to connect with themselves, with others and with nature; and to
- Provide education opportunities for people to come and learn new skills and have the chance for spiritual, mental, moral, social and physical improvement and growth in unique environments where all people have a chance to flourish together.
- Care for the natural environment in a way that promotes a sustainable relationship with the earth, and enables and encourages the ecosystems within and beyond the Trust property to flourish; and
- To encourage education about, and an engagement with our environment in a way that promotes an appreciation of the natural world and our place within it, as well as an awareness of the interrelatedness of all life forms.



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e) Provide lifegiving and enriching group experiences, within a context of harmony, hospitality and care, to all who come to Living Springs.

f) Providing material, emotional, social and spiritual support to those who live with an "absence of hope" related to poverty, political, religious or health factors or because of unseen crisis or events including natural disasters.

Main Sources of Entity's Cash and Resources

The bulk of guests are highly price sensitive - such as schools and community groups. Living Springs constantly strives to provide high quality environments for them whilst maintaining its accessibility to these groups.

Revenue at Living Springs is generated from the following sources:

- the provision of Food and Accommodation as a service
- the provision of Environmental and Adventure Activities and Programmes as a service
- the provision of Meeting spaces and Venues as a service
- leases on farmland and house rentals
- Occasional sale of farm stock.

This revenue allows for the provision of core services. In order to drive new initiatives, remain sustainable and maintain the facilities, the shortfall is obtained through funding such as grants or donations. These are applied to upgrades to meet the mission of providing a high-quality environment. This can apply to some operational expenses, capital projects or other events.

Main Methods Used by Entity to Raise Funds

All fundraising for operational and capital projects is done in-house. Grants and a limited amount of corporate sponsorship allows some children to attend camps run by Living Springs.

Entity's Governance Arrangements

For 50 years the Trustees of Living Springs has consisted mainly of the Founding Family members many of whom to this day who still have an interest in the mission of Living Springs and the direction the camp is taking. Since 2023 this group have formed what is known as the Kaitiaki and provide wisdom and input on matters when requested by the Trustees. Decisions of the Trustees which relate to the sale or purchase of land by the Trust require the written approval of not less than two thirds of Kaitiaki.

In 2023 a new Board of Trustees, along with some variations to the Trust Deed, were instated. This Board currently consists of five Trustees plus the Executive Director, has all powers conferred by law to carry out the Charitable Purposes of the Trust and has direct influence over the operational management of Living Springs. The Board meets monthly to discuss strategic direction, financials, health & safety, marketing, communications, fundraising and projects as well as any other issues.

Living Springs is an independent entity without any relationships to any other governing body on a regional or national scale.

Other Entities Controlled by the Entity

There are no other entities controlled by this Entity.

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services



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Volunteers

Twice yearly, an intake of 5-7 international volunteers apply to work at Living Springs through the Aotearoa Cultural and Volunteer Exchange Programme. These volunteers are trained in most departments and work at camp. They become part of the Living Springs community and the operation of the camp, and the high standard of the facilities, depends on their contribution.

Living Springs also depends on approximately 40 young leaders, aged 16+, who donate their time in the school holidays to run the Kids Camp Holiday Programme. This is a four night camp and the high level of supervision required is met by these leaders. These volunteers attend Springboard Leadership Development camp to gain valuable leadership skills.

Several years ago a commitment was made to improving the biodiversity and health of the environment on the Living Springs property and a number of large scale re-vegetation projects were commenced. Corporate and community groups volunteer their time to environmental projects and planting native trees. From Sept 2021 this programme has ramped up with the Department of Conservation funding "Kaimahi Jobs for Nature", providing 8 full-time staff until March 2024. We now have significant pest trapping, noxious weed management and tree planting programmes operating.

Donated Goods and Services

The main source of donated goods and services to Living Springs comes in the form of in-kind work, particularly when dealing with contractors.

Physical Address

218 Bamfords Road, RD 1, Lyttelton, New Zealand, 8971

Trustees

Catherine Ruth Morrow Blockley
Paul Anthony Cowey
David Leonard Morrow
Tui Emma Wagstaff
Jolyon Norman White

Chairman of Board

Simon Thompson

Bankers

Bank of New Zealand

Date of Formation

May 15th, 1973

Accountants

Astute Mode Limited

Independent Auditors

Smith and Jack Chartered Accountants



Approval of Financial Report

Living Springs Trust For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of Living Springs Trust for year ended 31 March 2025.

