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— INSPIRING EXPLORERS —

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New Zealand Prime Minister Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern visits Shackleton's Nimrod hut in October 2022. Prime Minister Ardern travelled to Antarctica to see the work of New Zealand scientists first-hand and mark the 65th anniversary of New Zealand's Scott Base. While there, Prime Minister Ardern visited the explorer bases the Trust cares for at Ross Island. © Antarctica New Zealand



CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Antarctic Heritage Trust was pleased to emerge from the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2022-2023 financial year, with our international programmes and expeditions up and running again, including our winter and summer conservation teams both back on the ice.

There has been a significant change in the leadership of the Trust, with former Executive Director, Nigel Watson farewelled in February 2023. During his 23 years at the helm, Nigel was dedicated to saving the sites of the early Antarctic explorers and creating programmes that inspire the next generation of explorers. The Trust is immensely grateful for Nigel's hard work and huge contribution, which saw him awarded the prestigious New Zealand Antarctic Medal as part of the New Year Honours.

After a global search and robust process, we were delighted to appoint Francesca Eathorne as the Trust's new Executive Director. Francesca has worked for the Trust for six years, most recently as its Chief Operations Officer. We thank Francesca for being the Acting Executive Director during the recruitment process, which led to a seamless transition when she officially took over the role in May.

The Trust's Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ South Pole expedition was a major highlight of the year. It was an incredible feat for the small Kiwi-Norwegian team to tow sledges 920km over 50 days to reach the South Pole, while experiencing extreme and challenging conditions.

For the first time since 2014, we had a team of four conservators winter over in Antarctica during 2022. The team carried out stabilisation on around 1000 objects collected from the historic exhibition bases. Another five-person team of conservators spent the 2022-2023 summer season returning the stabilised objects back to the huts and carrying out our annual monitoring and maintenance programme.

We continue to strengthen our partnerships with various other organisations, including the United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT). We collaborated off-ice with them during 2022-2023 and plan to be back on the ice with them this coming season.

We were honoured to have an opportunity to meet HRH The Princess Royal on her visit to New Zealand earlier this year. Her Royal Highness is a valued supporter of the Trust and launched our Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project in 2002 in Antarctica. We extended our sincere condolences to the Royal Family on the passing of Her Majesty the Queen.

Former New Zealand Prime Minister and the Trust's funding minister (at the time), Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern visited the explorer bases the Trust cares for at Ross Island, while visiting the Ice with Antarctica New Zealand.

The Trust was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Rt Hon Paul East CNZM QC, who made a significant contribution to the Antarctic Heritage Trust throughout his 15 years on the Board and as Chair from 2005 to 2016. Paul had a distinguished career in the legal, parliamentary and diplomatic services, including his appointment as New Zealand High Commissioner to the UK. We were also sad to lose Robyn Brunton, who was the Trust's loyal and dedicated Finance Manager for 15 years. Other members of our Antarctic community that sadly passed away included eminent scientist, Dr Eddie Roberson; Peter MacDonald, the last surviving member of the Trans-Antarctic Expedition/ International Geophysical Year winter-over party; long-time Trust member Chris Hubbert; and Arthur Brown, who for 28 years, managed the US Antarctic Program's involvement in New Zealand. All are greatly missed.

The Board thanked outgoing Trustees and welcomed several new members in 2023. We farewelled Nicholas Bellamy (Independent Trustee). Dr Richard Bedford was replaced by Dr Brent Clothier as the Royal Society Te Apārangi representative; Linda Kestle was replaced by Rex Hendry as the New Zealand Antarctic Society representative, and Aliasha Staples was appointed as a new Independent Trustee. Thank you to Rosemary Paterson from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) for her support over many years. Rosemary retired from her role mid-year. We welcome Alice Revell as our new representative for MFAT. We were also delighted that Governance Interns Mike Dawson and Georgina Archibald joined the Board as full Independent Trustees. We welcomed two new Governance Interns, Laura Andrews and Tasman Gillies.

There are numerous agencies, entities and individuals that support the Trust. Thank you to you all.

A full list of supporters is detailed later in this annual report. I wish to acknowledge Antarctica New Zealand which provides support for the Trust's activities in Antarctica, without which we cannot operate; and Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage through which we receive core government funding for our administration costs, enabling us to continue to ensure every dollar donors give goes directly to programme.

