



BACKCOUNTRY TRUST
Supporting Aotearoa's Backcountry Heritage



2019-20 PERFORMANCE REPORT



2019-20 has been a year of consolidation for the Trust as we move from start-up to a fully operationally focused charitable trust. This progression has seen us engage a further contractor to assist with our administrative tasks and release our contract manager for more one on one engagement with both our volunteers and our partners in the Department of Conservation.



The latter stages of the operational year have been somewhat unproductive in the field due to the Covid-19 lock down. Along with other back country recreation seekers we have had to come to grips with not getting things done! However, it appears the worst has now passed and many groups are heading into the hills to ride, hunt, walk, climb and get some of the work done on huts, tracks and other structures.

Performance for the year has been largely in keeping with our targets, allowing for the Covid-19 lock down, and I am pleased to present this report of our operational delivery and the continuing contribution of the trust volunteers to conservation and improvement of our recreational facilities.

The Board has worked hard over the last year with DOC staff to simplify and improve the documentation volunteers are faced with. Whilst considerable energy and time has been invested in seeking an outcome we are pleased that we now have a schedule of agreements and safety plans most volunteers can operate under. We continue to assist negotiation of agreements for volunteers and raise issues as they are encountered. The collaborative interaction of BCT with DOC results in most hiccups being sorted quickly

and more complex issues being placed in front of those who are responsible for resolution. Over the past year there has been significant progress on many inconsistencies and issues. We are grateful for the co-operation and assistance of key DOC staff in both regional and national roles and look forward to resolution of further matters in Te Anau over the coming months in line with that cooperative approach.

Our committed social media audience on Facebook has continued to grow exponentially with our member numbers escalating from 3,000 to exceeding 16,000 over the year. Through this engagement we continue to welcome new volunteers and receive encouragement and admiration for the work being done by the existing crew. We have seen new volunteers take on and complete projects this year and we continue to seek new people through multiple methods. Another initiative we have undertaken to involve more people is “paint a hut”. Old Cedar Flats Hut was repainted by a volunteer team over a weekend. All involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience so we will be attempting to engage more new volunteers in this way. We’d particularly like to thank Dulux paints who through their sponsorship



Volunteers recutting the track to Waikiti Hut, West Coast
Cover: Volunteers Graeme Stretch and Chris Milne painting the rebuilt old Top Forks Hut, Wilkin Valley, Mt Aspiring National Park



Volunteers from Menzshed Levin building new track rafts for the Waiopehu Track in the Tararua Ranges.

arrangement with DOC continue to extend their generous contribution of product to all the volunteer hut maintenance projects as well as the department's maintenance work on huts.

Further attempts to initiate volunteer uptake, in areas where volunteer-led projects have been rare, resulted in a joint project being undertaken with our contract manager supporting volunteers. This involved going through the process of assessing a project, gaining approval, planning, resourcing and undertaking all the tasks required to complete the project. The result was the renovated Toka Biv, expansion of our volunteer network and promotion of the activity across the volunteers' own social media audience. It was a successful demonstration of what can be achieved by directly engaging and supporting the learning processes required.

As a result of the success of the Toka Biv project and with several other projects coming to light in the North Island the Board has now approved the engagement of a further contractor who can provide similar support and assistance to more North Island projects. This will also allow our South Island based contract manager to focus on attending equivalent local projects while continuing to monitor all projects nationally and assist where required. We are excited to see what can be achieved in the North Island beyond the many projects already under taken and believe the development of our abilities through additional resourcing will ensure the effectiveness of our funding is maintained at a high level.

Recently a volunteer work party from Southern Lakes Branch, New Zealand Deerstalkers Association, was dispatched to Spey Hut on the Dusky Track. They completed significant strengthening of the roof frame and replacement of the iron as well as many other smaller jobs on site after suffering a 5 hour delay due to fog. This project is the first of a series on the Dusky Track that are being completed with the assistance of funds donated last year from generous supporters via our website. It is wonderful to be able to apply the funds individuals contributed to such an iconic and unique series of facilities along such a challenging track in one of the most remote and rugged areas of New Zealand. We look forward to utilising the funds on the next project, Lake Roe Hut. We also wish to acknowledge those who provide donations to us directly and thank you for your generosity.

Covid-19 and the encroaching winter conditions have put pay to many work schedules and our mountain bike track projects have suffered similarly. Significant progress continues to be made however and with logistics and planning well in hand we are seeing progress on the Kaikoura based Kaiterau Loop and work under way across several other large projects while long standing work by Keith Dekkers and others to overhaul Poolies Hut as part of the Hanmer based biking options is now also complete.

