# THE BOYS' BRIGADE NORTHERN REGIONAL TRUST



Michael Stead Memorial Lodge - Kauaeranga Valley

# ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020





## THE BOYS' BRIGADE NORTHERN REGIONAL TRUST

Registered New Zealand Charity no: CC33116

**Basis of Trust** The Trust was established as The Auckland Boys' Brigade Trust by deed dated 23 June 1983 to take over the assets and financial affairs of The Boys' Brigade Auckland Battalion Incorporated and of the other three unincorporated Auckland Battalions.

It became The Boys' Brigade Northern Regional Trust on 13 December 1989, widening its scope and sharing its resources by agreement with the other Battalions of the Brigade in the Region, from Taupo north.

Trustees are appointed by the Executive of The Boys' Brigade in New Zealand Inc. for two-year terms, as provided for in the deed. Trustees operate under the provisions of:

- the Trust Deed, 13 December 1989, amended 1 July 1992
- the Charitable Trusts Act 2005
- the Charities Act 2019
- the Trusts Act 2019
- **Trust objectives** The Trust is charged with managing its assets "to further the ongoing work of the Brigade in the Northern Region" as detailed in the deed.

The Brigade itself exists to enhance the spiritual, mental, social and physical development of Boys and young men.

- **Trust powers** The Trust's powers are also detailed in the deed. Among other actions, the Trust is empowered to:
  - provide financial and property management services for the Northern Region including the soliciting for and the raising of further funds at the discretion of the Trustees.
  - contribute towards development and outreach of the Brigade.
  - contribute towards leadership training.
  - make grants to Brigade and ICONZ units.



## **REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2020**

The Covid-19 Pandemic and associated Government regulations affected BBNZ and ICONZ activities severely but not the work of this Trust.

Main activities of the Trust during the year were:

- **Meetings** The Trust met twice during the year, in June and December. It also held telephone and email consultations to resolve issues at other times.
- **Trustee changes** There were no changes to the Trust's membership in 2020.
- Scholarships The first Bruce Wallace MacCarthy Memorial Scholarship was made to Jacob Bruce of Hamilton to attend an Outward Bound course at Anakiwa. Full information about the scholarships appear on the Trust's website <u>bbnrt.org.nz</u>.

Trustees are consulting BBNZ about a suitable way to recognise the major contribution made to national leadership training by the late Ward Fischer MNZM JP MNZIM MCILT, who died in November 2018. Ward left the Trust a substantial bequest in his will.

Investments The Trusts Act 2019 requires Trustees to be prudent with Trust funds. Trustees have all funds managed by New Zealand owned organisations. Income from term deposits, has fallen in recent years, but 40% is still in term deposits, mainly with Christian Savings, to protect funds. Since late 2013, part of the Trust's money has been with funds manager, Milford Asset Management, with investments spread over a wide range of entities, reducing risk, but giving a higher return than term deposits, and averaging about 8% per annum. Milford maintains close personal contact with Trustees. Part of each year's income is set aside in the Stedfast Reserve in the

Part of each year's income is set aside in the Stedfast Reserve in the accounts, to ensure funds do not lose value with inflation.

**Projects funded** The major project continued to be granting employment costs of a Development Manager to The Boys' Brigade in New Zealand. He provides leadership stimulus, training and growth for leaders in its BB and ICONZ programmes for Boys and young men in the region in a fun, Christian environment. He has helped develop BBNZ/ICONZ's new initiative, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education: an ICONZ Edge programme, being used by a number of primary and intermediate schools, which is expanding.

Covid-19 lockdowns prevented BBNZ from holding their National Leadership Development Courses this year so no subsidies were needed from the Trust.

No grant applications were received from Companies/Units, also because of the lockdowns.

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**M**ichael **S**tead **M**emorial Lodge was opened in 1976 and named in honour of Michael Stead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Auckland Company at Greenlane Presbyterian Church, who drowned in a canoeing accident on the Whanganui River. Michael's parents live in Northcote. (Bob Stead was a BB officer in Birkenhead when our Chairman was a Boy.)

The Lodge, in beautiful natural surroundings, sleeps 24, has solarpowered lighting and hot water, and gas for cooking and refrigeration. A new 10-year lease of the Coromandel Forest Park site was signed in 2017 by DOC and the Trust.

