

# SKYCITY QUEENSTOWN CASINO COMMUNITY TRUST RECIPIENTS LIST 2013

SKYCITY Queenstown Casino Community Trust is proud to support **43 community groups** in 2013 with a total distribution of **\$95,488.10**

ORGANISATION	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	GRANT AWARDED
<b>Alpine Community Development Trust</b>	Community Networks Wanaka is a one-stop centre, offering social service information and advice throughout the upper Clutha. As well as providing community social work support to individuals and families, they also coordinate the Community Foodbank, School Holiday Programme, Meals on Wheels, Wheels to Dunstan (free bus to Dunstan Hospital) and regular network meetings of social service providers. With the financial downturn, there has been increasing pressure and stress on families and young people. This has resulted in an increasing complexity of social issues such as family violence, family separations, mental health issues and alcohol and drug problems. Funding has been approved to assist with printing and stationery costs.	<b>\$1,800</b>
<b>Arrowtown Autumn Festival</b>	This year is the 30th anniversary of the annual Arrowtown Autumn Festival. This annual event takes place over ten days and offers a programme of over 50 events. The festival is designed to appeal to a wide range of people from children, families, seniors, groups and local organisations. The aim is to have 70% of the events free to the public so that as many people as possible have the opportunity to come along and enjoy the festival. Funding has been approved to update signage around the Queenstown and Arrowtown area that is put up prior to the festival.	<b>\$4,619</b>
<b>Arrowtown School 150 Year Celebrations</b>	Arrowtown School 150 Year Celebrations has been established to provide an opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate 150 years of schooling in Arrowtown and surrounding areas. These celebrations will take place at the school in October 2013, and will see a community gala day held where everyone will be invited to participate or come along to be part of the celebrations. A memorable keepsake is being created as part of the celebrations for everyone to enjoy. This will be in the form of a Past Present and Future booklet of the Arrowtown School and surrounding schools. This booklet is being written to include history stories from past pupils along with archival photos. It will also contain written work by current students. Funding has been approved to assist with the printing of this commemorative booklet.	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Arrowtown Volunteer Fire Brigade</b>	Arrowtown Volunteer Fire Brigade provides an emergency response service for fire and medical to Arrowtown and surrounding areas. Funds have been awarded for the purchase of a Hooligan Tool which provides quick access to buildings. It is designed to puncture, twist, cut open or remove all types of barriers.	<b>\$524</b>
<b>Autism New Zealand – Southland Branch</b>	Autism New Zealand provides support, information and advice for people on the Autism Spectrum and those that support them. Support is provided to families in the Southland region through a locally based coordinator. As well as offering Autism New Zealand information, the Coordinator also organises parent support groups in Queenstown. Funding has been awarded to assist with operating costs including telephone, advertising, postage, venue and catering expenses.	<b>\$396.70</b>
<b>Frankton Volunteer Fire Brigade</b>	The mission of the Frankton Volunteer Fire Brigade (FVFB) is to reduce the incidence and consequence of fire and to provide a professional response to other emergencies. The FVFB is a rescue station and their core business is now motor vehicle accidents. Funding has been approved for the purchase of equipment that would benefit not only the safety of their volunteers but also the patients that are being rescued.	<b>\$4,000</b>

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Happiness House Trust	Happiness House is a community based non-profit organisation which provides services to the Wakatipu District. They provide a warm, friendly, confidential environment where people can meet in a home-like setting. Their mission is to assist those in need by encouraging healthy and empowering life choices. Funds have been awarded to assist with firewood and rubbish disposal costs. In the month of May, there were 1,036 clients that visited their support centre.	\$1,500
Hawea Kindergarten	Hawea Kindergarten provides quality Early Childhood Education for 30 children aged 2-5 years. The Kindergarten Committee are active fundraisers to provide additional resources and opportunities for the children. This fundraising is often in the form of providing food stalls at community events. This type of fundraising requires the storage of a lot of equipment and funding has been approved to purchase a garden shed to construct a better storage facility.	\$506.25
Kahu Youth Trust	Kahu Youth Trust operates a youth centre in Wanaka and employs two full-time youth workers who promote positive youth development in the Upper Clutha district. They do this through programmes, events, workshops, mentoring, one-on-one support and advocacy, and a drop-in centre. The current youth membership is approximately 200. The Trust receives donated food stuff from numerous sources which is used for a shared meal, prepared by the young people, on Friday and Saturday evenings. About 40 youth participate in these evenings. Cooking is an essential and very popular life skill among youth. All youth work begins by first developing relationships with young people. These sessions are the hub of the youth centre and important in building rapport and trust with the youth workers. Funding has been approved to purchase a double oven to replace their 30-year old cooker that is restrictive and inadequate.	\$2,000