Our Board continues to work well and progress the trust's objectives. The mix of people and interests continues to bring forth new ideas and approaches while the wealth of experience and accumulated wisdom ensures we do not lose sight of the bigger picture or our commitment to our volunteers and funders. External support and observations from the contributing organisations as well as the general public and government officials assists us to ensure we deliver as much as we can with the resources available. This year the trust also welcomed onboard its first commercial sponsor. We are very grateful to Bivouac Outdoors for their instore initiative that means they are in a position to make a contribution that can go straight into some of the material costs for some of our volunteer projects.

The ongoing value of the volunteer work, that matches the funds used on materials and logistics, confirms the immense benefit of the volunteer-led model to all involved.

Thank you to all who have contributed this year. Regardless of your role - board trustee, contractor, volunteer, helicopter pilot, digger driver, track cutter, builder, painter or supporter. We very much appreciate your collective efforts to enhance the recreational opportunities that make New Zealand a unique and exciting place to live. We hope you have all occasionally downed tools and taken the opportunity to marvel at what you have helped create and the majesty of our back country.

Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi. Engari, he toa takatini.

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.

*Craig Benbow
Chairperson, Backcountry Trust*

Financial Performance

Backcountry Trust (Aotearoa | NewZealand)

For the year ended 31 May 2020

	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
Income - DOC Funded Projects		
DOC Project Funding	315,000.00	-
DOC CCPF Funding	-	455,000.00
Total Income - DOC Funded Projects	315,000.00	455,000.00
Costs - Volunteer-Led DOC Funded Projects		
Round 4 (2016-17)	532.98	15,627.48
Round 5 (2016-17)	7,723.71	32,505.77
Round 6 (2017-18)	5,885.04	74,234.32
Round 7 (2017-18)	4,108.02	31,760.70
Round 8 (2018-19)	35,358.31	79,857.72
Round 9 (2018-19)	49,100.29	71,857.97
Round 10 (2018-19)	45,831.68	10,177.61
Round 11 (2019-20)	144,639.99	-
Round 12 (2019-20)	30,512.24	-
Round 13 (2020-21)	1,920.00	-
Total Costs - Volunteer-Led DOC Funded Projects	325,612.26	316,021.57
Surplus (Deficit) - Volunteer-Led DOC Funded Projects	(10,612.26)	138,978.43
Income - Tagged Projects		
Donations - Tagged	-	4,036.49
Total Income - Tagged Projects	-	4,036.49
Costs - Tagged Projects		
Project Costs - Tagged	-	868.60
Total Costs - Tagged Projects	-	868.60
Surplus (Deficit) - Tagged Projects	-	3,167.89
Administration Income		
DOC Administration Funding	135,000.00	70,000.00
Donations - Bivouac	1,446.03	-
Donations - General	5,167.37	1,290.00
Interest	14,724.22	13,598.56
Total Administration Income	156,337.62	84,888.56
Administration Expenses		
Office, Travel & Admin Overhead	128,448.23	43,926.93
Total Administration Expenses	128,448.23	43,926.93
Surplus (Deficit) - Administration	27,889.39	40,961.63
Surplus (Deficit)	17,277.13	183,107.95

Financial Position

Backcountry Trust

As at 31 May 2020

31 MAY 2020

Assets

Bank

Cheque Account	50,389.84
Savings	28,948.93
Business Visa	22.39
Total Bank	79,361.16

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	258,750.00
Term Deposits	490,926.02
Total Current Assets	749,676.02

Total Assets

829,037.18

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	32,490.61
GST	20,768.51
PAYE Payable	880.00
Rounding	(0.11)

DOC Funds

DOC Projects - Unallocated Funds	247,785.53
DOC Projects Unspent - CCPF Round 5 (2016-17)	17,223.64
DOC Projects Unspent - CCPF Round 6 (2017-18)	3,254.23
DOC Projects Unspent - CCPF Round 7 (2017-18)	15,572.38
DOC Projects Unspent - CCPF Round 8 (2018-19)	34,112.27
DOC Projects Unspent - CCPF Round 10 (2018-19)	62,257.50
DOC Projects Unspent - CCPF Round 11 (2019-20)	203,391.02
DOC Projects Unspent - CCPF Round 12 (2019-20)	104,254.86
Total DOC Funds	687,851.43

Tagged Donations

Tagged Donations - Dunns Creek & Kiwi Flat Huts	227.17
Tagged Donations - Dusky Track Project	2,670.66
Tagged Donations - Lucretia Hut	869.57
Total Tagged Donations	3,767.40

Total Current Liabilities

745,757.84

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Net Assets

83,279.34

Equity

Current Year Earnings	17,277.13
Retained Earnings	66,002.21
Total Equity	83,279.34



