



Classes at the Community House

The hall continues to be a very well utilised space with regular hirers including Bells and Whistles, Karate, Toy Library, Yoga, the Devonport Craft Market and our After School Club and Holiday Programmes. New classes in the past 12 months include Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, Bike Maintenance for Beginners, and Weekend Winter Playgroup for Preschoolers.

Tai Chi classes for beginners started in February at the Community House with a focus on health, movement, stability and fall prevention. We now have 2 classes per week Mondays, 12.30 – 1.30pm and Wednesdays 11.30-12.30 run by the North Shore Womens Centre and funded by Comprehensive Care in association with Waitemata PHO. The classes have been promoted on facebook, the DCH website, Flagstaff newspaper and North Shore Times and have been well attended from the start, with 20-25 people in each session and some participants in their 90s. Such is the popularity of the class our Wednesday knitting group has moved the time they meet so that some of their members can do Tai Chi too. Margaret the instructor has proved so popular the groups usually go for coffee in Devonport after classes.

Feedback from participants includes:

“I’m really enjoying the Tai Chi class. Everyone I’ve spoken with in the class is enjoying it and intending to continue. It’s not as easy as it looks but I’m hooked! I think it’s a real life-style thing that, once started, will become an important part of life. The \$2 charge is amazing and much appreciated by many in the class”.



Community Van

We purchased our own community van in March this year to collect children for After School Club and to take older Devonport residents to the supermarket. We also assist with shopping for those who need it. It’s a great service and one that is truly appreciated by those who use it. We also have a wonderful group of volunteers who help us provide this service to the Community.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have in the last year :

- ◆ Served on our Management Committee
- ◆ Been a parent helper at Crèche
- ◆ Organised our Op Shop
- ◆ Cooked, cleaned, tidied and decorated at our fundraising events
- ◆ Helped with repairs and maintenance.
- ◆ Gardening
- ◆ Helped out at After School Club and/or Holiday Programme
- ◆ Assisted in the officeand all the other helpful ways you have supported us.

A big thank you to our regular volunteers Tom Murray, Shelley Rata, Kelly, Amy, Kristina and Tash who bake cupcakes for After School Care and the team from Idea Services.

Peggy Purl in Your Community Knitting Group

The Devonport knitting group has doubled in size this year thanks in part to World Wide Knit in Public Day which they celebrated at the Devonport Library. The Devonport Group has donated more than 100 blankets this year, many going to The Wilson Home Trust again.

Founding members Adair Eady and Lynn Dawson secured Jet Star funding in May to set up Peggy Purl Groups around the country. The group has also started a Kids Knit programme in the school holidays teaching local children to knit which has proved very popular.

Thank you to our supporters

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Kids Market

The Kids Market has become a popular event on the DCH calendar with 2 markets held in 2014 and 2 scheduled for 2015

We typically have 40-50 young stallholders selling pre loved toys, books, clothes and crafts, baking and other goods they have made themselves or busking and each event has been well supported by the Community. We send the children information about setting up their stall, marketing, preparing a float and calculating their net surplus after expenses.

Feedback from one new family: "Thank you for accommodating us at the kids market. We all had fun. It was a very enjoyable activity for my family. My daughter definitely enjoyed the experience itself and having her exposed to commerce. For us, the money we made was secondary (though it was surprisingly good too), it was the experience of sharing with the community that made it more meaningful. We look forward to more kids market in the future".



Devonport Arts Festival

During November 2014 the Community House was heavily involved in the Devonport Arts Festival. We had a Paint a Picket Community Art Project with 150 pickets painted and displayed around Devonport that will eventually return to the Community House gardens.

Devonport locals of all ages were involved in the project including some community groups, Narrowneck Play Centre, Belmont Primary School, Devonport Community Gardens. Feedback from the community to the pickets on display has been overwhelmingly positive. We had a Community Street Art project on the opening day of the Festival and several art creation stations for people to take part in community art activities, including a collaboration with local business LittleCooks. We also held a series of free classes and art activities for children during the week of the Festival. Several of our House Groups were also involved including the Toy Library, Leisure Painters, Yoga Song and Story time, the Devonport Library, the Children's Art House, Splash Gallery and the Devonport Community Crèche. We had more than 700 people take part in some form of art activity on offer during festival week



