



**Performance Report  
for Year ending 31 March 2018**

## **Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust**



## **Entity Information**

### **for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

<b>Legal Name</b>	Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust (BRCT)
<b>Type</b>	Charitable Trust
<b>Registration Number</b>	CC42634
<b>Entity Purpose or Mission</b>	BRCT seeks to nourish and support resilience in Blueskin communities and to create models of resilient behaviour that can be adopted elsewhere. Our particular focus is on identifying and implementing local climate change solutions.
<b>Structure</b>	BRCT is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. Trustees maintain the vision and provide governance. The Trust Manager is responsible for setting and delivering the annual work plan, managing daily operations and staffing. Volunteers provide additional support.
<b>Main Sources of Cash and Resources</b>	Grants, contract work, and community donations
<b>Main Methods Used to Raise Funds</b>	Grants, contract work, and community donations
<b>Reliance on Volunteers</b>	BRCT has one full time employee and receives substantial volunteer and pro-bono support to develop and implement its' projects.
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<b>Trustees</b>	Craig Marshall (Chairperson) Charles Abraham (Treasurer) Ross Johnston (Secretary) Anna Marsich, Dell McLeod, Jacinta Ruru, Metiria Turei

## Statement from our Patron

“I remember saying a decade or two ago that if we didn’t act soon to prevent accelerating climate change, there would come a generation who would have to bear the cost of both mitigating climate change and adapting to the impacts. That generation is now, and BRCT is doing both.

Despite the disappointment of not getting regulatory approval for the Wind Turbine, the Trust has forged ahead in building resilience to the climate change that is already starting. Severe flooding in Dunedin has made a number of homes impossible to live in and added strength to the Climate Safe House project which aims to provide safe, healthy, relocatable homes for those affected, and sites to move them to when flooding increases. The first customers have been connected to the Blueskin Energy Network, a community-industry collaboration and New Zealand’s first community controlled smart grid.

It is pleasing to see the networks the Trust has built in the community, with strong relationships with the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and ORC. The daily news about record temperatures and storms and ice melt can only make our work easier, though there is so much still to do.”



Jeanette Fitzsimons



*Otago Polytechnic Design students created Climate Safe House concept designs*

## Comment from our Chairperson

The Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust is Dunedin's longest standing place-based community organisation and has continued to pursue its goals of supporting Blueskin communities in both immediate and future-focussed ways through both services and projects.

Our services, including Cosy Homes Assessments, Healthy Rental Certification, and provision of firewood and discounted insulation, have continued through the year, helping to improve housing and reduce fuel poverty. We have continued a close relationship with the Cosy Homes Trust and support its work to improve the health of homes and people not just in Blueskin but Dunedin in general.

The Climate Safe House project initiated in 2016/17 has continued to gain momentum. We now have numerous agencies and individuals supporting the project in material ways, and we are continuing to seek a major benefactor or agency to supply the financial input required to allow construction to begin. The Smart Grid project, Blueskin Energy Network (BEN), also initiated in the 2016/17 year, has blossomed into reality and we believe it has a very positive future. We're very proud to be reducing fuel poverty in Blueskin Bay through access to local, clean, affordable electricity.

This year saw the unsuccessful appeal to the Environment Court for permission to build a wind turbine in Blueskin Bay. While disappointing, it seems that we performed a pathfinding role with our Blueskin Turbine Project. Our experience highlighted some weaknesses in the National Policy Statement on Renewable Electricity Generation (NPSREG), and we will continue to share our experience widely so other communities wishing to explore small scale wind developments can learn from it. Already we have seen a great deal of interest in the Government's target of 100% renewable electricity generation by 2035 and BRCT participated the first NZ Forum on Local and Community Energy recently.

We are a place-based community organisation and our purpose has always been to create local climate solutions together with partners. That purpose remains our focus. We continue to advocate for the creation of sound policy, planning and regulation that will support our objectives. In the last year we made submissions on: the DCC's Long Term Plan, the DCC Draft Annual Plan and to the Government's Productivity Commission. With funding supplied by the Deep South National Science Challenge we organised three workshops titled 'Our City Our Climate'. These were an excellent way of raising our profile locally and a forum where our work was recognised and acknowledged.

We continue to support a number of like-minded organisations, like Cosy Homes, membership organisations, like the Otago Chamber of Commerce and Community Energy Network, and the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic with their research and training programmes. We have worked with Wise Response, Forest and Bird, Sustainable Dunedin City, Our Climate Declaration and Generation Zero on climate issues and on the 'Our City, Our Climate' workshops. We are working with the Waitati PTA and the Grassroots Blueskin Emergency Response Group and support local business, particularly by promoting local food enterprises in the online Food Directory.

Our achievements have been enabled by substantial support from many people. Scott Willis continues to do excellent work for BRCT, aided by numerous volunteers. We were sad to see Kat Achterberg leave in late 2017, but pleased that Kat continues to do contract work for us from afar. Thank you also to our Trustees, who continue to work extremely hard to deliver to our communities.

Improving lives, including adapting to climate change, is the responsibility of community and we can do this by working together to build community solutions and local resilience. Purposeful community action will enable us to thrive together.