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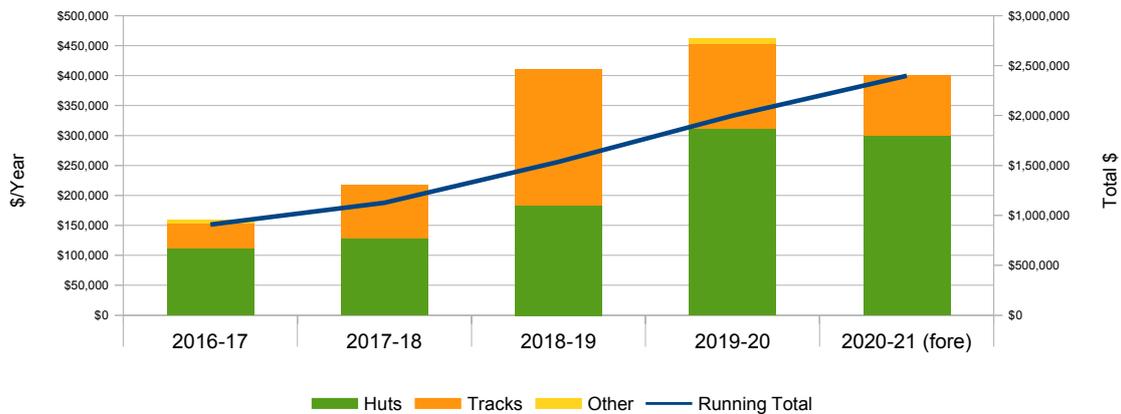
Brendon, Jeff and Josh beside the rebuilt Toka BiV, Ruahine Forest Park

VOLUNTEER PROJECT MILESTONES

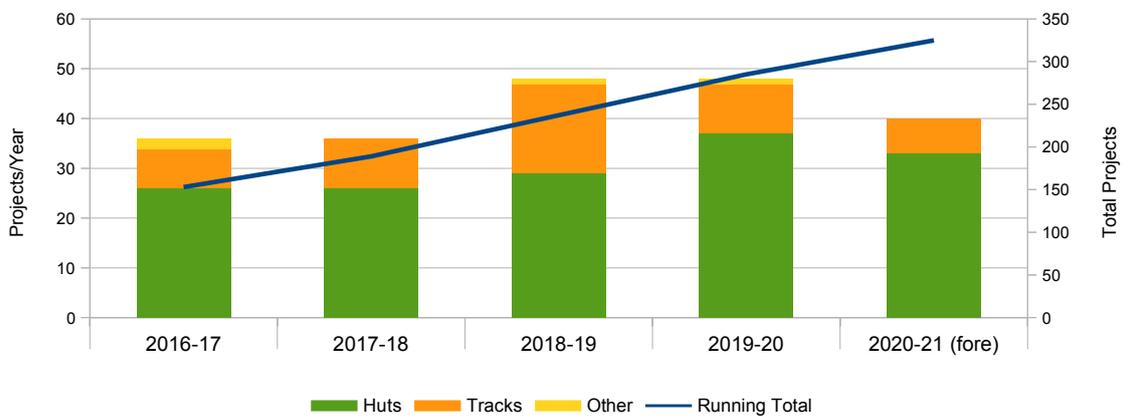
AFTER A QUIET WINTER, AND A STORMY START TO SPRING, MANY GROUPS STARTED LATE ON THEIR PLANNED PROJECTS FOR THE SEASON.

By the end of the financial year, 32 new projects had been completed and significant work done on a further 19 projects; most of which were near completion at the end of the financial year. Overall 279 volunteers were involved who spent some 10,000 hours on volunteer work in the back country.

Projects Approved



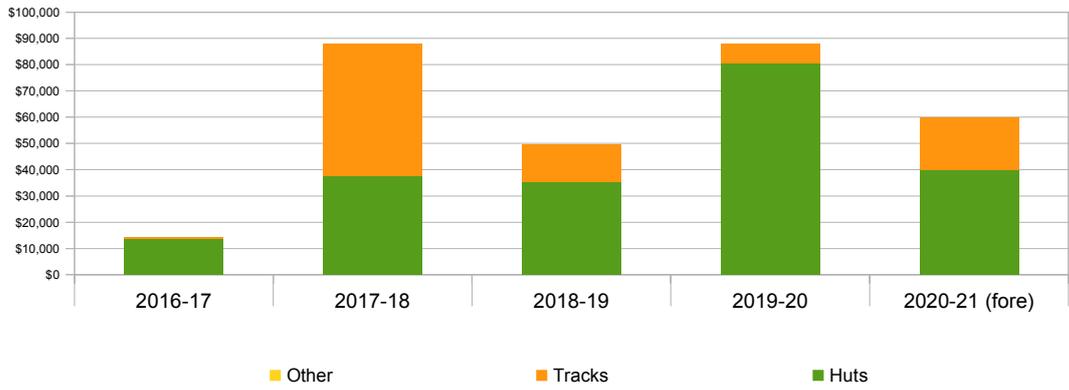
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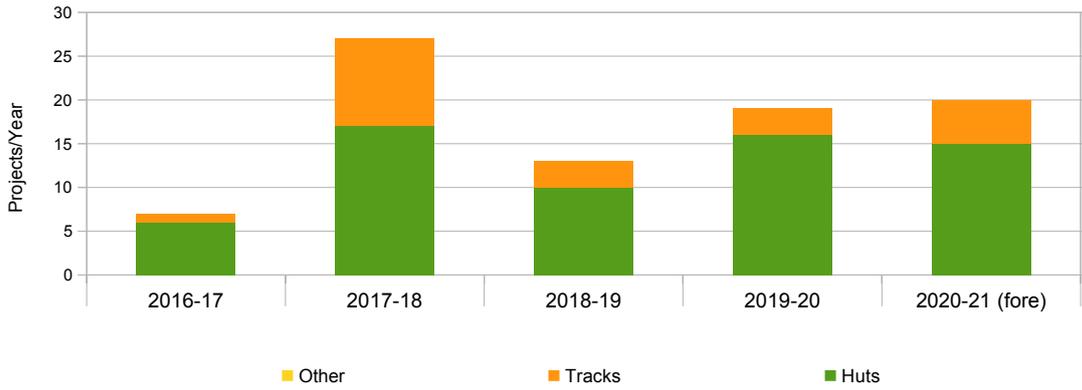
Volunteers shifting Bull Paddock Creek Hut onto new foundations.



