

Milford Community Trust Information Fact Sheet

Why was the Trust formed?

Southland District Council and the Department of Conservation (DOC) established a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) in the form of a Trust to provide the community of Milford with leadership and governance and to provide services in the area.

The driving force for this came from the community in Milford who had expressed that Milford needed better leadership and governance, management of existing infrastructure and developing of new infrastructure as well as better emergency and community services.

The Trust Deed will set out the requirements for the establishment and operation of the Trust.

What does the Trust do?

The Trust meets regularly for the purpose of :

- Managing and carrying out services and undertaking leadership, planning and advocacy for the general benefit of the Milford community so as to ensure as far as possible that the infrastructure of the community and its sense of identity, viability and wellbeing are maintained and enhanced.
- Liaising with and communicating with all individuals; organisations, groups and other parties with interests in the Milford community for all purposes which are beneficial to the community.
- Representing the interests of the Milford Community to ensure that the natural environments and outstanding values of the Milford Sound area are safeguarded and protected for all residents and visitors to the area.
- Monitoring and maintaining an overview of all activities and services provided within the Milford community.
- Considering and reporting on all matters either referred to and/or delegated to it from time to time by the Department of Conservation and the Southland District Council and on any matter of interest or concern to the Milford community.
- Accessing, using or investing funds and entering into arrangements, contracts and other agreements upon such securities or in such manner and upon such terms and conditions that the Trustees deem suitable for the purpose of furthering the objects and purposes of the Trust.
- Carrying out such other lawful activities which are incidental or conducive to attaining the objects and purposes of the Trust.

Trust Structure

Milford Community Trust is a Council Controlled Organisation with seven Trustees in total set up 1 April 2007.

Three (3) Trustees were appointed by right. These appointees are: an independent chairperson (appointed for a term of four years), the Te Anau Ward councillor (appointed for a term of three years) and one person elected by the new Milford Community Association (see following page for more information – appointed for a term of three years).

Four (4) Trustees were appointed from persons that were nominated by two members of the Milford community. An appointments panel considered the nominations and recommended to Council which Trustees should be chosen based on their skills and the sectors of the community they represent. The panel was made up of the Department of Conservation's Southland Conservator, the Chief Executive of the Southland District Council, the General Manager of Environment Southland and the person elected by the community association.

To ensure continuity of membership in the initial establishment of the Trust, only half of the four Trustees were appointed for four years. The remainder were appointed for two years to establish a rolling replacement programme for Trustees.

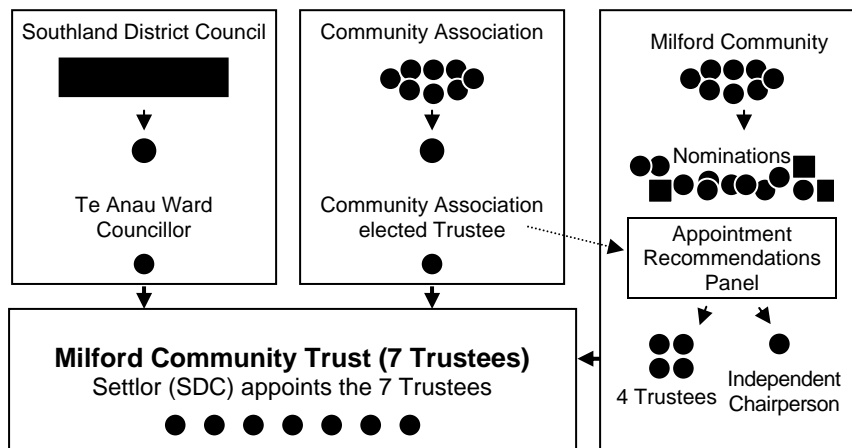
Nominations are now being sought for the Milford Community Association Trustee appointment.

The Trust comprises of no less than one, but no more than two Trustees nominated by a combination of the Milford Sound Development Authority Ltd (MDA), Milford Sound Red Boats Limited and Real Journeys Limited.

The Milford Community Association

The association is an informal forum for consultation and interaction between the Trust and the community. The Community Association will elect a representative to the Trust who will be involved as a normal Trustee and will also be part of the appointments panel that selects other Trustees as shown in the diagram below.

Illustration of the Trustee Appointment Process



More information?

If you would like any more information, please contact any Southland District Council office, or contact us as follows:

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Nominations for the Milford Community Association representative must be received at the Southland District Council Invercargill office by 5.00pm on Wednesday 22 October 2008

Milford Community Trust Trustee Specification

Personal attributes required for the role of Trustee:

- A passion, affinity and commitment to the Milford area
- Ability to work as part of a team and make a contribution to the team
- Ability to ensure that the required time is available to effectively carry out the role of Trustee
- Sound judgement and common sense
- High level of personal integrity
- Ability to communicate well
- Strong links to sector organisations or agencies with an interest in the Milford area.

Skills, knowledge and experience that would be helpful in the role of Trustee:

- An understanding of governance principals and experience of service on a governance body
- Knowledge of the Milford area and an understanding of the issues facing the area
- Some experience in strategic planning and business management in a context requiring sensitivity to the interests of individuals, corporate bodies, Iwi and the community.
- Intellectual ability, analytical skills and business acumen
- Strong leadership skills with emphasis on consultative and democratic approach
- Understanding of the processes of government and the law in relation to the Crown estate, resource management and tourism operations.



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE MILFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TRUSTEE

Milford residents, concessionaires and Iwi are invited to put forward their nomination for election of one trustee to the Milford Community Trust.

Copies of the nomination form and further details are available from any Council office, or at any of the District's libraries. The document are also available online at www.southlanddc.govt.nz.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Chief Executive, Southland District Council, 15 Forth Street, PO Box 903, Invercargill 9840, to be received by **5pm on Wednesday 22 October 2008**.

All nominations are to be on the prescribed Milford Community Trust Nomination Form.

The meeting of the Milford Community Association, at which the Trustee is elected, will take place at the Milford Development Association (MDA) Boardroom in the Main Terminal Building in Milford at **5pm at Tuesday 28 October 2008**.

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