APPROVED

For and on behalf of the Trustees


Simon Thompson (Aug 14, 2025 10:41:04 GMT+12)

Chairman

14/08/25
Date


Catherine Blockley (Aug 14, 2025 11:55:23 GMT+12)

Trustee

14/08/25
Date



Statement of Service Performance

Living Springs Trust

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Description of Medium to Long Term Objectives

The mission is to "create high quality environments where people have experiences that enrich them as human beings, enable them to grow stronger together and inspire them to live life to the full".

Living Springs is a valued and well utilised facility used by a large number of people from all over the Canterbury region and beyond. The majority of visitors are school children and people connected through community organisations. Living Spring main camping facility is located 20 minutes from Christchurch on a large hillside property overlooking Lyttelton Harbour. The natural bush setting is therapeutic and has a positive impact on everyone who visits by fostering wellbeing, enriching lives and developing resilience. Living Springs is a popular choice for many health-related camps. This last financial year we welcomed once again Camp Quality for children and young people with cancer, and many other community groups. A high standard of hospitality including accommodation, catering and activities being provided, Living Springs has become a special place to many and connects people across the generations.

Description of Key Activities

	Quantity	
	2025	2024
Total Visitors	9,824	11,497
Total Bookings	234	254
Total nights accommodation	18,081	21,458
Primary Schools - visitors	4,880	5,563
Primary Schools - hosted	75	94
Primary Schools - nights	8,930	9,468
Secondary Schools - visitors	1,365	1,539
Secondary Schools - hosted	22	25
Secondary Schools - nights	1,741	2,087
Tertiary - visitors	591	507
Tertiary - hosted	9	8
Tertiary - nights	1,410	1,170
Corporate Groups - visitors	354	366
Corporate Groups - hosted	13	14
Corporate Groups - nights	401	493

	2025	2024
Wider Community - visitors	1,631	2,080
Wider Community - hosted	94	87
Wider Community - nights	3,288	4,521
Church Groups - visitors	686	847
Church Group - hosted	15	13
Church Groups - nights	1,107	2,246
Weddings - visitors	0	167
Weddings - hosted	0	4
Weddings - nights	0	141
Kids Camp - visitors	317	371
Kids Camp - hosted	6	1
Kids Camp - nights	1,204	1,288
Misc & Internal Events - visitors	0	57
Misc & Internal Events - hosted	0	2
Misc & Internal Events - nights	0	44

The development of programmes and camps reflect the mission statement and is at the heart of the operations at Living Springs. There are several areas of focus but the main areas for the financial year ending March 31, 2025, were: the Aorangi Sponsorship Programme; Ecosanctuary; Environmental Education; Leadership Development and Living Springs Camping Collective. It is very important that camp is as accessible as possible to all socio-economic groups, including lower-decile schools.

The Aorangi Sponsorship Programme's purpose is to fundraise money to cover fees allowing lower-decile schools to attend camp. In this financial year, we were able to assist with 7 sponsored camps going ahead.

Kids Holiday Camps are subsidised by Living Springs. There is a big investment made into training the leaders to an excellent standard. This has become a strong network of young people who then take these leadership skills into their communities. The holiday camp is not only a great experience for the campers but also a service for parents and caregivers. The holiday camp is OSCAR accredited and some campers are subsidised by WINZ to attend. Others are from foster families and the camp offers respite care for many caregivers.

One of the unique characteristics of Living Springs is the endowment of a rich environment of flora and fauna. A strong partnership continues to develop with the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, The Summit Road Society, the Christchurch City Council, ECan, Whaka Ora, Healthy Harbour and other environmental groups to combine forces and create a Southern Port Hills Ecological Hub. This has sharpened the environmental focus and as an organisation, Living Springs recognises the opportunities and responsibilities this brings. To date over 75,000 native trees have been planted, and 150 hectares containing large tracts of regenerating native forest have been retired from livestock grazing. Access paths are currently being developed to help campers engage more fully with the special qualities of the place. Predator control, planting, land management and Environmental Education are now a large focus of the strategic plan, and EnviroCamps were once again held for Diamond Harbour School funded with support from the Lyttelton Port Company.