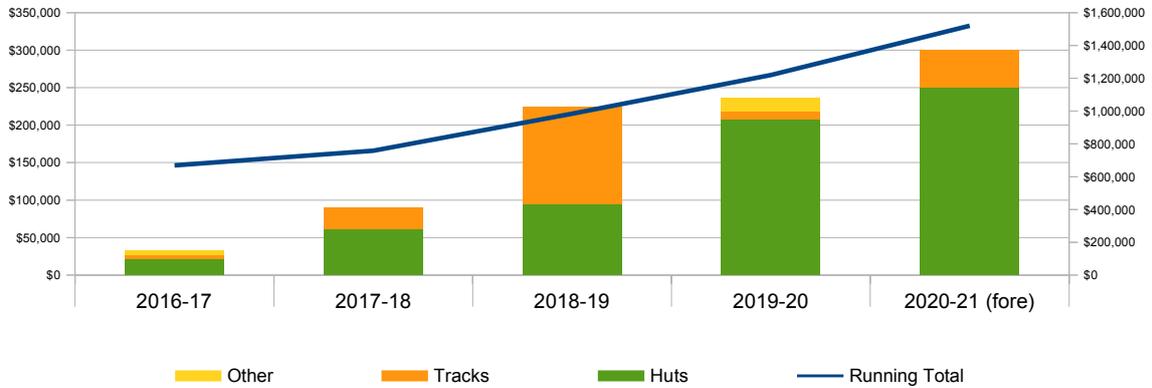
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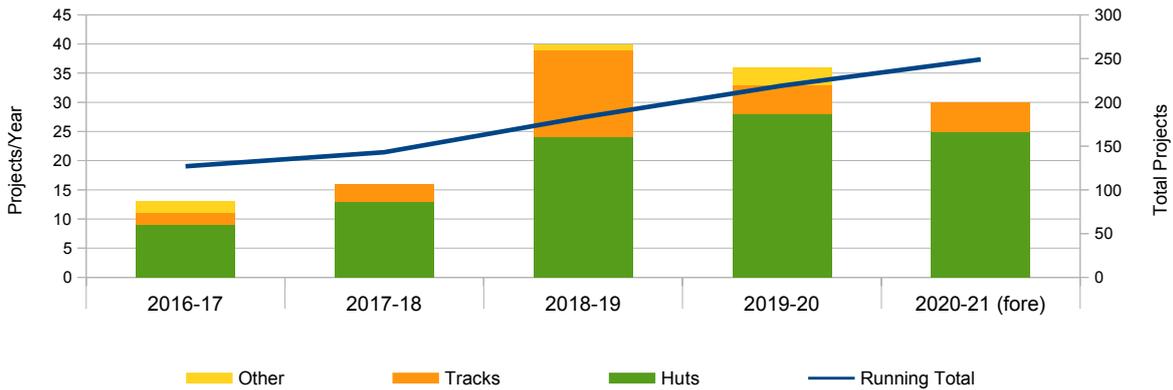
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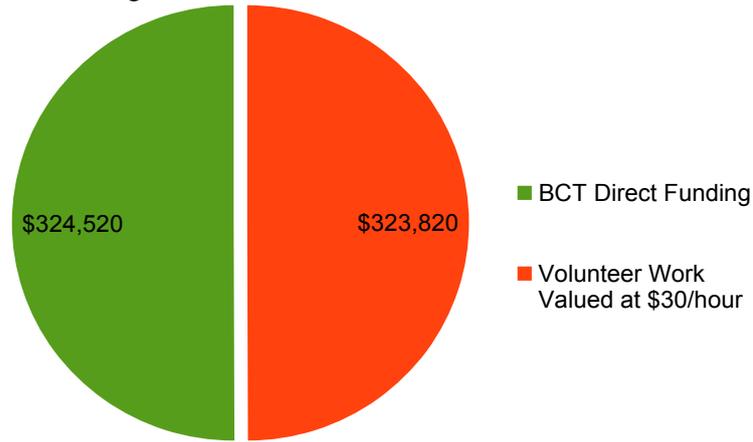
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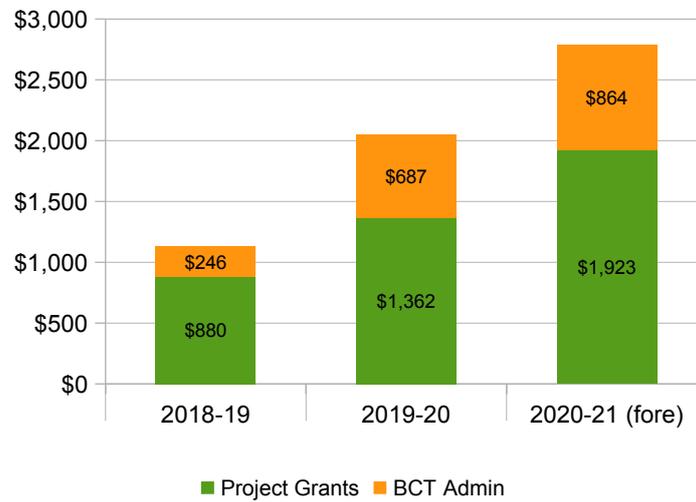
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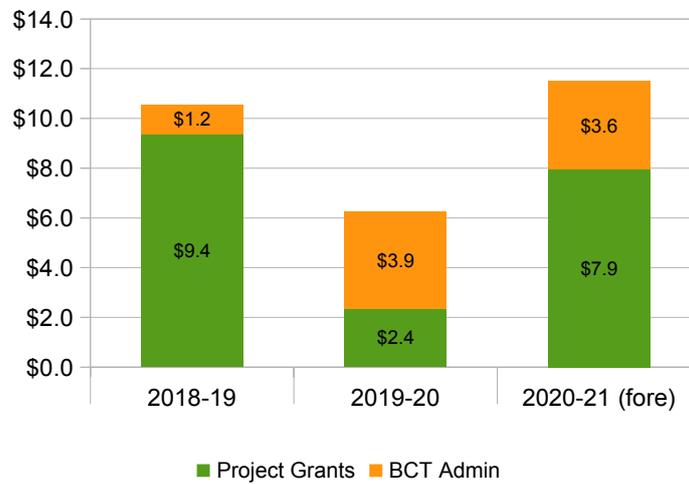
BCT Funding vs Volunteer Time 2019-20



