



Colville

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Community Connections Collaboration



Annual Report

2022-2023

Highlights

2,247 visits to our services



157 volunteers contributed
2,879 volunteer hours



Colville Junction hosted 41
youth events and facilitated
5 youth mentoring
relationships



72 people participated in
Colville Junction workshops



20,000 eco-sourced native
trees grown during the past
year

Colville Junction Strategic Plan 2023-2027

Vision

Strong and vibrant communities in Northern Coromandel

Mission

To support our remote communities to meet their needs and aspirations

Goals

- 1: To strengthen and build resilience and well-being
- 2: To enable and support community-led development opportunities
- 3: To strengthen and build community capacity and sustainability
- 4: Promote organisational sustainability.

Values

- ◆ **Encouragement – Whakamanawa** - Our actions are supportive.
- ◆ **Connection – Whanaungatanga** - We respect and work together with our community.
- ◆ **Responsiveness – Manaakitanga** - We respond to the needs and aspirations of our community.
- ◆ **Integrity – Pono** - We behave with integrity and our actions take account of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and being sustainable – environmentally, socially and economically.
- ◆ **Collaboration – Whakakotahi** - We work strategically with others.



Chairperson's Report

Tēnā tatou katoa

Over the last year, Colville Junction has remained focused on its vision of strong and vibrant communities in the Northern Coromandel and are proud of the progress we have helped achieve in that regard.

Certainly, there have been challenges for our communities, including the arrival of cyclones Hale and Gabrielle in January and February 2023. However, while we can't control the weather, we can control how we respond to it. Certainly, our northern Coromandel communities demonstrated their strength and resilience, both standing with one another during these times of crisis, and in planning and preparing for responding to any future events.

We believe that such collaborative efforts are crucial to the wellbeing of our communities, and this belief has been woven through our recently reviewed and revised Strategic Plan, which will guide what we do and how we work over the next four-year period.

Thanks go out to our funders and supporters who both team with us and trust us to deliver what we say we will. Special thanks go to our major funders Ministry for the Environment, Oranga Tamariki, Lotteries and Trust Waikato. Your support is reflected across our communities.

Thanks also go to my fellow Board members, Janet Palmer and Frederick Church for the work they do for the Trust, their commitment to our region, and the personal support they have shown to me over this period while I have been grappling with the effects of Long Covid. You are much appreciated.

And, finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the CJ staff and volunteers. Our people are the heart and soul of the Trust and do an exceptional job overseeing our community projects, programmes, events and engagement. They are true champions of our community.

Ngā mihi

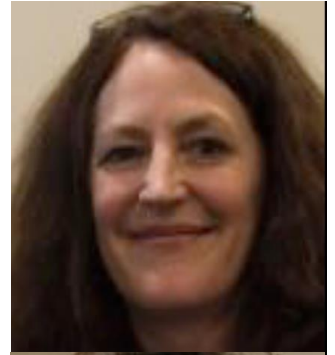
Bronwyn Blair



Colville Junction Trustees

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Bronwyn joined the Trust in 2013, bringing a range of experience from within the education, and voluntary sectors. Bronwyn has a strong commitment to community led development and to the sustainability and wellbeing of Northern Coromandel Peninsula communities.



Janet Palmer

Janet has a long history in Colville and has been a Colville Junction trustee since 2012. Janet has a strong commitment to families, and is a past Colville School Trustee. Janet also has 25+ years in early childhood education.



Frederick Church

Frederick joined Colville Junction as a trustee in July 2016. Frederick brings a range of skills and knowledge including budgeting, IT, computing skills, campground management and a career in film and television.





Manager's Report

Tēnā koutou katoa

Wow, another full year, with many wonderful opportunities – and many challenges, including the storms. This has affected everyone in the community. Our poor nursery has struggled with plants not thriving as much as they normally do, despite Sassy Acorns' amazing care. Colville Harbour Care nursery is such a testament to our community with people supporting the potting parties and regularly volunteering. A big thank you to Riyah, who has been volunteering most weeks at the nursery this last year. And thank you to our great nursery potters and planters. The nursery is key in the success of our project Moehau ki te Moana, which has just completed its second year.