Over the last decade Living Springs has been on an environmental journey. It is our aspiration to become an eco-sanctuary and over the past three years we have partnered with Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke and Conservation Volunteers New Zealand to work

together and share knowledge. Ecological and cultural restoration of Whakaraupō as mahinga kai is essential to ensure healthy, abundant, interconnected and sustainable life, waterways and communities. Since then, Living Springs has employed 2 fulltime staff that are working toward ecological restoration. Their main goals are planting and maintaining native trees, noxious weed control, pest monitoring and control and fence and track maintenance.

Living Springs continues to make the swimming pool available for community use, kayak training and school swimming sports; supports local community groups such as Diamond Harbour rugby club, Governors Bay Volunteer Fire Brigade, local schools, environmental groups, walking groups, Single-Track Mountain biking group and other community groups.

As Living Springs matures as an organisation, the impact it has on people has become more evident over the years. Its development has made it a sustainable Charitable Trust and has been operating for 52 years, and is determined to continue this service for future generations.

Statement of Financial Performance

Living Springs Trust

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	NOTES	2025	2024
Revenue			
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	1	25,607	2,639
General Grants	1	-	17,000
Capital Grants and Donations	1	73,879	177,384
Government service delivery grants/contracts	1	46,458	865,513
Non Government service delivery income		1,665,758	1,844,156
Revenue from commercial activities	1	100,223	135,931
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	44,833	39,312
Other revenue	1	23,759	98,759
Total Revenue		1,980,516	3,180,693
Expenses			
Employee remuneration and other related expenses	2	1,143,802	1,431,686
Volunteer related expenses	2	29,743	24,150
Expenses related to service delivery	2	859,202	1,262,064
Grants and donations made	2	5,500	5,720
Other expenses	2	202,323	208,572
Total Expenses		2,240,571	2,932,192
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(260,055)	248,500

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Statement of Financial Position

Living Springs Trust

As at 31 March 2025

	NOTES	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2024
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and short-term deposits	3	238,002	310,274
Debtors and prepayments	3	182,061	267,605
Inventory	3	15,465	14,767
Investments	6	550,000	600,000
Other Current Assets	3	200	200
Total Current Assets		985,728	1,192,847
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	4,897,566	4,930,222
Investments	6	6,862	6,862
Other non-current assets	10	145,000	145,000
Total Non-Current Assets		5,049,428	5,082,084
Total Assets		6,035,157	6,274,931
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	4	178,624	208,680
Employee costs payable	4	75,019	74,447
Deferred revenue	4	154,461	104,697
Total Current Liabilities		408,104	387,823
Total Liabilities		408,104	387,823
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		5,627,053	5,887,107
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	7	2,081,365	2,487,362
Reserves - Donations and Grants Recognised	7	3,545,688	3,399,745
Total Accumulated Funds		5,627,053	5,887,107

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Statement of Cash Flows

Living Springs Trust
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
Operating receipts (money deposited into the bank account)		
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	25,607	2,639
General Grants	43,978	17,000
Capital Grants and Donations	73,879	177,384
Government service delivery grants/contracts	45,035	574,624
Non-government service delivery income	1,741,977	1,797,285
Gross Sales from commercial activities	100,223	136,293
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	44,833	39,312
Other cash received	33,070	89,011
Total receipts	2,108,602	2,833,548
Less operating payments (money withdrawn from your bank account)		
Employee remuneration and other related payments	(1,117,124)	(1,403,768)
Volunteer related payments	(29,743)	(24,150)
Payments related to service activity	(904,583)	(1,288,645)
Grants and donations paid	(5,500)	(5,720)
Other payments	(5,431)	(11,690)
Total payments	(2,062,380)	(2,733,973)
Net cash flows from operating activities	46,222	99,574
Cash Flows from other activities		
Cash was received from:		
Sale of property, plant and equipment	1,739	-
Other cash items from investing activities	50,000	(149,811)
Cash was applied to:		
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(170,233)	(190,624)
Net cash flows from other activities	(118,494)	(340,435)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	(72,272)	(240,861)
Cash Balances		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	310,274	551,135
Net change in cash for period	(72,272)	(240,861)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	238,002	310,274



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Statement of Accounting Policies

Living Springs Trust
For the year ended 31 March 2025

The entity, Living Springs Trust, is a Trust established in 1973 by trust deed. It is a charitable organisation registered under the Charitable Trust Act 2005 and its registration number is CC37937.