Average Cost per Bunk



Average Track Cost per Metre



Early Spring saw a team led by BCT deputy chair Geoff Spearpoint go in to get the Thomas River Hut established on a new foundation. After the April 2019 floods on the West Coast, Jeff Rawles from DOC Haast had moved quickly to drag the hut back from the precipice on the edge of the altered river flow. A new site was cleared further back in the forest and

the team used rollers and turfing to drag the hut back onto the new foundations. Colin Morris oversaw all the building work and the critical work was completed within the week. A great team effort between DOC and the BCT saw this hut saved from further damage and safely established on the new site.



Shifting Thomas River Hut onto new foundations, West Coast

The Kaimai Ridgeway Trust also opened the 12 bunk Te Whare Okioki Hut in spring and it immediately proved a welcome and popular addition to the recreational opportunities in the area. This was the first major new build hut project that the Outdoor Recreation Consortium funded and the BCT extends its thanks to Tony Walton from the Auckland Tramping Club,

Roger Montgomerie from the Kaimai Ramblers and Stan Lowe from the NZDA Bay of Plenty Branch for being the driving force behind this project. The Kaimai Ridgeway Trust continues to be a very effective model for looking after this part of the recreational network with the various clubs and groups now looking after some 160 km of track and seven huts in the park.



The Kaimai Ridgeway Trust's new Te Whare Okioki Hut, Kaimai-Mamaku Forest Park



Will and Zdenek rebuilding old Top Forks Hut

In late October, one of the more significant projects for the year was for the Trust to fund the complete rebuilding of the old Top Forks Hut at the head of the Wilkin Valley. This historic hut in Mt Aspiring National Park was built in 1960 by Alan Duncan, a well known local deer culler and pilot, but in recent years had fallen into disrepair and had developed some serious rot in the framing. It pre-dated the park formation in 1964 and the hut was originally built as a joint venture between Mt Albert Station and Alan who used the hut as a base for deer control and recovery at the head of the Wilkin.