The Lodge provided about 465 person-nights in 2020 and is advertised on the Trust's and BBNZ's websites. Bookings have increased to but it is still under-utilised, so the Trust encourages more use by BB and ICONZ units and families. Lawn-mowing and security oversight is provided by the caretaker of the neighbouring Kauaeranga Valley Education Trust's lodge. Costs for this and for water rights are shared.



**Nigel Hanlon Hut** This garage-sized hut at Piha has been used by BB companies since 1955. Built on land within the Auckland Centennial Memorial Park, now part of Auckland Council's Waitakeres parkland, it was later named after a Boy from the 56<sup>th</sup> Auckland Company at Northcote Baptist Church, killed in an accident.

During the years when the Trust owned Stedfast Park at Piha, use of the Hut became minimal and facilities deteriorated. After Stedfast Park was sold, the Trust renovated the Hut and provided new facilities. Graeme Johansen has Portfolio responsibility for it and Roly Stanley maintains it. A new lease was recently agreed with Auckland Council. Use of the Hut by BB, ICONZ and a range of other groups and families increased steadily after renovation but had be curtailed with closure of the



area for camping for several months after dangerous flash-flooding.

**Communications** The Trust decided in 2017 to set up its own website *bbnrt.org.nz* as well as a link on the BBNZ site, advertising its purposes, activities and properties. We are very grateful to BBNZ for the link on their site.

A supply of quality Trust-branded pens is purchased and issued to all leaders in the Northern Region each year. Trustees also give pens to individuals and groups to promote good-will and awareness.

To apply for a grant, visit the Trust's website <u>www.bbnrt.org.nz</u>, download an application form and when completed, scan and email it to <u>bbnrtrust@gmail.com</u>



The motto of The Boys' Brigade, selected from Hebrews 6:19 from the King James version of the Bible (hence the spelling). It was chosen by the Brigade's Founder, Sir William Alexander Smith in Glasgow in 1883.

# **IN THE PIPELINE FOR 2021**

During 2021, the Trust intends :

- to continue to monitor its investments and investment policy and to move maturing Term Deposits to Fisher Funds fund management.
- to consult with BBNZ on the use of increased investment income to provide leadership support and development for Brigade and ICONZ groups in the Region,
- to assist training of more young leaders by again subsidising course and travel costs,
- to subsidise Regional and local events when appropriate,
- to publicise the Bruce Wallace MacCarthy Memorial Scholarship and call for applications.
- to make grants to individual ICONZ and BB units and encourage more applications.

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 to develop and implement a more comprehensive communications and marketing policy to enable its role and facilities to be better known and understood within the Brigade and ICONZ movement, and to recreate a profile with potential outside funders.





## THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS OF THE TRUST

The Trust is very grateful for the work of the following people during the year:

- **Financial Adviser** Our adviser David Vickery keeps in touch to discuss how Milford Asset Management's funds work for the Trust. David has also met with Trustees and answered questions. With his help the Chairman monitors fund performance and keeps Trustees informed.
- **Solicitors** Les Allen of Gaze Burt Solicitors was available during the year for legal advice and services and provided or facilitated courses available to volunteers and Trustees in the not-for-profit sector in Auckland.
- **Reviewer** Alan Lightbody BCom reviewed the 4-year backlog of unreviewed annual financial statements not completed by a former reviewer, and agreed to continue as Honorary Reviewer.
- **Charities Services** This section of the Department of Internal Affairs provides Trustees with newsletters and seminar and conference opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills in their roles.
- **BBNZ** Michael Good, BBNZ Director kept Trustees informed about BBNZ Executive's plans and about what was happening across the country. Tony Jee is the Development Officer funded by the Trust, replacing Andrew Carstens. Richard Ooi mailed the pens and letters to leaders.





## **BRIEF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### FULL STATEMENTS ARE ON CHARITIES SERVICES WEBSITE AND THE TRUST'S OWN SITE bbnrt.org.nz

#### THE BOYS' BRIGADE NORTHERN REGIONAL TRUST

#### Statement of Financial Performance

"How was it funded?" and "What did it cost?" For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Actual	Budget	Actual
		This Year	This Year	Last Year
		\$	\$	\$
Revenue	1			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue		50	500	100,000
Revenue from providing goods or services		3,185	4,000	2,431
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		132,425	125,000	218,106
Other revenue				
Total Revenue		135,660	129,500	320,537
Expenses	2			
Costs related to providing goods or services		3,920	4,000	3,839
Grants and donations made		102,044	86,000	85,877
Insurance		3,313	3,300	3,263
Depreciation		525	530	545
Total Expenses		109,802	93,830	93,524
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		25,858	35,670	227,013



### THE BOYS' BRIGADE NORTHERN REGIONAL TRUST

**Statement of Financial Position** 

"What the entity owns?" and "What the entity owes?"