Kelvin Peninsula Community Association	The Kelvin Peninsula Community Association holds community based events to provide opportunities for residents to connect as a wider group. It also initiates, supports and advocates on projects that enhance or maintain the key assets of the Peninsula. Currently, funds are being raised to construct a multi-purpose sporting facility (tennis/netball) at Jardine Park. Funding has been approved to purchase fencing materials to assist with this project.	\$5,000
Lakes District Museum	The Lakes District Museum provides a museum and exhibition space for the benefit of the Queenstown Lakes community and its visitors. The award-winning Museum has authentic displays that depict the social history of Maori, explorers, gold miners and other settlers. The Museum is in the process of upgrading two display areas – the geology and music displays. The current geology display consists of a series of labelled rocks that are going to be replaced with a display that looks more at how the landscape has been shaped through glaciation. This will be a much more visual presentation through the use of moving flat screen images to demonstrate the levels of ice flows. Music played a huge part in the lives of settlers and miners and this display is to be completely rebuilt. Musical instruments will be on display with interpretative panels that will outline the role of music in local history. There will also be the ability to listen to sound bites of traditional music via external speakers. Funding has been approved to contribute towards the redevelopment costs which include construction of the music cabinet, geology display interpretation, music display, electrical and lighting.	\$10,000
Lakes Hayes Community Association	The Lake Hayes Community Association promotes and protects the interests and welfare of the citizens of the residential suburb of Lake Hayes Estate. The local and wider community has seen the need for a beginners bike track, so that younger members of the community have somewhere to improve their biking skills before moving on to the more challenging trails around the district. Funding has been awarded to purchase concrete pipes to be used for the construction of a children's bike track with four sections which link around the perimeter of a sports field. The track includes a perimeter trail of asphalt which loops the park, a pump track area featuring a series of small loops and banked turns, a wooden structures area so that children can learn balance and get ready for narrow sections of trail. It will also have a tunnel and jumps area. There is no track like this currently, so families will travel from far and wide to use it.	\$1,000
Life Education Trust Heartland Otago/Southland	Life Education Trust is a non-profit organisation that teaches life, health, wellness and social skills to young people. The Trust operates a mobile classroom that has many unique educational facilities within it, including the Trusts ambassador, Harold the Giraffe. The Trust aims to offer every child the opportunity to spend time in the mobile classroom and have contact with Harold on an annual basis. This regular contact ensures the values taught by the Trust are reinforced in young people's minds. Funds have been awarded to assist with the purchase of teaching equipment.	\$2,000
Makarora Valley Community	Makarora Valley Community represents community members, to encourage and foster an already close community who are physically isolated from the rest of Otago. Currently, their aim is to build a single tennis/multi-sport court to be used for tennis, netball, basketball and for young children to ride their bikes who otherwise struggle on the gravel roads. The cost of this project include clearing of land, laying asphalt and erecting a fence. Funding has been awarded to provide fencing materials.	\$1,000

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Montessori Children's House Wanaka	Montessori Children's House Wanaka provides freedom for children to explore in a prepared indoor and outdoor environment where they can develop independence, a respect for the environment and others which will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Funding has been approved to provide safety matting and a piece of Tredsafe equipment. The Tredsafe playground ladder interlinks with their existing playground equipment and will provide more opportunities for the children to grow and develop while recognising their limits. The safety matting is required to cover their newly extended veranda to meet safety standards.	\$2,200
NZ Mountain Film Festival Charitable Trust	NZ Mountain Film Festival Charitable Trust operates an annual film and art festival in Wanaka and Queenstown. It is a 7-day event focused on adventurous sports and lifestyles and includes a New Zealand and International film makers competition, film-editing competition, art display, talks from international speakers and New Zealand adventurers, an adventure film school, community workshops, free avalanche safety lecture, writing, art and photography workshops and entertainment from local musicians. Wanaka and Queenstown are inherently outdoor communities and the event promotes these ideals. The festival encourages the community to partake in active and healthy activities relevant to their physical capabilities. The festival will occur in July 2014 and it is estimated that 3,500–4,000 people will attend. Funds have been awarded to assist with facility costs.	\$2,000
Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust	The Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust is the overseeing body of the New Zealand Gold Panning Championships which provides the opportunity to take part in the sport of Gold Panning. This international sport ties in directly with the gold-mining history of the area. Gold Panning is something that any age can take part in and participants are actively encouraged. Funding has been approved for hire equipment for this event on Butlers Green in Arrowtown in April 2014.	\$1,000
Presbyterian Support Otago	The purpose of Presbyterian Support Otago is to work across the generations for positive change, strong families and healthy communities. One of their programmes is a Buddy Programme which has been run successfully for over twenty years in Central Otago. This programme matches referred children aged between 4 and 12 with a volunteer adult buddy of similar character. The two spend regular time together doing activities such as reading, fishing and biking. This enables children to build a strong, supportive and trusting relationship in which the child buddy receives help and encouragement as they face issues and challenges in their life. Currently, there are 24 buddy matches in the Wanaka area. Funding has been approved for the 'Buddy Day Outs' for the Wanaka matches which are run several times a year. These days are a great opportunity for the children to share in a fun event together and to meet other buddies.	\$1,710
Queenstown Hockey Club	The Queenstown Hockey Club provides people aged 5–60+ years of age the opportunity to participate in physical activity and team sport, providing benefits of learning basic hand/eye coordination together with ball skills and the subsequent health benefits of physical activity. There are 55 junior players and funding has been approved for balls and goalie gear.	\$2,463.70
Queenstown Lakes District Council (Summerdaze Festival)	The Summerdaze Festival was created to encourage all sectors of the community to get out and about to enjoy the events staged and the wonderful region they live in. The aim is to market all the events happening in the area as well as stage free (or minimal cost) events to cater for all sectors of the community. Funding has been awarded to contribute towards the printing of 16,000 booklets detailing the festival programme. This booklet is distributed across the Queenstown Lakes to every house to ensure the community are aware of events happening and encourage their participation.	\$1,750
Queenstown Lakes Family Centre	With an emphasis on positive parenting along with building empathy and self esteem in children and adolescents, Queenstown Lakes Family Centre exists to strengthen relationships within families and the community. As an organisation, Queenstown Lakes Family Centre is moving towards more evidence-based programmes as possible. In order to achieve this, clinicians need training to be able to deliver these programmes. The initial priorities are to train clinicians in two evidence based programmes; Friends for Life and Triple P. The Triple P – Positive Parenting Programme give parents simple and practical strategies to help them confidently manage their children's behaviour, prevent problems developing and build healthy, strong relationships. Funds have been approved to provide professional development for staff.	\$2,700
Queenstown Playcentre	Queenstown Playcentre provides quality early-childhood education for 0–5 year olds by encouraging learning and social development through play. It is a volunteer-led organisation that caters for 45 families and 60 children. Daily sessions are held from 9am–midday and the facility is open to the wider community the rest of the time; including daily use by the Queenstown Oscar After School programme, evening use by community groups for meetings and activities, and weekend use by a local church. Funds have been awarded to provide new external downpipes, spouting and attachments.	\$2,807.39

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Queenstown Primary School	Queenstown Primary School provides education for students from year 0–8. The school commenced a Self-Regulated Learning (SRL) classroom pilot programme in 2012, with three classrooms now participating across various age groups (year 3–8). This classroom programme provides a learning environment that enables the learners to be responsible for their own learning, to know themselves as learners, and to control their own learning environment. This pilot programme is the initial step in building a school-wide SRL programme reliant on one-to-one computing. Each student utilises an individual Netbook computer. This allows them to have access to web 2.0 tools throughout the school day and at home, allowing an authentic integration of ICT tools to enhance learning. All netbooks are owned by the School and are used by the designated students for the duration of the school year, returned and then reallocated to new students in SRL classrooms the following year. This project is ongoing and the goal is to expand it into a school-wide model. Funding has been approved to purchase four netbooks and protective sleeves.	<b>\$1,940</b>
Remarkable Theatre	The purpose of Remarkable Theatre is to produce and read theatrical works, both drama and comedy, with the emphasis on non-musical presentations. This year, they would like to present 'Calendar Girls' by Tim Firth because it contains a large and predominantly female cast, which reflects well the make-up of the group. The amateur performing rights are now available. Remarkable Theatre propose presenting four performances in mid-September. Funding has been approved to assist with costs associated with the presentation of 'Calendar Girls' including hall hire, set construction, props, costumes and performing rights.	<b>\$2,000</b>