It was very well made out of heart rimu, on concrete piles, and with an open fireplace that had stood the test of time. Originally built as a four-bunk hut before being converted into six short bunks, it had been clumsily modified over the years with the addition of a woodshed on the side and a cover over the

entry door. The decision was taken to take the hut down to the floor, extend the hut 1.4m and rebuild it in keeping with the original look and design of the hut but with room for eight bunks on two sleeping benches. The rebuild was accomplished over two weeks by the brilliantly efficient Zdenek and Will from Black Peak Carpentry. They did a beautiful job of also recycling some of the native timber of the old hut back into the new build to leave the hut feeling much the same as the old hut that had given so many years of good service. In the New Year a team from the Upper Clutha Tramping Club put in some long hours to finish the painting inside and out and by February a team of rangers from DOC then did another solid week to put on the gutters and finish the deck to connect the two huts. They also completed a bundle of other back dated maintenance jobs around the hut to complete the upgrade.



Evangeline Hut after renovation



Bill Barnett installing new windows into Helicopter Flat Hut, Wangapeka Track

Also in late spring, Richard Janssen and Tracey Polglaze completed an excellent restoration of Evangaline Biv in Lake Sumner Forest Park. The completed restoration looks sharp in Rescue Orange and Richard installed an ingenious solution to providing this rarely visited hut with a toilet.

In December, Bill Barnett and his expert building team went in to Helicopter Flat Hut on the Wangapeka. They installed windows to the bunk room part of the hut and repainted the interior to leave it much brighter and welcoming as a place to stay for the night. Huge thanks as well with this project goes to Tom Young of

DOC Motueka for his work in helping the group to get everything together for this project.

In early January the first stage of the renovation of Renata Hut in Tararua Forest Park was completed. Grant Timlin led a group from exNZFS to restore this long neglected historic hut. The hut had got to a stage where it needed a major amount of work and the hut was re-roofed, rotten timber replaced and new windows installed. More work is planned on stage two in 2020 to complete repairs to the subfloor and replace some piles.



Renata Hut after stage one of the renovation, Tararua Forest Park



Left: Malcom McRae and Mauruicio Iloreda painting Browning Biv, West Coast

Right: Volunteers maintaining tracks in the Silver Peaks area, Dunedin

The weather finally came right for the South Island in January and work continued to close in the build on the new Mataketake Hut with a real team push between the contract builders and volunteers like Sandy Sandblom. By February the hut was closed in before Covid-19 put a halt to getting the hut finished before winter.

Over this month the Green Hut Track Group did a number of weekends that continued their ongoing work to keep all the tracks open in the Silver Peaks area near Dunedin. They continued this monthly programme right through till just before the Covid -19 shutdown. This volunteer group has been one of our longest ongoing commitments and they have been steadily working away on the tracks in their backyard for the benefit of the wider Dunedin community. A huge thanks to Graeme Elliot for all the volunteer work he does to co-ordinate these track cutting missions.

On Waitangi weekend, a small group from Permolat West Coast went in the Browning Biv and repainted

and sealed this hut. Mauricio Iloreda led the group and they also did a quick cut of the track down to the main Grassy Flat Hut in the Styx Valley. This was the start of a programme that the BCT hopes to step up over the coming years to promote opportunities to do more simple maintenance work on huts and tracks to match a small project to a group that might be wanting to get involved with a pretty straight forward job list.

February was perhaps the best month of weather over this summer. In the North Island a group of four led by Josh Murray went in and completely rebuilt Toka Biv in Ruahine Forest Park. This was another hut where the sub-frame was in relatively good condition but the rest of the hut had largely slipped into a state where much of the biv was beyond restoring. An entirely new frame was built off site and flown onto the reconditioned building platform. The new biv was finished over the next couple of days with Shaun Barnett and Peter Laurenson from Federated Mountain Clubs walking in to lend a hand for a couple of days.

Around the same time builder Keith Dekkers of Christchurch was also leading another work party to re-roof Poolies Hut on the St James Walkway. This project on the St James Cycleway provides some good accommodation for a ride that is growing in popularity.

Also in the Ruahines a group led by Andrew Mercer made great progress renovating Piripiri Hut and there is now just the cladding to finish to get this hut back into some sort of usable order. There is still a bit of catch up maintenance work to go in the Ruahines, but gradually groups are stepping forward to realise the vision of looking after all the huts in this park.

Towards the end of February 2020, a group of 4WD enthusiasts put in a great weekend of work to renovate Monument Hut in the Hopkins Valley. Daryl Taylor led the group and the team put in an outstanding effort to re-roof the hut, re-paint and tidy up the interior, and construct a set of steps up to a freshly cleared area at the entry to the hut.

On the first weekend in March, a group of North Island volunteers contacted the trust about the possibility of doing some work as part of their South Island holiday. Between ourselves and Tony Thrupp of DOC Hokitika we were able to quickly put together a piece of work



Volunteers renovating Poolies Hut, St James Cycleway

needed on old Cedar Flats Hut in the Toaroha Valley. This historic hut was overdue for a paint and the group did a fantastic job cleaning it up and giving it a fresh coat of Dulux Rescue Orange.