I extend thanks to my fellow Trustees for their ongoing support and service throughout the year. On behalf of the Board, I acknowledge and thank our outstanding team - former Executive Director, Nigel Watson, new Executive Director, Francesca Eathorne, and the dedicated Trust staff who remain jointly committed to the Trust's mission of conserving, sharing and encouraging the spirit of exploration.

On behalf of the Board, management and staff, thank you to all our partners, supporters, donors and members who have contributed to the Trust's work and success over the past year.

Mark Stewart MNZM
Chair



L-R: Zack Bennett and Lachie Cromar reinstate the chimney flue on top of Shackleton's Nimrod hut. © AHT/Jane Hamill



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tēnā koutou

I was excited and humbled to be appointed as the new Executive Director of Antarctic Heritage Trust, officially taking up the role in May 2023. It is an enormous privilege to lead the Trust into its next phase, working alongside the Board, our dedicated team and wonderful partners and supporters. I would like to congratulate Nigel Watson for his incredible achievements during 23 years in the role and thank him for his valuable mentorship over the six years we worked together.

There have been many highlights for the Trust across the 2022-2023 financial year. It was pleasing to deliver a successful conservation programme at Ross Island, including seeing our winter-over team complete their project. While no conservation work was started at Cape Adare, we were pleased to work with Antarctica NZ to make some urgent repairs to the camp infrastructure ahead of our next season.

We were delighted to host a conservation management plan workshop to review our now twenty-year-old plans and to ensure they are fit for purpose for the next decade as we continue to conserve this remarkable legacy in Antarctica.

Throughout the year we delivered seven Inspiring Explorers initiatives as part of our programme to connect young people with the spirit of exploration reaching over 5000 young people around New Zealand. It was terrific to be able to reinstate our international Inspiring Explorers Expeditions™ with our most ambitious one yet - a 1000km ski traverse to the South Pole. Congratulations to our Inspiring Explorers Mike, Laura and Marthe and former Executive Director Nigel Watson on a wonderful journey and achievement.

The launch of our Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ to South Georgia Island, our ninth expedition, at an event at New Zealand's Parliament was a special opportunity to catch up with many stakeholders from across New Zealand and even Australia. We acknowledge many could not join us due to severe weather events in New Zealand.

From the hundreds of applications we received, we were thrilled with the team of 22 Inspiring Explorers we have chosen to join us on the Shackleton Centenary Year Expedition. We acknowledge our new Inspiring

Explorers™ Programme Partners, MetService, and Royal Society Te Apārangi and thank them for their support in growing the next generation of explorers.

Our Inspiring Explorers programmes included our Explorer Conference where a group of 100 secondary school students from South Auckland (NZ) connected with our alumni and stepped out of their comfort zone through a series of workshops and activities.

Our education team continued to tour the Hillary's Hut - Antarctica Virtual Reality Experience around New Zealand with thanks to sponsorship from Dulux NZ; and we hosted two Young Inspiring Explorers™ Summits in Ōtautahi Christchurch, Gateway City to Antarctica with thanks to support from the US Embassy.

Our stories continue to inspire millions around the world, with an impressive earned-media reach for the year of almost 600 million and digital channels connecting us to more than 14 million people globally.

Over the past 20 months, the Trust's digital archive team has processed and uploaded over 180,000 images from the archives to 'Icy Heritage', the new home for our extensive collection of never seen before images. This project, which has funding from Lottery Grants Board will launch later in 2023.

We are grateful to our donors, members, supporters and partners, who help the Trust to deliver our mission to conserve, share and encourage the spirit of exploration.

Financially the year was challenging. The Trust recording an operating deficit for the year before a positive investment revaluation was applied. Our equity position remains strong.

This year we farewelled Trust staff: Executive Director, Nigel Watson, General Manager Commercial and Partnerships Marcus Waters, Trust Administrator Lynley Ward, Digital Collections Technician Dr Lynette Hartley, Inspiring Explorers™ Programme Co-ordinator Jessica Hughes Hutton, Public Engagement Officer Rupert Jackman, Communications Assistant Shinae Montie and temporary Trust Administrator Claire Payne.

We welcomed back Development and Philanthropy Manager Patricia Mackenzie from parental leave and welcomed the following new staff to the team:

Inspiring Explorers™ Programme Manager Mike Barber, Building Conservation Programme Co-ordinator Zackery Bennett, Public Engagement Officer Adelma Matthews, Programme Co-ordinator Tedi Robinson and Communications Co-ordinator Kate Stallworthy.