Remarkables Parents Association	The Remarkables Parents Association is the parent and community support group for Remarkables Primary School. Funds have been awarded for the purchase of one LEGO Mindstorm NXT kit. This kit is an intelligent, computer-controlled lego brick that lets a robot come alive and perform different operations. This allows students to develop solutions, brainstorm and assists the students need to communicate with their peers by working together to produce a real life robot.	<b>\$1,616.32</b>
RockFormation Charitable Trust	RockFormation Charitable Trust was formed in response to the growth in the number of youth selecting rock and contemporary music as their preferred genres and the recognition that there are limited opportunities within the local community for local young musicians to develop this interest. RockFormation encourages and supports the formation of student bands, grows musicianship, creativity, technical and performance skills and prepares students for the professional music industry. Funding has been approved to purchase two new lightweight PA speakers/stage monitors for band practice and use at performances. This equipment will be available for use by all Wakatipu musicians who are registered members.	<b>\$1,858</b>
Royal New Zealand Plunket Society Wakatipu District	The aim of the Royal New Zealand Plunket Society is 'Together the best start for every child'. The car seat rental scheme provides an affordable and accessible service to the community to ensure the next generation are safe when travelling as well as informed about the right seat for both vehicle and child. Funding has been approved to purchase extra booster seats to meet the new law requirement that comes into effect in November that will see children in restraints until they are 7 years old.	<b>\$1,692.50</b>
St John Wakatipu	St John Wakatipu has been operating 40-years, providing emergency medical care to residents and visitors to the Wakatipu basin. Funds have been approved for a marquee that will be used to protect the volunteers and patients at events. Members are often needed at concerts and sporting events and only have the ability to deal with patients in the back of the ambulance. During the heat of the summer, just having the additional shade is invaluable for some patients and for the volunteer members who give long hours providing this service.	<b>\$4,380</b>
St Joseph's School	St Joseph's School has a maximum roll of 175, educating students from New Entrant to Year 8. Funding has been approved to purchase new microphones for student-use during assemblies and weekly prayers. Their old microphones are no longer working after regular use over a number of years. Currently, the children cannot be heard without microphones and this impacts negatively on both their performance and their confidence. The School has a strong tradition of incorporating public speaking into their weekly activities and are proud that their students arrive at High School being able to speak in front of a group with ease and confidence.	<b>\$823.04</b>
The Kiwi Kids Lifeskills Trust	The First Tee of New Zealand plays an active role in helping grow kiwi kids into fine young men and women with core values and life skills. This is achieved through a values-based education programme taught and delivered via junior golf. The Queenstown Branch of The First Tee of New Zealand was established and starting teaching the programme in schools early in 2012. Funding has been approved to purchase specialised equipment for the programme.	<b>\$1,608.70</b>

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The Lake Hawea Community Centre Inc	The purpose of the Lake Hawea Community Centre is to manage and run their community-owned Centre which provides a venue for sporting clubs including outdoor bowls, netball and tennis. It also incorporates a large function room for weddings, conferences and local fundraising events and houses a Council-run Library. They are in the final stages of a \$1.5 million redevelopment project which includes a new club room and large social hall. Funding has been approved for trees and shrubs to assist with the completion of the landscaping.	\$3,309.79
The Parenting Place – Attitude Youth Division	Attitude's objective is to encourage mental and emotional resilience and prevent youth suicide, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse and a low sense of worth. They provide young people with a quality programme that challenges them to think by giving information they need to make well-informed decisions about their future. Funding has been awarded to provide handbooks at the nine presentations that will be made to 1,800 students in six Central Otago high schools during August 2014.	\$503.94
Upper Clutha Womens Support Group	Upper Clutha Womens Support Group support women and families who experience any form of abuse. A grant has been approved to subsidise crisis counselling for clients who contact them specifically for issues related to alcohol, gambling and other addictions. Being able to give immediate assistance when someone has been brave enough to pick up the phone is invaluable.	\$2,000
Wakatipu Abuse Prevention Network	Jigsaw Central Lakes assists individuals and families to receive appropriate assistance in helping them to make positive changes in their circumstances. They wish to continue working with 'at-risk' youth in the Wakatipu Basin by being able to provide one-on-one counselling. There are still no programmes available specifically for young people that have witnessed, been involved in, or subjected to family violence. Jigsaw Central Lakes wishes to offer a programme for these young people with more structure, providing support, strategies for living in family situations experiencing family violence issues, and safety plans. It has been identified by Police and High Schools that this assistance and support is essential. Funding has been approved to assist with stationery and the update of resources.	\$650