The following weekend in March a group from the Governors Bay Volunteer Firefighters led by builder Matt Annand re-roofed McCoy Hut at the head of the

Clyde River. This included a major round of catch up maintenance to replace rotten windows, build a new woodshed as well as carry out a variety of internal repairs.

On the same weekend a group organised by Bob Chittenden in Nelson, including builder Bill Gilbertson, started work on the rebuild of Connors Creek Hut.

Volunteers painting old Cedar Flats Hut, West Coast





Rebuilt Connors Creek Hut.

This hut had been condemned because of rot in the walls, but as with a few projects this year, this group was able to demonstrate that with a bit of thought and planning it was a relatively straight forward matter to turn it into a fully maintained hut.

Just before the shut down, Hugh van Noorden led two volunteer groups in to the headwaters of the Mathias Valley to catch up on the maintenance on a couple of huts in that area. West Mathias Hut saw a large team install a new toilet, build a woodshed and give the hut a good tidy up. Like a few huts in the area, vegetation had been allowed to crowd around the hut site and this was cleared back to allow light back into this sheltered spot. Hugh led a similar bundle of work over at Canyon Creek Biv and the three person crew installed a new toilet as well as giving the hut a fresh coat of paint.



Joke and Peter working on Canyon Creek Biv, Canterbury

The Malvern Branch of the NZDA also went into Benmore Hut in March and did a good maintenance round to paint the hut, tidy up some small jobs around the hut, as well as make a start on the down valley track clearance.

Despite all the work achieved over summer, these achievements were a little over shadowed by the shut down of the country from late March all the way into early May. A number of projects were affected by this with the major one being the local iwi group restoring A-Frame Hut in the Ruahines. Work was also delayed for the finishing work on the new Mataketake Hut in South Westland. This last project had a tough run with the weather, but DOC has now started on the connecting track re-cuts and the internal work on the hut should be finished by spring.



McCoy Hut, Clyde Valley, Canterbury

Just before the shut down, the NZDA Rakaia Branch also continued their work on Cattle Creek (Evans) Hut which has been partly funded by the BCT. Peter Oldham and Andy Kent have put a great deal of work into this renovation project and along with CMC's work in the area the huts in this catchment are starting to look in good shape.

As the end of the financial year approached, some groups started getting back into the work in late May. Permolat West Coast did some more track clearing work in the Kokatahi and the Gerhardt Spur to Toaroaha route and the NZAC was funded for a weekend project to replace and relocate the toilet at Godley Hut.

On Queen's Birthday weekend a group of six from the Southern Lakes Branch of the NZDA went into Upper Spey Hut and re-roofed this 12 bunk hut. This kicked off the BCT's long planned catch up maintenance

programme on the Dusky Track Huts. It was a tough thing for many hunters to be denied the opportunity of the roar this year and it was inspiring stuff to see people quickly move past that and grab any opportunity to get into the hills for a long weekend and give something back to their local area.



Volunteers from the NZDA Southern Lakes Branch re-roofing Spey Hut

NZAC volunteers moving the Godley Hut toilet



Progress on mountain biking projects was quiet this year for the trust with a number of projects held up because of inconsistencies over interpretation of regional Conservation Management Strategies. Some of these, notably the Taupo/Tongariro CMS, are now so out of date they precede the writing of the General Policy for Conservation which was signed off in 2005. Problems also arose over the planned mtb track in Snowden Forest by the local Te Anau Cycling Group. It seems relatively clear that the Southland CMS provided for the provision for new and existing tracks to be developed in Snowden Forest as an appropriate recreational zoning, but there has been an ongoing discussion as to the specifics of what is provided for and how the CMS should be interpreted.

The 2019/20 financial year for the Trust was book ended by two volunteer led projects to improve the mountain biking opportunities in Canterbury. Just

before winter 2019, the North Canterbury Cycling Club organised for T5 Contracting to do some tidy up work and realignment of the Wharfedale Track. This again was another example of a project where a contractor, volunteers and DOC were able to successfully and safely work together to carry out a project on public conservation land.

Right at the end of the financial year, the Kaikoura Cycling Club began the construction of the Kaiterau Trail which will create a ride utilising the 4WD track that climbs up to the spur on the way to Mt Fyffe Hut. This opportunity is hoped to be finished by the contractor in spring of 2020.