Basis of Preparation

This performance report is prepared in accordance with the XRB's Tier 3 (NFP) Standard. The entity is eligible to apply these requirements as it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of less than \$5,000,000. All transactions in the performance report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. This performance report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Treatment of GST

All amounts are recorded on a GST exclusive basis, except for Debtors and Creditors which are stated inclusive of GST

Income Tax

Living Springs Trust is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

Bank Accounts and Cash

Cash and short term deposits in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits)

Property, Plant and Equipment

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment, other than freehold land, is calculated at rates as allowed by the Income Tax Act 2007. The following rates have been used:

Buildings. 2% Straight Line

Buildings. 0% - 16% Diminishing Value

Furniture and Fittings. 1% - 67% Diminishing Value

Land. 0% Straight Line

Land Improvements. 0% - 24% Diminishing Value

Land Improvements. 0% Straight Line

Motor Vehicles. 13% - 67% Diminishing Value

Office Equipment. 10% - 50% Diminishing Value

Plant & Equipment. 0% - 80.4% Diminishing Value

Plant & Equipment. 0% Straight Line



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Investments

Investments are carried at the lower of cost and the net realisable value. Interest income is recognised when received.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at estimated realisable value. Bad debts are written off during the period in which they are identified.

Employee Entitlements

Employee entitlements to salaries and wages, annual leave, long service leave and other benefits are recognised when they accrue to employees.

Inventories

Livestock on Hand comprises both Trading and Non-Trading livestock. Non-trading livestock is comprised of livestock which has a nominal value and has generally been given to the trust for use in the education programs it runs. Both are stated at values derived by the trustees based on the perceived realisable value or the cost of the stock. Cost is determined on the first-in first-out basis.

Kitchen - Stock on Hand is stated at cost. Cost is determined on the replacement cost basis.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the financial year.



Notes to the Performance Report

Living Springs Trust

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
1. Analysis of Revenue		
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities		
Donations Received	25,607	2,639
Total Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	25,607	2,639
General Grants		
Grants	-	17,000
Total General Grants	-	17,000
Capital grants and donations		
Capital Works Grants	73,879	177,384
Total Capital grants and donations	73,879	177,384
Government service delivery grants/contracts		
MSD Grant/donation	8,585	13,620
Ecological Grants	37,873	851,893
Total Government service delivery grants/contracts	46,458	865,513
Non Government service delivery income		
Sales - Community	723,658	881,080
Sales - Corporate	26,690	5,504
Sales - Functions	1,348	11,957
Sales - Schools	914,063	945,615
Total Non Government service delivery income	1,665,758	1,844,156
Revenue from commercial activities		
Animal and Wool Sales		
Sales - Farm Park	3,299	4,095
Sales - Farm Park - Animals	4,740	9,345
Sales - Farm Park - Wool Sales	126	143
Total Animal and Wool Sales	8,166	13,583
Property and Farm Rents		
Rent Received	92,058	122,348
Total Property and Farm Rents	92,058	122,348
Total Revenue from commercial activities	100,223	135,931
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		
Dividends and Rebates	-	715
Interest Income	44,833	38,597
Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	44,833	39,312



2025 2024

Other revenue

Depreciation Recovered	1,044	-
Expense Reimbursements	8,311	60,592
Miscellaneous Income	14,404	38,167
Total Other revenue	23,759	98,759

2025 2024

2. Analysis of Expenses**Employee remuneration and other related expenses**

ACC	16,618	8,050
FBT Expense	5,480	4,244
Kiwisaver Expense	25,542	27,138
Kiwisaver - Field Staff	3,049	12,614
Wages	875,692	903,649
Wages - Field Staff	150,984	401,416
Wages - Housekeeping	56,061	57,168
Wages - Maintenance	-	8,976
Payroll Fees	3,173	4,345
Staff Training	7,204	4,087
Total Employee remuneration and other related expenses	1,143,802	1,431,686