Wakatipu Kindergarten	At Wakatipu Kindergarten, children develop knowledge, skills and attitudes to become life-long learners. Technology is a key learning and teaching tool. The teaching team is looking to develop and enhance the use of technology within their programme to improve learning and teaching outcomes for children. Funding has been approved to update teacher's laptops, which will then enable some of the current laptops to be transferred to their newly designated children's technology area.	\$3,095.64
Wakatipu Reforestation Trust	The Wakatipu Basin vegetation has been greatly modified over time. Today, it has the potential to be restored and showcase some of the special native communities that once flourished in the area, for the benefit of conservation, fauna enhancement and general landscape aesthetics. There has been much interest by volunteers in assisting with the planting of native plants around the district so to build on this interest a local supply of plants would be useful. To set up a nursery in Wakatipu will require a small area of land (preferably public land, about 20m x 40m) with easy access and with water available. The area will need to be fenced to keep out animals such as rabbits, and contain a small lockable shed for tools, a covered space for potting up, a shaded area and open plant storage space. To date, an area in Jardine Park has been allocated by QLDC and has been cleared of trees by volunteers. Fencing materials have been donated and the site is to be levelled at no cost. QLDC are providing a water connection and 127 hours of volunteer time has been invested to date. Funds have been awarded for the purchase of potting mix and root trainer plants.	\$2,520
Wakatipu Search & Rescue	Wakatipu Search & Rescue provide search and rescue support for the lost, missing and injured. Trained search and rescue volunteers freely contribute their time, at no cost to the community or the subject, and this can involve days and sometimes even weeks at a time. The cost of fully equipping and training a volunteer member is around \$3,000. To ensure health and safety when anyone goes missing, Wakatipu Search and Rescue provide volunteers expert training and assistance to ensure their operational capability. Funding has been provided for a Track and Clue Awareness course.	\$4,200
Wakatipu Toy Library	Wakatipu Toy Library aims to provide good quality, well-designed educational toys and equipment to families within the Queenstown Lakes District. Funding has been approved to replace much-loved but worn floor puzzles and role play toys which are very popular amongst children.	\$1,500

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<b>Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group (WCG)</b>	The Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group (WCG) is a community organisation created in 2009 to focus on protecting the resplendent biodiversity and remarkable landscape of the Wakatipu, for the benefit of residents, users, tourists and particularly future generations. The WCG is in a dynamic partnership with QLDC, DOC, LINZ, volunteers and landowners in controlling the rampant wilding spread. Wilding is the term given to the natural regeneration of seedling spread from introduced conifer trees. Strong winds can take wilding seedlings kilometres and seedlings invade alpine high country and quickly suppress natural vegetation. Funding has been awarded to purchase a chainsaw, safety pants and helmet for training volunteers as well as 100 copies of 'The Threat', a book on wilding conifers, which is used for education purposes.	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Wakatipu Youth Trust</b>	Wakatipu Youth Trust operates a youth centre in Queenstown and employs four youth workers who promote positive youth development in the Wakatipu region. They achieve this through programmes, educational courses, events and by providing one-on-one support and advocacy. Engaging young people in projects which interest them and providing them with adequate resources and support is a proven strengths-based approach to positive youth development. Funding has been provided for three of these programmes – youth fitness programme, rock climbing course, and a mountain bike maintenance and riding techniques course.	<b>\$2,300</b>
<b>Wanaka Community Toy Library</b>	The Wanaka Community Toy Library offers age appropriate toys which encourage fine and gross motor skills and imaginative play. The toys are available to the wider community and to visitors. All of the toys are stored and displayed in clear plastic bags called Zippits. These bags enable the toys to be clearly displayed, safely contained, and extend the life of the toys. Funds have been awarded to purchase 100 Zippit bags of varying sizes.	<b>\$1,013.13</b>
<b>Wanaka Preschool Early Childhood Centre</b>	The Wanaka Preschool Early Childhood Centre is a provider of high quality education and care for children from 18 months to 5 years and is dedicated to providing affordable and accessible education. Funding has been approved to contribute towards the replacement of the front door which the locksmith has advised is no longer secure.	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Wanakafest Community Trust</b>	Wanakafest is now in its tenth year and runs for four days over Labour Weekend. It is a free, fun, family-friendly festival that encourages community participation. The Festival has 36 individual events taking place over the weekend so there is something for everyone. Through the engagement provided by the Festival, local people create positive relationships with others and gain a stronger sense of belonging. Funding has been awarded to assist with sound and lighting for the 2014 Festival.	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>TOTAL GRANTED</b>		<b>\$95,488.10</b>

