

Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust Annual Report 2020

The Year has been largely dominated by Covid 19 and obviously this will continue into 2021. There is no doubt that this has delayed the Jetty rebuild and will reduce the available level of funding.

Notwithstanding that, the Trust has received by way of grants, donations and pro bono services a sum of \$1,460,000. It has obtained building consent to rebuild the Jetty after an extensive period of work to refine the design specifications to meet current building standards, as well as meeting the expectations concerning future use.

One of the highlights has been sourcing timber from the Little River forest owned by the Pike Family, and having it milled in North Canterbury by John Fairweather. It has been a steep learning curve but one which I am sure will be well worth it.

A summary of the Trust's work to date is set out in the Statutory Report which will be available to you.

The purpose of the Annual Report is to report on what have achieved in the last year.

I would also like to explain the way ahead, how we propose to bring about the rebuild of the Jetty in a reasonable timeframe. This falls into two parts.

The first part covers the rebuild programme, planning, contracting and building. This part is largely on track, and for that I thank a number of individuals, most importantly Nick Harwood, the firm Eliot Sinclair, Engineers from the Port of Lyttelton, and the work of the Trustees.

The second part is raising the funds. This falls into two parts – firstly monies required before we can enter into a contract to build, and secondly funds raised during the construction period. The precise amount of each funding requirement pre and post construction will ultimately depend upon a best estimate of costs supported by the Contractors pre tender estimates, and QS advice. We're currently completing this process.

More importantly will be to assess the Trust's ability during the course of construction to raise the balance of the funds. Louisa will talk about our plans later.

Crucially, we need a better understanding of the level of support available from the 400 households of Governors Bay and Allendale. We will shortly be forwarding to these households a comprehensive questionnaire so the Trustees can be properly informed as to the level of support from residents, and those who live over the hill.

We have to date not been successful in raising funds from Lotteries, and have so far had limited success from the business community. We have a plan which, while in its infancy, will enable us to work with those in the business sector who are part of a new campaign promoting Banks Peninsula – this is a significant and challenging proposition which for us should have a good upside. While we are reasonably confident of the way ahead we do need people with business experience to join with the Trustees in developing this initiative. Ultimately it is about businesses seeing the benefits from a rebuilt Jetty.

I want to thank a number of people – Nick Dugan and Stu Bould are standing down as Trustees given their personal workloads – both men have contributed significant time and expertise for the benefit of the Trust. David Collins and Tina Hartung have joined the Trust; each has made a great contribution; Tina fiercely promoting the Jetty and David with his creative skills designing furniture and dice for board games; Louisa Eades continues her outstanding contribution, far more than a plain English translator, involved in every aspect of the project while keeping minutes and financial records up to date.

Finally, of most interest, when do we start? We delayed the first practical phase – removal of the handrails – when we went to alert level 2, which required people to work 1 metre apart. We now plan to carry start the handrail removal on the long show weekend; 13 to 15 November. We'll get in touch people who know are interested in helping with the handrail removal and baking for volunteers, but if you want to help, make sure we know about it by emailing savethejetty@gmail.com.

As for further work, if we get a comprehensive response to our questionnaire we will then have available significant information to finalise the base upon which we contract the rebuild – that in turn will set the start date. It is my expectation that be early 2021.