Volunteer related expenses

Volunteer Costs	29,743	24,150
Total Volunteer related expenses	29,743	24,150

Expense related to commercial activities

Accounting Fee	4,559	4,359
Advertising	1,278	1,034
Adventure Costs	5,941	11,735
Audit Fee	5,101	5,523
Bank Charges	739	1,029
Consumables	14,632	23,622
Consumables - Housekeeping	12,159	23,952
Consumables - Maintenance	-	806
Contracting	9,170	67,036
Ecology Expenses	28,970	141,550
Entertainment	3,221	-
Entertainment - Non deductible	3,705	-
Equipment Hire	-	30,479
Food Purchases	322,982	382,464
Freight, Courier, Postage	770	1,032
General Expenses	32,047	5,805
Heat, Light & Power	62,918	58,561
Insurance	83,510	76,631
Interest Expense	765	2,295

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2025 2024

IT Costs	3,459	2,254
Legal Fees	900	14,922
Linen	1,350	-
Livestock - Cost of Sales	722	560
Low Value assets to expense	16,662	24,871
LS Camps Expenses	1,167	2,668
Management Fee	-	57,592
Marketing	253	257
Merchant Service Fee Charges	1,362	747
Motor Vehicle - Fuel Costs	14,032	21,685
Motor Vehicle - Maintenance Costs	10,689	25,021
Motor Vehicle - Registration, Warrants & Road User Charges	3,908	5,634
Motor Vehicle Lease	2,947	8,842
Printing, Stationery & Photocopying	6,822	7,771
Rates	930	779
Repairs & Maintenance	143,672	192,321
Safety Costs	6,690	7,217
Stock Upkeep Exp	3,718	2,121
Subscriptions	10,839	10,520
Subsidised events	18,664	14,684
Telephone_Internet	8,967	12,308
Transport	298	778
Travel	-	1,047
Vet and Animal Health	-	56
Waste Management Costs	6,236	7,045
Website	2,449	2,449
Total Expense related to commercial activities	859,202	1,262,064

Grants and donations made

Donations Made	5,500	5,720
Total Grants and donations made	5,500	5,720

Other expenses

Depreciation (Non-operational)	130,386	129,319
Depreciation (Operational)	71,937	79,252
Total Other expenses	202,323	208,572

2025 2024

3. Analysis of Assets**Cash and short-term deposits**

Call Account	78,763	41,194
Building - YHA	9	107,987
Operating Account	133,966	118,053
Special Accounts (Aorangi)	25,264	43,040
Total Cash and short-term deposits	238,002	310,274

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2025 2024

Debtors and prepayments

Accounts Receivable	91,411	181,550
Prepayments - Insurance	82,739	76,096
Prepayments - Other	7,910	9,960
Total Debtors and prepayments	182,061	267,605

Inventory

SOH - Kitchen	9,855	8,757
SOH - Livestock	5,610	6,010
Total Inventory	15,465	14,767

Other current assets

Withholding tax paid	200	200
Total Other current assets	200	200

2025 2024

4. Analysis of Liabilities**Creditors and accrued expenses**

Accounts Payable	141,918	159,517
Expense Accruals	5,000	5,000
FBT Payable	5,480	4,251
GST	24,585	37,101
Visa - Denis Aldridge	1,642	2,812
Total Creditors and accrued expenses	178,624	208,680

Employee costs payable

Holiday Pay Accrual	47,725	41,445
Wages Payable	27,293	33,002
Total Employee costs payable	75,019	74,447

Deferred Revenue

Deposits Collected	62,244	55,035
Unspent Grants (note 9)	92,217	49,663
Total Deferred Revenue	154,461	104,697



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5. Property Plant and Equipment

2025

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals/ Transfers	Current Year Depreciation	Closing Carrying Amount
Buildings	1,293,293	146,120	-	67,825	1,371,588
Furniture and Fittings	6,831	-	-	844	5,988
Land	1,156,297	-	-	-	1,156,297
Land Improvements	2,014,658	-	-	77,524	1,937,133
Motor Vehicles	60,712	16,807	695	15,457	61,367
Office Equipment	1,058	-	-	345	713
Plant & Equipment	389,416	-	-	40,329	349,087
Total	4,922,265	162,927	695	202,323	4,882,174
Capital Works in Progress	7,957	161,513	154,077	-	15,392
Total	4,930,222	324,440	154,772	202,323	4,897,566