Thank you to Chair Mark Stewart MNZM, Deputy Chair Anthony Wright and the Board for their time and energy on Trust matters during the year. A big congratulations to Mark Stewart, who received an honorary Doctor of Commerce from the University of Canterbury this year.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff who have weathered a year of change and transition. I am grateful for their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to our mission.

Antarctic Heritage Trust is a special community because of the people like you around the world who support our work, recognise its significance in saving iconic cultural heritage sites for future generations and the power of inspiring people by sharing some of the world's greatest polar exploration stories.

Thank you all for your support - we look forward to continuing to share our stories and impact from programmes over the coming year.

Ngā mihi nui

Francesca Eathorne
Executive Director



Students take part in the Trust's Young Inspiring Explorers™ Summit. © AHT/Anna Clare

Trust Deputy Chair Anthony Wright (right) presents Nigel Watson (left) with the title Emeritus Executive Director. © AHT/Jo Moore



NIGEL WATSON HONOURED AND FAREWELLED

In late 2022, just before the end of his 23-year tenure as Executive Director of the Antarctic Heritage Trust, Nigel Watson was awarded the prestigious New Zealand Antarctic Medal, in recognition of services to Antarctic heritage preservation as part of the New Year Honours.

A major achievement in Nigel's noteworthy career was conceiving and overseeing the Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project, the world's largest and longest-running cold-climate heritage conservation project. The focus of this project is to conserve and maintain the five historic Antarctic bases associated with famous expeditions led by Captain Robert Falcon Scott, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Carsten Borchgrevink and Sir Edmund Hillary. Nigel has raised millions of dollars to conserve these bases and more than 20,000 items left behind by the polar explorers, some of which, like the whisky discovered under Shackleton's hut, have featured in documentaries and books, engaging a global audience.

The International Polar Heritage Committee (IPHC) recognised Nigel with gratitude for his significant achievement in the creation of this project, which has safeguarded this remarkable global legacy for future generations.

In 2015, Nigel created the Inspiring Explorers™ youth programme, which has since given thousands of young people the opportunity to engage with the Trust, whether through its expeditions to the world's polar regions, or at New Zealand-based events including summits, conferences and the Trust's virtual reality experience of Sir Edmund Hillary's Antarctic hut.

As part of the Inspiring Explorers™ programme, Nigel has led young people on multiple expeditions, including retracing Shackleton's route across South Georgia Island to mark the centenary of the original crossing,

traversing the Greenland Ice Cap to honour Nansen's legacy, climbing Mount Scott in Antarctica and leading a successful Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ to the South Pole.

An authority on Antarctic history, Nigel has also authored two acclaimed books – *Hillary's Antarctica: Adventure, Exploration & Establishing Scott Base* and *Still Life: Inside the Historic Huts of Scott and Shackleton*.

Nigel finished as Executive Director of the Trust on 3 February 2023 and was farewelled at an event in Christchurch, attended by Trust stakeholders, where his enormous contribution was recognised. In addition, the Trust's Board appointed Nigel as Emeritus Executive Director.

Mark Stewart MNZM, Chair of Antarctic Heritage Trust, says the Trust is immensely proud of Nigel's commitment and achievements during his time as Executive Director of the Trust. "Thanks to Nigel's leadership, the legacy of the polar explorers that the Trust cares for will be conserved, celebrated, and made accessible to New Zealanders and the world for generations to come."



Nigel Watson measures wind speed and temperature during the Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ to the South Pole. © AHT/Mike Dawson



ENCOURAGE



The Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ team at the South Pole. L-R: Bengt Rotmo, Marthe Brendefur, Laura Andrews, Mike Dawson, Nigel Watson.
© AHT/Mike Dawson

Antarctic Heritage Trust's Inspiring Explorers™ programme provides opportunities for young people to experience the wonders of Antarctica and the polar regions, connect them with the physical world, and educate, inspire and improve their lives.

Inspiring Explorers Expeditions™ connect young people with the legacy the Trust cares for and encourage them to embrace that same spirit of exploration, which is just as critical today as it was over a century ago.

As well as changing participants' lives, the expeditions create a platform for them to share stories and experiences with their communities and our global audience.

The Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ to the South Pole in January 2023 was the Trust's first international expedition since the COVID-19 pandemic. The Trust also reached thousands of young people through Young Inspiring Explorers™ and Inspiring Explorers Education™ initiatives.