FROM THE CHAIR

At the Devonport Community House we treasure the diverse range of people who come to share and participate in the House. We love the energy the children bring to the House when they join us for Bells & Whistles, Made to Move and the Toy Library. We support working mums and dads with our After School Club and our dynamic school holiday programmes. The Devonport Community House provides a centre for people in Devonport to socialise and become involved in a wide range of group activities like the Devonport Walkers, knitting group and art classes. We continue to develop close relationships with the Community Garden and every year our Harvest Fair is a huge success and a lot of fun. Community partners including our neighbours The Depot, Devonport Peninsula Trust, Devonport Library, Auckland Council and Devonport Takapuna Local Board are all integral parts of Devonport and the Devonport Community House. This is my third year as Chairperson and I am constantly amazed at the wonderful spirit that the Devonport community has and it brings great joy to be a part of it. We still have a lot of work to do to achieve our Strategic plan which outlines our desires to encompass Devonport's community groups into a more collective spirit, to provide more for Devonport's teenage youth and to recognise and provide for the community where needs are not being met. As Chair I am very fortunate to be supported by a very capable and dedicated House management team. The Crèche is successfully managed by Tessa Dunleavy. The Crèche continues to have a waiting list which illustrates the community demand for its quality services. Kay Nicolson in her role of the House's After School Club facilitator continues to be loved by children and parents alike. I would to thank Karen Shaw for her efficiency as our finance administrator & Rebecca McMillan for her dedication and commitment as House Manager to make DCH the best that it can be. I would like to acknowledge our key funding partners and in particular thank the Auckland Council for continuing to support the community through its funding support for the Community House.

Karleen Reeve



TREASURERS FINANCIAL REPORT

Devonport Community Crèche

Crèche income of \$325,063 was up 3% on the prior year. Ministry of Education grants are the Crèche's biggest funding source, accounting for 61% of income. Funding for the FY15 Crèche income of \$325,063 was up 3% on the prior year. Ministry of Education grants are the Crèche's biggest funding source, accounting for 61% of income. Funding for the FY15 year of \$196,183 was up 1% on the prior year. This reflects a small increase in funding levels in the May 2014 government budget.

There was no funding increase allowed for in this year's government budget. Donations income of \$114,243 was up 4% on the prior year. Mid way through last year the Crèche increased suggested donation levels by 11%, to keep up with increasing expenses. This was the first increase since 2010. Net fundraising income after expenses of \$6,466 was down on the prior year, which included a very successful Anika Moa fundraising concert. A renewed focus on fundraising is expected to improve this figure in the current year.

Total expenditure of \$327,049 also increased 3% on the prior year. Employment costs are the Crèche's major expense. Overall this resulted in a small deficit for the year of \$1,986, a marginally weaker result than prior year deficit of \$47.

Capital expenditure for the year of \$9,265 included new playground equipment, a shade sail, and rabbit hutch. The crèche continues to maintain a strong balance sheet, with net assets of \$82,077 and net cash on hand at financial year end of \$77,956 (excluding a substantial Ministry of Education prepayment).

The crèche remains fully utilised and has 130 children on a waiting list for places, as they become available.

Devonport Community House

House Income of \$167,350 was up 17% on prior year, the main increase from After School Care of 14%. This was due to increase in the daily average by 9 children per session to prior year (from 25 to 34 daily average of children).

House Total Expenses of \$134,571 were down 3% (\$4,067) on the prior year. Cost savings were made in a number of expense categories, key savings made in Staff costs and Audit & Accounting fees.

Pleasingly After School Club and Holiday Programme both made a positive contribution of \$11,223 & \$15,861 respectively. After School Care recorded surplus of \$11,223 compared to prior year loss of (\$1,749), an increase of 76% on prior year. Demand for the After School Club services was strong in the 12 months to 31 March 2015 due to a loss of providers at two of the local primary schools.

This resulted in a net surplus for the House of \$32,779, up \$28,682 on the prior year. Capital expenditure of \$19,786 included the purchase of a Community Van and a new sunshade and the Total Accumulated Funds as at 31 March 2015 stands at \$194,602.



After School Care and Holiday Programme

The After School programme had 6,530 attendances for the 12 months to 31 March 2015, a daily average of 32 children and the Holiday Programme had 1,200 attendances, a daily average of 27 children.

Much of the popularity and success of both programmes is due to the staff and volunteers we have. We are very fortunate to have some key long term members of staff who work very hard to provide a safe, fun and engaging environment for the children. We are also fortunate to have a number of wonderful Duke of Edinburgh students from Takapuna Grammar who help out in our ASC club. We have two extremely capable young college students who volunteer in our Holiday programme, Alyiah Edwards and Sofia M. We really value the energy, commitment and maturity of both these volunteers and the contribution they make to the our community.

Feedback from parents includes:

"Just to say thank you so much to the school holiday programme team. Our children had such a great time there and it's always lovely to drop them off knowing they'll have such a fun day!"

"The Devonport Community Centre provides a wonderful environment for our son and peace of mind as we're both working parents. The school pick up service and delivery to the centre is especially useful as we both work in the city and even with working part-time it would be almost impossible to pick up from school everyday.

Our son loves the people and activities at the centre and we hope to continue using the service throughout his primary school years."



Children's Art House

Our Children's Art House is a warm, inviting environment where children are encouraged to develop their artistic expression under the gentle guidance of Madak Harknett. Madak has been running after school and holiday programme classes for several years and students work is often exhibited in the Children's Art Gallery, Splash.