2024

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals/ Transfers	Current Year Depreciation	Closing Carrying Amount
Buildings	1,360,597	-	-	67,304	1,293,293
Furniture and Fittings	7,880	-	-	1,049	6,831
Land	1,156,297	-	-	-	1,156,297
Land Improvements	1,907,981	182,667	-	75,990	2,041,658
Motor Vehicles	77,586	-	-	16,874	60,712
Office Equipment	1,682	-	-	624	1,058
Plant & Equipment	436,147	-	-	46,731	389,416
Total	4,948,169	182,667	-	208,572	4,922,265
Capital Works in Progress	-	153,844	145,887	-	7,957
Total	4,948,169	336,511	145,887	208,572	4,930,222

The capital works in progress transfers are moving the completed projects to the relevant fixed assets.



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6. Investments

2025

Asset Class	Valuation Method	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales	Income	Gains/(Losses) or Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Farmlands	Cost less impairment	2,932	-	-	-	-	2,932
Silver Fern Farm	Current Market Value	3,930	-	-	-	-	3,930
Westpac	Term Deposit	600,000	1,150,000	1,200,000			550,000

2024

Asset Class	Valuation Method	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales	Income	Gains/(Losses) or Impairment	Closing Carrying Amount
Farmlands	Cost less impairment	2,932	-	-	-	-	2,932
Silver Fern Farm	Current Market Value	3,930	-	-	-	-	3,930
Westpac	Term Deposit	450,000	1,100,000	950,00			600,000

All interest is recognised in Interest Income when received and is paid to the operating account.

7. Accumulated Funds

This Year - 2025	Accumulated Surplus/ Deficits	Reserves	Total
Opening Balance	2,487,362	3,399,745	5,887,107
Surplus/(Deficit)	(260,055)		(260,055)
Transfer to Reserve - Donations and Grants Recognised	(145,943)	145,943	-
Total	2,081,364	3,545,688	5,627,052

Last Year - 2024	Accumulated Surplus/ Deficits	Reserves	Total
Opening Balance	2,449,505	3,189,102	5,638,607
Surplus/(Deficit)	248,500	-	248,500
Transfer to Reserve - Donations and Grants Recognised	(210,643)	210,643	-
Total	2,487,362	3,399,745	5,887,107

A discretionary Donations and Grants Recognised reserve has been added to Accumulated Funds. This has been added so as the Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits, better represent the true operational performance. Also to show that it is the reserve which has contributed to asset growth and helped sustain operational performance.

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Living Springs Trust has an operating lease for the photocopier with Business Distributors Ltd at a monthly costs of approximately \$245. This is an ongoing lease.



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9. Other

Deferred Revenue: Unused Significant Donations, Grants, Bequests and Pledges with Expectations over Use

Grants	Descriptions	Purpose and nature of the condition(s)	Date condition(s) expected to be met	Deferred Amount		
				Original Amount	2025	2024
	Environment Canterbury	Volunteer Coordinator Biodiversity Project	December 2025	31,000	31,000	-
	Christchurch City Council	Biodiversity Project	May 2029	36,000	15,305	-
	Lottery Grants Board	Eco-Enhancement Initiative	September 2025	28,898	23,610	-
	MSD	Oscar Program	June 2025	7,740	1,935	-
	Rata Foundation	Specific schools thorough Aorangi Program	September 2025	25,000	20,368	37,773

10. Related Party Transactions

Description of related party relationship	Description of the transactions (whether in cash or amount in kind)	2025	2024
Denis Aldridge Executive Director	Loan advanced as part of settlement for 79 Bamfords	145,000	145,000

The Executive Director is the part of the senior management of Living Springs Trust. The Trust sold 79 Bamfords Road to Denis in July 2016. The sale price negotiated was based on a valuation performed by a registered valuer. The Trust agreed to provide Vendor Finance to the value of \$145,000. This is secured by a registered second mortgage and is repayable upon the subsequent sale of the property. Interest charged on the loan to 31 March 2025 was \$3,183. (2024: \$3,183).

A Trustee is a director of a company which purchased \$8,939 of event and catering services from the Trust during the year.

2024 Related Party transactions

A Trustee donated \$140,000 during the year to cover the cost of construction of a memorial area. \$59,575 was paid to a company owned by other Trustees for materials and services relating to the memorial area.

A Trustee is a director in a company that was paid \$14,922 for services during the 2024 financial year. All fees were incurred prior to the Trustee being appointed.