There has been a continued focus on youth activities at Colville Junction this year, thanks in particular to both our youth group coordinator, Dani Van Resseghem, who continues to look for new ideas and opportunities for youth group, and Maria Dove, our Youth Community Development Worker and Youth Mentor Coordinator, who has created many wonderful youth opportunities.

We would like to thank Marine Baillard for her wonderful work on the Pānui – even continuing from France and wish her well in all her new endeavours. We are grateful to have Brooke Dennehy Lakin step into this role and see her passion for continuing to develop our wonderful community newsletter. A huge shout-out to Steve and Ella who pulled off such an amazing festival this year. Working with the Refashion show fundraiser for The Colville Project brought another amazing event to our community.

We would like to thank Teuane for her amazing work volunteering at our front desk and bringing her creative eye to the op shop. Look out for her creativity hosting crafters' afternoons every month for the next year with our wonderful new initiative *Creative Pop-up* funded by Creative NZ and initiated and coordinated by Briar van Dort, which is starting in July. We are very privileged to work in this unique and beautiful community. A huge thank you to our trustees, staff and to our funders who make this mahi possible!

Lanisa Webb

Delivery Spotlight

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Young helper measuring new fencing



Through funding from the **Ministry for the Environment** and **Trees that Count**, the Moehau ki te Moana project:

- Planted 10,772 native plants
- Fenced 1,244 metres
- Serviced 357 rodent traps with 131 rats and 769 mice caught
- Serviced 30 possum traps with 53 possums caught.

Community Festival

After a year without the festival due to Covid, the community came out in full support of the 2022 festival. With funding from **Trust Waikato**, **Creative Communities NZ** and **Tindall Events** we hosted a range of workshops, two performance evenings, (and supported two amazing Refashion Shows). We were also very fortunate to receive funding from the **Ministry for Culture and Heritage** to pay artists for the previous year's cancelled festival.

Youth Activities

With funding from the **Oranga Tamariki**, **DV Bryant** and **Len Reynolds Trust**, we were able to deliver Youth Mentoring, three terms of Youth Group activities and 26 other youth events, including a zip lining trip (thanks to **Driving Creek Railway**), a Youth music night and a screenprinting workshop funded through CILT & **Artists in the Making**.



Annie ready to serve kai



Youth Group visit to the fire station 2023



Colville Junction Staff

Anne Mountjoy
Cassidy Connor

Dani Van Resseghem
Larisa Webb
Maria Dove

Brooke Dennehy Lakin
Nathan McCauley
Nicole McCauley
Vanessa Edelsten
Sassy Acorn

Manager's Assistant
Moehau ki te Moana Coordinator
& Community Worker
Youth Group Coordinator
Manager
Youth Community Development
Worker Youth Mentor Coordinator
Pānui Editor
Pest Manager & Youth Worker
Financial Administrator
Moehau ki te Moana Coordinator
Colville Harbour Care Nursery
Manager

We are so fortunate to have
many, many wonderful
volunteers support us to –
thank you!



Our fabulous op shop volunteer Teuane –
dressed to perform at the Community Festival

Funder/Supporter Spotlight

We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the incredible support we've had in the last year from *Digital Wings*. Their support through providing our charity with refurbished laptops has been a 'game changer' (in the words of our assistant Anne). With weather events and Covid we experienced a significant need to be increasingly flexible with where staff work. These laptops have given us that freedom.



Colville Junction Main Funders



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao



Community Environment Fund



Lottery Grants Board
Te Puna Tahua
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Colville Junction Funders



Colville Junction Supporters

The Colville Store

Coromandel Four Square

Driving Creek Railway

Forager's Kitchen

Hereford 'n' a Pickle



Whitestar Honey

Woodlands Honey



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Hauraki Māhira

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