Rob Brown
Backcountry Trust Manager

Investigation of new Mountain Biking opportunities in Snowden Forest



Kaiterau Trail, Kaikoura



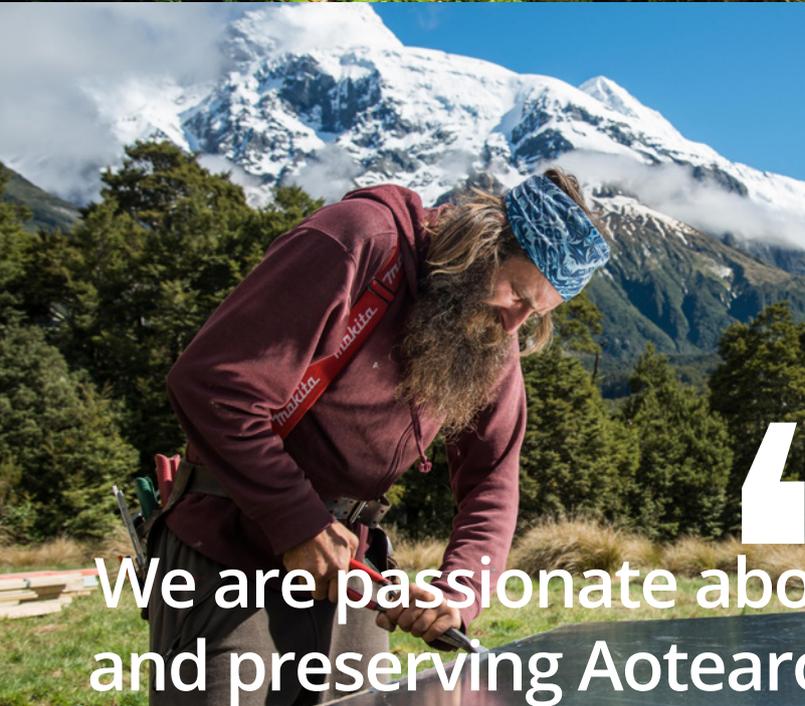
Wharfedale Track

LIST OF APPROVED GRANTS FOR 2019-20

PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT APPROVED (INCL GST)
ROUND 11		
Lincoln Biv	Permolat Southland	\$8,500
Tautuku Hut	Permolat Southland	\$10,460
Connors Creek Hut	Nelson Ski Club	\$16,950
West Coast Track Maintenance	Permolat West Coast	\$13,000
Silver Peaks Track Maintenance	Green Hut Track Group	\$28,617
Old Top Forks Hut	Rob Brown	\$15,000
Toka Biv	Josh Murray	\$8,000
Mid-Tasman Biv	NZAC	\$10,000
Harper Pass Biv	Craig Benbow	\$9,000
Broderick Hut toilet	Mike Lagan	\$6,050
Thomas River Hut relocation	Geoff Spearpoint	\$12,000
Monument Hut	Daryl Taylor	\$2,500
McCoy Hut	Governors Bay Volunteer Firefighters	\$12,000
Lawrence Biv	Zack Bennett	\$8,000
Roaring Lion Hut	Bill Bennett	\$14,000
Watchdog Hut	Zack Bennett	\$13,100
Canyon Creek Biv	Hugh van Noorden	\$7,000
Waiopehu Track Upgrade	Levin-Waiopehu Tramping Club	\$18,500
Moonbeam Hut	Waitaha Awa Kaitiaki	\$4,771
Kaiterau Loop Track	Kaikoura Cycling Club	\$53,000
Dunns Creek Hut	Permolat West Coast	\$16,410
Red Deer Lodge	Nelson Branch NZDA	\$11,000
Esk Head Huts	Craig Benbow	\$15,000
Prices Basin Hut	Ted Brennan	\$7,900
A-Frame Hut	Cherry Peeti-Tapurau	\$15,000
Jollie River Hut	Nick Ross	\$3,825
Sparrowhawk Biv	Napier Tramping Club	\$8,000
ROUND 12		
Larrikins Creek Hut	Ross Cullen	\$15,000
Lyell Hut replacement	Canterbury Mountaineering Club	\$50,000
Old Cedar Flats Hut	Richard Shields	\$2,000
Browning Biv	Permolat West Coast	\$1,380
Aratiatia Track	Bike Taupo	\$6,000
Kaimai Ridgeway Track	Kaimai Ridgeway Trust	\$15,000
East Matakitaki Hut	Rob Brown	\$15,000
Hogsback Track Craigieburn	Castle Hill Community Association	\$20,000
Barron Saddle Hut	Mount Cook Residents Association	\$13,692
Tauanui Hut	NZDA Porirua Branch	\$2,000
Winchcombe Biv design	exNZFS	\$1,500
Growler Hut 4WD access	Mike Lagan	\$3,450
Hurunui & Mangamuka Hut	Kaimai Ridgeway Trust	\$3,000
Perth Valley Track	Jane Morris	\$2,800
Renata Hut	exNZFS	\$9,000
Cow Creek Hut	NZDA Hutt Valley Branch	\$5,000
Godley Hut toilet	NZAC South Canterbury Branch	\$1,400
Mt Somers Track	Mt Somers Walkway Society	\$2,500



Volunteers from NZDA Malvern Branch painting Benmore Hut, Canterbury



We are passionate about outdoor recreation and preserving Aotearoa's rich inheritance of remote huts and tracks