**Craig Marshall – Chairperson 2018**

## Organisational Outcomes

Over the 12 months from April 1 2017 to March 31 2018 a significant new milestone was reached and our Climate Safe House project was significantly advanced. Our profile as an innovative and action-oriented, place-based community group was reinforced and enhanced. We continued to represent the Blueskin community through city forums and submissions to local and central government and we increased transparency of our operations through a greater number of publications and community workshops.

## Organisational Outputs

Description and Quantification (to the extent practicable) of the Entity's Outputs:	2017/18	2016/17
Cuppa Tea Publications, articles published	38	2
Insulation provided	67.5m <sup>2</sup>	58.65m <sup>2</sup>
Cosy Energy Advice provided calls; emails; walk-in	8	12
Affordable firewood	50 tonnes	75 tonnes
Active Projects	Climate Safe House, Blueskin Energy Network	Blueskin Turbine, Climate Safe House
BRCT subscribers	386	380
Public Meetings and community workshops held	14	

## Additional Outputs

Research Interviews	20	
Social Media reach (Average):	216 per day	
Social Media reach (May 15, 2017)	3927	
Increase in social media followers	130	

## Additional Information

**New Project:** In December 2017 the Trust instructed its company, Blueskin Energy Limited, to launch the Blueskin Energy Network, a smart grid development supporting the growth of local renewable electricity generation and allowing community members to share sustainably generated energy resources while giving residents access to more affordable, green electricity.

**Strengthening operations for community benefit:** Over the year, BRCT ended its provision of free energy advice to all of Dunedin to focus on core services for the Blueskin community. We continued to provide Cosy Homes Assessment Services both in a contract and as support for the Valley Project in North East Valley, our nearest neighbouring place-based community group. As resources have tightened we have reduced staff but maintained services through contractors as required. We also engaged KPMG to provide financial services for the Trust, to free up staff time and to provide external oversight.

### Spotlight on Blueskin Energy Network

Blueskin Energy Limited (BEL) is a social enterprise established by the Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust to develop local, green energy projects. Initiated in the 2016/17 year in partnership with P2Power and PowerNet, the Blueskin Energy Network is a participatory retail platform and smart grid marketplace that allows those in our community with solar and wind generators to sell their excess power to others in the community. The project is designed to enable much greater use of renewable technologies. We are very proud of this latest initiative. The project has the potential to increase the value of excess energy locally generated and to reduce the cost of electricity to other households. As a result it has almost limitless potential. Democratising our electricity supply has been part of the Trust's mission since was established in 2008, and now BEL has been able to deliver a significant part of that puzzle.

## Spotlight on the Climate Safe House project

We know that better housing improves lives. We know the climate is changing and impacts on housing will be experienced in coastal areas and flood hazard zones increasingly often. Poor quality housing is also a source of greenhouse gas emissions and a significant contributor to poor health for many New Zealanders. The Climate Safe House project is a flax-roots community project managed by the Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust to develop healthy, future-proofed housing in areas vulnerable to climate impacts. It is about making changes to prepare for a managed retreat.

Right now BRCT is working with partners and sponsors to build a first climate safe house for a vulnerable home owner who is prepared to give up equity in the existing home in return for a warm, safe, efficient, modular, elevated, transportable home with a low rental. We will transfer private risk to a collective solution of Climate Safe Housing where the replacement home and the risk becomes community owned and managed. When the time comes, Climate Safe Housing will be relocated away from the flood hazard. BRCT aims to develop a transferable model of Climate Safe Housing so that those in vulnerable areas all over New Zealand can benefit from the adaption planning emerging from our community, and to raise adaptation awareness for communities and decision-makers nationwide.



*"Getting a solar panel onto the Waitati school is going to save us money and help us be a more environmentally responsible school"*

## Comment from our Treasurer

I would like to present the BRCT accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2018.

The Trust experienced a significant reduction in grants and income this financial year and have had to use accumulated funds from previous years to maintain operation. Our income for the year of just under \$90 000 included grants from the Dunedin City Council and the Deep South Science Challenge. Compared to last year, a greater proportion of our income came from provision of services. Our outgoings at \$161 000 included the unfortunate write off of \$50 000 of equipment which was lost due to vandalism. The major expense was staffing and volunteer costs relating to salaries and consulting at just over \$88 000.

Moving into the next financial year it remains a priority to obtain new sources of funding to ensure that we can continue to support our community and maintain our momentum with the projects currently under way.