11. Events After the Balance date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report. (2024 - nil)

12. Ability to Continue Operating

The entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

13. Correction of Errors

There were no correction of significant errors within the year ended March 31, 2025.

14. Accounting Standard Transition

This is the first year the Trust has reported under the Tier 3 (NFP) standard. Prior year figures have been restated for comparability. There has been no change in the surplus or the closed retained earnings for the 2024 year.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
To the Trustees of Living Springs Trust

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Performance Report of Living Springs Trust on pages 3 to 23, which comprises the Entity Information, the Statement of Service Performance, the Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2025, the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025, a Statement of Accounting Policies and Notes to the Performance Report including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying Performance Report presents fairly, in all material respects:

- the entity information for the year ended 31 March 2025;
- the service performance for the year ended 31 March 2025, in that the service performance information is appropriate and meaningful and prepared in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods;
- the financial position of Living Springs Trust as at 31 March 2025, and its financial performance, and cash flows for the year then ended,

in accordance with the Tier 3 (NFP) Standard issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board of the External Reporting Board (XRB).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Accounting Policies and Notes to the Performance Report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the Entity Information and Statement of Service Performance in accordance with New Zealand Auditing Standard 1 (Revised) 'The Audit of Service Performance Information' (NZ AS1 (Revised)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report section of our report. We are independent of Living Springs Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 'International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, Living Springs Trust.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Performance Report

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the entity for:

(a) the selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods that present service performance information that is appropriate and meaningful in accordance with the Tier 3 (NFP) Standard;

(b) the preparation and fair presentation of the Performance Report which comprises:

- the Entity Information;
- the Statement of Service Performance; and
- the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Accounting Policies and Notes to the Performance Report in accordance with the Tier 3 (NFP) Standard, and

(c) for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a Performance Report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Performance Report, the Trustees are responsible on behalf of the entity for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Performance Report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance ISAs and NZ AS1 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this Performance Report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS1 (Revised), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Performance Report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Obtain an understanding of the process applied by the entity to select its elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and the measurement bases or evaluation methods.
- Evaluate whether the selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods present an appropriate and meaningful assessment of the entity's service performance in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
- Evaluate whether the service performance information is prepared in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Performance Report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Performance Report, including the disclosures, and whether the Performance Report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Smith and Jack Limited
Christchurch
14 August 2025





My children have been attending Living Springs Camp for a couple of years now, and the growth we've witnessed in them since their very first camp is honestly remarkable. From hesitant first-timers to confident campers who now count down the days until they return.

The environment is safe, nurturing, and filled with the kind of joy and connection every parent hopes for. They come home buzzing, full of stories, laughter, new skills, and most importantly, an overwhelming sense of belonging. The friendships they've made at camp are cherished, and they're always so excited to reunite again. And the food? Let's just say it's a running joke that camp food rivals home cooking and I'm not even mad about it! John sure knows how to impress the kids with his cooking skills.... The nachos are world famous for sure!

A huge shoutout to Kadin, Bex, Alex & Kath, who are the heart and soul of it all. They welcome every camper with open arms and wide smiles. You can feel how much they care & that they genuinely believe in the magic of camp. Their passion is infectious, and somehow, each camp manages to be even better than the last.

Thank you, Living Springs, for creating such a special space. You've given our children so much more than just a holiday, you've given them confidence, community, and memories that will last a lifetime. We're so grateful.

-Ashleigh Cottier

OUR SPONSORS



People who help us

As a charitable trust, Living Springs aims to make camp affordable for everyone. To help us with projects and upgrades we are thankful for financial support. Our partners are a cornerstone of the work we do and enable Living Springs to be more and provide more of what the Christchurch community needs. Thank you for being part of it.



Opportunities to support Living Springs

Partner with Living Springs to build an exceptional organisation. By collaborating with us, you have the unique chance to extend the Living Springs experience to a broader audience. Contribute today to our Aorangi Sponsorship Programme or support us on our mission to become an eco-sanctuary. Your involvement can make a significant difference.

Together, let's create a brighter future at Living Springs. Donations can be made directly through the website at www.livingsprings.co.nz or by contacting the office on support@livingsprings.co.nz. Living Springs is a registered charitable trust and donations may qualify for a 33% tax rebate.

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