



Central Lakes Trust

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Media Statement

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Trustees Announce Grants for June 2005 Quarter

The Chairman of the Central Lakes Trust, Peter Mead today announced the grants made by Trustees for the second quarter of 2005. A total of 20 grants were made, totalling \$483,980. A full list is attached following these highlights.

Otago Central Rail Trail Trust - \$140,000

The Otago Central Rail Trail Trust has received a grant of \$140,000 from the Central Lakes Trust for trail surface improvements and the construction of new shelters.

The Rail Trail is a major recreational facility and visitor attraction in Central Otago, with recent research revealing that 80,000-100,000 people ride or walk on the trail each year. The surface of the trail does attract adverse comment from some users, and the Rail Trail Trust acknowledges that there are sections that require improvement. Although it is never intended to seal the trail, the Otago Central Rail Trail Trust aims to achieve a surface similar to a maintained gravel road. Of the \$140,000 allocated by the Central Lakes Trust, \$125,000 will be used to undertake surface improvement work at some particularly bad sites. A condition attached to the grant limits its use to those areas of the Rail Trail which lie within the Central Lakes Trust's geographic boundary

As the number of users of the Trail rises, the Otago Central Rail Trail Trust wishes to add three or four new shelters to the two which currently exist on the trail. These shelters are not intended for use as overnight accommodation, but as protection against extremes of weather and as places where people can stop, rest and picnic. The style of shelter proposed is a replica of linemen's sheds, and they will be constructed according to the original NZR design. The Central Lakes Trust tagged \$25,000 of its \$140,000 grant for new shelters, which will be sited where the need has been identified as being the greatest. As with the surface improvements, the Central Lakes Trust required that its funding be used for the provision of new shelters on the section of the Rail Trail within the Trust's geographic boundary.

Central Otago Wastebusters Inc - \$80,000

Central Otago Wastebusters has received a grant of \$80,000 to assist them to purchase a kerb-side recycling truck with a purpose-built recycle bin. This truck will allow recyclable materials to be sorted at source, and is a key element in Central Otago Wastebusters' three year development plan.

Efficiency in the present kerbside collection system is hampered by the need to manually load and unload items. Another factor affecting the efficiency is the flimsiness of supermarket carrier bags which are currently used by households for their recycling materials. These bags often break, especially once weighted down with heavy items, leaving staff to clear items from the roadside. This is a safety concern for staff who often have to deal with broken glass. An enclosed, three-layered tipping truck will be able to be unloaded, product by product, by tipping each separated later, whilst households will be provided with a collection receptacle in which to place their recycled items for kerbside collection. The Central Otago District Council will fund the purchase of the kerbside recycling bins.

The full list of the grants made in the second quarter of 2005 is as follows:

Roxburgh Millers Flat RSA	\$2,000
Disability Information Service	\$1,000
Living Options Charitable Trust	\$12,480
Central Otago REAP Te Reo	\$30,000
Alpine Community Development Trust	\$30,000
Anglican Methodist Family Care	\$12,500
Arrowtown Volunteer Fire Brigade	\$35,000
Central Otago Compassionate Friends	\$3,000
Central Otago Flying Club	\$5,000
Central Otago REAP (Arts Co-ordinator)	\$30,000
Central Otago Wastebusters	\$80,000
Cromwell Combined Churches Trust	\$3,000
Cromwell Lawn Tennis Club	\$30,000
Dunedin Community Law Centre	\$12,000
Kahu Youth Trust	\$20,000
Otago Central Rail Trail Charitable Trust	\$140,000
Queenstown Citizens Advice Bureau	\$10,000
Queenstown Shakespeare Trust	\$5,000
Strengthening Families Central Otago	\$10,000
Teviot Valley Community Christian Trust	\$13,000
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