## As at

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31	Dece	mber	2020

	Note	Actual	Budget This Year	Actual Last Year
		This Year		
		\$	\$	\$
Assets	3			
Current Assets				
Bank accounts and cash		525837		105,883
Debtors and prepayments				-
Inventory				
Accrued interest		1,848		3,439
GST refund due		817		81:
Tax refund due (paid incortrectly by a TDP holder)		-		7,753
Other current assets				
Total Current Assets		528,502	-	117,886
Non-Current Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	4	12,221		12,74
Investments		1,508,533		1,892,765
Other non-current assets				
Total Non-Current Assets		1,520,754	-	1,905,512
Total Assets		2,049,256	-	2,023,398
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
There were no current liabilities		-		-
Total Current Liabilities		-	-	-
Non-Current Liabilities				
There were no non-current liabilities			-	-
Total Non-Current liabilities		-	-	-
Total Liabilities		-	-	-
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		2,049,256	-	2,023,39
Accumulated Funds	5			
Capital contributed by owners or members		-		-
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)		349,256		343,398
Reserves		1,700,000		1,680,000
Total Accumulated Funds	6-9	2,049,256		2,023,39



## **TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS**

**Trustee, Chairman - Ian Bogue** JP BA(Auck) BBS(Massey) DipTchg. Retired 2010 as Head of Department, Commerce, at Mount Albert Grammar School after 38 years teaching and 8 years in the wholesale motor industry during the 1960s. He served in The Boys' Brigade at local level, as national Vice-President then Treasurer 1989-1997 and on national and regional executives and trusts. An elder at St Andrews Presbyterian Church Birkenhead. Justice of the Peace since 1990. Married with three daughters and four grandchildren, Ian and Robyn sail "The Ritz" in Gulf and coastal waters whenever possible.

**Trustee, Secretary – Bevan Brown** Retired Registered Surveyor (previously with his own practice on Auckland's North Shore), Bevan was a long-serving BB Company Captain (14<sup>th</sup> Dunedin and 58<sup>th</sup> Auckland). He also served on Auckland, Regional and National Executives and held various camping and training roles. Bevan was a founding Elder of Forrest Hill Presbyterian Church and now attends Northcote Baptist Church. Bevan has two children and four grandchildren.

**Trustee - Graeme Johansen** BArch ANZIA - Graeme was for some years a Qantas Flight Attendant who also managed his own architectural practice. He is now a grounded architect. Chairman of the Auckland Boys' Choir for 10 years and is a member of St Andrews Epsom choir. Graeme had long service as a Boys' Brigade Company Captain. He has served on the West Auckland and Northern Regional Executives and for some time chaired the Funding Committee of BBNZ. Graeme has a daughter and two grandchildren. He holds the Property portfolio - Nigel Hanlon Hut.

**Trustee – Andrew Cutler** Previous BB member of 32<sup>nd</sup> Auckland (Howick) Company rising through the ranks to become a Queens Man in 1980. He returned as an Officer for a number of years and attended National Leadership Development Courses for several years as a Squad Officer/instructor. Andrew has portfolio and management responsibility for the Michael Stead Memorial Lodge, helped by his wife Marie. Andrew and Marie have three teenage children and he is an Elder at Howick Presbyterian Church.

**Trustee – Owen Goodwin** JP. Organises JP training and help-desks on Auckland's North Shore. Election organiser and trainer. A former BB member for many years, past Officer in the 18<sup>th</sup> Auckland Company, Birkenhead, and active in Auckland and North Shore Battalions in various roles, Owen joined the Trust in 2019 and looks forward to developing more communication with BBNZ and the public. Owen and Jennie, a former Girls' Brigade officer, have adult children. Owen is also an active hockey umpire.

**Trustee – Richard Edlington** came through the ranks of 38<sup>th</sup> AKL BB (Blockhouse Bay), and obtained the Queen's Badge. Continued with the Company and became the Captain for a number of years. Also served on the West Auckland Executive. Currently a member of Blockhouse Bay Baptist. Richard has a management role with Air New Zealand. He is married with 3 young children.

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