

Council Controlled Organisations

This section provides an overview of Council Controlled Organisations and their activities.

Milford Community Trust

Background

The Milford Community Trust was established in 2007 to provide leadership and governance, and supply infrastructure services for the Milford community. The Trust allows local people to determine their priorities and provides appropriate consultation and open public meetings, similar to one of the Council's Community Boards.

Ownership and control of the organisation

The Milford Community Trust was established following a process of consultation with residents, agencies and businesses with interests in Milford in accordance with the special consultation process set out in the Local Government Act 2002. In terms of the Local Government Act, the Trust is defined as a Council Controlled Organisation reporting to the Southland District Council. The Trust was incorporated under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 pm 18 May 2007. The Charities Commission has approved the Trust as being exempt for tax purposes.

The Trust is governed by a board of seven Trustees. Current representatives from stakeholder groups are shown in the table below:

Designation	Name	Term Expires
Independent Chair	Michael Schuck	30 June 2014
Te Anau Ward Councillor	Diane Ridley	30 June 2013
Milford Community Association elected representative	Lou Huia	30 June 2014
Milford Community appointee	Andrew Welsh	30 June 2012
Milford Community appointee	Paul Phelan	30 June 2012
Milford Community appointee	Vacant	-
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Significant Policies

The Trust has developed a Communications Policy of its own in relation to its activities. It is expected that a full set of all relevant policies will be developed within the period covered by this statement. The Council itself does not have any significant policies in relation to the ownership and control of the organisation except for the Trust Deed which sets out the way in which business of the Trust is to be conducted.

Nature and Scope of Activities

Milford Community Trusts vision is the long term sustainability of Milford Sound *Piopiota*. Outputs from the Milford Community Trust activity primarily contribute to the achievement of the Our Way Southland Community Outcome Six – A treasured environment which we care for and which supports us now and into the future. The planned activities of the Trust in 2011/2012 are:

- Prepare a set of values, significant policy statements and code of ethics.
- Complete a co-ordinated emergency response plan for fire, medical, civil defence and other events.
- Facilitate the purchase of emergency response equipment (including 4WD vehicle and garage to house vehicle).
- Facilitate village improvements in conjunction with flood protection works on the Cleddau River delta area.
- Facilitate improvements in the public facilities at Deepwater Basin through the Concept Plan for this area.
- Advocate for public toilets and shelter at the airport and completion of the walking track to the Lodge.

What are the Key Issues?

In February 2008 Government approved \$13.1 million in funding to the Department of Conservation to undertake flood protection measures in Milford Sound Piopiota alongside the Cleddau River and on the Cleddau Delta. The area is being upgraded to protect the area against a 1 in 100 year flood event as well as allowing for sea level rise and climate change.

Key Performance Measures and Targets

Primary outcome: A treasured environment which we care for and which supports us now and into the future (6)				
What will be provided	How we will measure the service provided			
Level of Service	Key Performance Indicator	Actual 09/10	Target 11/12	Source
Maintain a structure that facilitates local decision-making.	Hold Public forums in Milford each year. ¹	0	1	Agenda/minute records on file
Keep the Milford community informed about Trust plans and outcomes.	Community newsletters (Feb, June, Oct each year)	1	3	Agenda/minute records on file
Provide leadership and advocacy on major issues.	Number of Milford Community Trust meetings held annually.	Not measured	4	Agenda/minute records on file
Response to issues raised by the community.	Percentage of issues raised at Milford Community Association meetings responded to prior to next meeting.	Not measured	85%	Action sheets

1. The public forum meeting is likely to be held in association with November Trust meeting in order to assist with planning for the draft Statement of Intent.

Sources of Funding

Southland District Council –

Southland District Council will provide administration and technical advice to support the Trust and contribute to the costs of the Independent Chairperson. This administrative portion of the operations will be funded by the Council the same as in any other community in the District with Community Boards and Community Development Area Subcommittees.

Milford Community –

The operational and project costs detailed in the table opposite are those which the Milford Community Trust considers will provide benefit for the concessionaires at Milford and should be recovered from the Milford concessionaires through the implied concessionaire fee, apportioned as per the Department of Conservation apportionment of cost schedule. The total annual concession charged will be the average of the three years shown in the table plus/minus the forecast actual surplus/deficit of the year preceding this plan and allowing for a \$20,000 (excl GST) reserve to be created. This will be reviewed annually. For 2011/12, the total amount being sought from concessionaires is \$35,664 (excl GST).

Other Income –

In addition to the operational and project costs, there are also costs associated with other significant projects that fall either directly or indirectly under the influence of the Milford Community Trust but have all or a majority of proposed funding through means other than apportioned implied concessionaires fees. There may also be a portion of public good associated with these projects. These projects include: Cleddau River flood protection, Cleddau Village development, Deep Water Basin redevelopment, waste minimisation and recycling, walking tracks and airport toilets.

Budgeted Operational and Project Costs 2011/2012 (excl GST)

	2011/2012 Forecast	2012/2013 Forecast	2013/2014 Forecast
<i>Operational Costs:</i>			
Governance Costs ¹	\$25,350	\$25,500	\$25,650
Emergency Response Team Operations	\$60,000	\$200,000	\$7,500
Roading Maintenance	-	\$5,000	\$5,000
<i>Projects</i>			
Project Development	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
ERT plant and equipment	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total (funded from Milford Community)	\$110,350	\$255,500	\$63,150

¹ Governance costs include Chairperson's fees, Trustees' fees, mileage allowances if applicable, insurance, accommodation costs and general meeting costs.

Southland Flood Relief Fund

The Southland Flood Relief Fund is a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) that holds money left over from the donations and grants received to provide financial relief for the people of Southland who suffered financial hardship due to loss or damage as a result of the extensive and severe flooding that occurred in the Southland province in January 1984.

At the time of the 1984 flood the Government of the day enabled the establishment of the Southland Flood Relief Committee and granted it power to establish a flood relief fund. The original Committee comprised the Mayor of the City of Invercargill, the Chairman of the Southland County, and the Chairman of the Wallace County. The Southland Flood Relief Fund's powers were subsequently widened in scope by the Southland Flood Relief Committee Empowering Act 1992 which effectively discharged the Southland Flood Relief Committee from the administration of the Fund and appointed Trustees to administer the unexpended balance of the fund.

The Trustees of the Southland Flood Relief Fund are the Mayor of the Southland District, Mayor of the City of Invercargill and the Mayor of the Gore District. The Trustees have agreed that the Southland District Council administer the Fund on behalf of all the Trustees. The Trustees are required to administer the fund in their absolute discretion to meet any unpaid claims on the fund made by persons suffering financial hardship due to loss or damage from recurrences of flooding in any area or areas of Southland, and by persons suffering financial hardship due to loss or damage from flooding, storm, or other natural disaster, but excluding subsidence, in any area of New Zealand. The 1992 Act will expire on 23 March 2012 at which time the funds may be applied to any charitable purpose in Southland as the then Trustees think fit.

As such, given that the Fund is not involved in trading activities and is essentially a term investment (with legislative control over the use of funds), in January 2009 the Council resolved to exempt the Fund from the planning and reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

As of June 2011, the balance of the term investment of the Fund is \$150,984 (excluding accrued interest).