**Charles Abraham—BRCT Treasurer**

## Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	29 327	134 255
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	-	-
Revenue from providing goods or services	59 570	14 832
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	270	708
Other revenue	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>89 167</b>	<b>149 795</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Expenses related to public fundraising		87
Volunteer and employee related costs	88776	94352
Costs related to providing goods or services	13114	15442
Grants and donations made	-	-
Other expenses	59810	16615
Rounding	1	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>161 701</b>	<b>126 496</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	<b>-72532</b>	<b>23 299</b>



## Statement of Financial Position

### for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank Accounts and cash	37 402	59 905
Debtors and prepayment		1 541
Inventory		
Other current assets		
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>37 402</b>	<b>61 446</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	3 499	54 844
Investments and other non-current assets		
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>3 499</b>	<b>54 844</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>40 901</b>	<b>116 290</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Bank Overdraft	-	-
Creditors and accrued expenses, and employee costs payable	-	-
Unused donations and grants with conditions	-	-
Other current liabilities	113	2 969
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2 969</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Loans	-	-
Other current liabilities	-	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2 969</b>
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)</b>	<b>40 788</b>	<b>113 321</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Capital contributed by owners or members	50 000	50 000
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	-9 212	63 322
Reserves	-	-
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>40 788</b>	<b>113 321</b>

## Statement of Cash Flows

### for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
<b>Cashflows from Operating Activities</b>		
Cash was received from		
Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	29 326	137 023
Receipts from providing goods and services	59 570	29 696
Interest	270	708
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>		
Payments to suppliers and employees	111 700	142 075
GST paid	1 315	
<b>Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>	-	-
Cash was received from:	-	-
Cash was applied to:	-	-
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	-	4 352
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>	-	<b>(4 352)</b>
<b>Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>(22 534)</b>	<b>21 000</b>
<b>Opening Cash</b>	59 905	38 905
<b>Closing Cash</b>	37 402	59 905
<b>Represented by Bank Accounts and Cash</b>	<b>37 402</b>	<b>59 905</b>



*"BRCT is all about flax-roots initiatives that make our community resilient and strong"*

# Statement of Accounting Policies

## for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

### **Basis of Preparation**

Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust has elected to apply a PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not for Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2 000 000. All transactions in the performance report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The performance report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

All amounts are recorded exclusive of GST except for Debtors and Creditors which are stated inclusive of GST.

### **Income Tax**

Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for this exemption

### **Bank Accounts and Cash**

Bank accounts and cash in the statement of cash flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

### **Changes in Accounting Policies**

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the financial year (last year – nil).



*“It is not just a technical challenge, or a physical challenge. It’s also an emotional, spiritual, cultural challenge to feel powerful enough to do something or to feel able to understand the issues.”*

*Alex Keeble, NIWA*

*Our City Our Climate Waitati Workshop, March 2018*

## Notes to the Performance Report

### Property, Plant and Equipment

<b>This Year</b>					
<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Opening Carrying amount</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Sales / Disposals</b>	<b>Current year depreciation &amp; impairment</b>	<b>Closing carrying amount</b>
Land	-				-
Buildings	-				-
Plant & Equipment	2 901			1 161	1740
Furniture & Fixtures	-				-
Office Equipment	442			184	258
Computers	-				-
Machinery	51 500			50 000	1 500
Heritage Assets	-				-
<b>Total</b>	<b>54 843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51 345</b>	<b>3 498</b>

<b>Last Year</b>					
<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Opening Carrying amount</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Sales / Disposals</b>	<b>Current year depreciation &amp; impairment</b>	<b>Closing carrying amount</b>
Land	-				-
Buildings	-				-
Plant & Equipment	3 784			883	2 901
Furniture & Fixtures	-				-
Office Equipment	762			320	442
Computers	-				-
Machinery	51 500				51 500
Heritage Assets	-				-
<b>Total</b>	<b>56 046</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1 203</b>	<b>54 843</b>

There were no significant assets donated to the Blueskin Resilient Communities Trust this financial year.

## Notes to the Performance Report

### Accumulated Funds

This year				
Description	Capital contributed by owners or members	Accumulated surpluses or deficits	Reserves	Total
Opening Balance	50 000	63 322		113 322
Capital contributed by owners or members	-	-	-	-
Capital returned to owners or members	-	-	-	-
Surplus/Deficit	-	(72 534)	-	(72 534)
Distribution paid to owners or members	-	-	-	-
Transfer to reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfer from reserves	-	-	-	-
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>50 000</b>	<b>(9 212)</b>	-	<b>40 788</b>

Last year				
Description	Capital contributed by owners or members	Accumulated surpluses or deficits	Reserves	Total
Opening Balance	50 000	40 023		90 023
Capital contributed by owners or members	-	-	-	-
Capital returned to owners or members	-	-	-	-
Surplus/Deficit	-	23 299	-	23 299
Distribution paid to owners or members	-	-	-	-
Transfer to reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfer from reserves	-	-	-	-
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>50 000</b>	<b>63 322</b>	-	<b>113 322</b>

# Notes to the Performance Report

## Commitments and Contingencies

### Commitments

There are no commitments as at balance date (Last Year—nil).

### Contingencies

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at balance date (Last Year—nil).

## Other

**Significant grants and donations with conditions that have not been recorded as a liability—None**

**Goods or services provided to the entity in kind—**BRCT has received significant pro-bono support and volunteer contribution. The estimated of total volunteer and pro-bono support for the year is \$102 000.

**Assets used as security for Liabilities—None**

**Assets held on behalf of others—None**

**Related party disclosures—**there were no transactions involving related parties during the financial year (Last Year—nil)

**Events after the balance date—**there were no events that occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the performance report (Last Year—nil)

**Ability to continue operating—**No intention to stop operating.

**Correction of errors—None**