INSPIRING EXPLORERS EXPEDITIONS™

South Pole

The Trust's Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ South Pole team showed how far an explorer mindset can take you, reaching the South Pole on 6 January 2023 after towing sledges 920km from the edge of the Ronne Ice Shelf. Over 50 days, the Kiwi-Norwegian team of Inspiring Explorers Laura Andrews, Marthe Brendefur and Mike Dawson, along with Expedition Leader and former Trust Executive Director Nigel Watson, and Ousland Explorers Polar Guide Bengt Rotmo, worked their way through a maze of sastrugi and around crevasse fields. They experienced extreme winds, punishing sub-zero temperatures and the effects of altitude. The expedition celebrated 150 years since

the birth of legendary Norwegian polar explorer Roald Amundsen.

Inspiring Explorer Laura Andrews describes the team's mission as simple, "Survive each day and ski South. We were back to basics — set up shelter, boil water, fuel yourself, get enough sleep, and repeat. The early polar explorers bravely faced the unknown with resilience, comradery, and passion. The advances in knowledge and technology that we benefitted from, can be attributed to the curiosity and innovation of the explorers that came before us. Despite these advantages, we still navigated using the sun and the wind, and needed perseverance to endure 50 days in the elements. 111 years apart, we experienced the same environment filled with awe and wonder, days of physical exertion, and moments of soulful elation."

South Georgia

From hundreds of applicants, the Trust selected 22 young New Zealanders for its ninth Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ this time travelling to South Georgia Island. The expedition will commemorate the centenary of Sir Ernest Shackleton's final expedition, the *Quest*, which journeyed to South Georgia and marked the end of the heroic-era of Antarctic exploration.

Our Inspiring Explorers™ met for the first time at a team building weekend in June 2023, where they were able to engage with the Trust's mission and develop their outreach plans. The Trust is delighted to welcome Inspiring Explorers™ Programme Partners MetService and Royal Society Te Apārangi.

Mahu Whenua Traverse

In September 2022, six young New Zealanders completed a gruelling 50km journey on skis through the Harris Mountains between Treble Cone and Coronet Peak on the Trust's Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ Mahu Whenua Traverse in partnership with the Mountain Turk Club.

The team stayed in 'Turk' accommodation along the traverse - 26,000-litre water tanks converted into huts by the Mountain Turk Club, and pioneered in Antarctica by the Trust and Club Founder Erik Bradshaw.

The Trust would like to thank supporters Treble Cone and Coronet Peak ski fields, and Queenstown Park Boutique Hotel.



YOUNG INSPIRING EXPLORERS™

Summit

In November, the Trust's Young Inspiring Explorers™ Summit saw a group of 20 students, aged 11-14, from around New Zealand experience a weekend of exploration in Christchurch. The Summit was delivered in partnership with William Pike Challenge and was supported by the US Embassy and Consulate in New Zealand. The students experienced an Antarctic storm, met huskies and penguins at the International Antarctic Centre and learned about life at the New Zealand and US Antarctic stations from the team at Antarctica New Zealand, and US Antarctic Program winter team member Sarah Bouckoms (Trust alumna), who had just returned from the South Pole. They also learned about the transport logistics of getting to Antarctica from the New Zealand Defence Force, including a very special tour of a Royal New Zealand Air Force C130 Hercules.

Explorer Conference

In June 2023, the Trust delivered its second Explorer Conference, which was attended by 100 Year 12 students from schools in South Auckland, New Zealand.

Students heard from inspirational speakers including Chief Executive Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage Leauanae Laulu Mac Leauanae, who officially opened the conference, and Faumuina Felolini Maria Tafuna'i, who drew on the wisdom of Pasifika star navigators to enable students to celebrate diversity, whakapapa, and personal visions of success.

A presentation by Inspiring Explorer William Pike was a highlight for one student who said, "I found William inspiring and the messages he conveyed resonated with struggles I have in my own life. Hearing about his challenges and how he overcame them filled me with ambition and I felt empowered. I have tried to be more explorative in my day-to-day life."

In addition to workshoping topics led by the Trust's alumni, students took part in action-based learning activities including a session on the nearby white water park where they built rafts and raced each other in teams.

The Trust would like to acknowledge primary supporters Sir Noel and Sue, Lady Robinson.



SHARE

“This was an exciting, immersive experience that positively engaged all students. The VR programme educates students on Sir Edmund Hillary and the work he did in the Antarctic, in a fun and inspirational way.”

Lawrence Botting, Teacher,
Kirkwood Intermediate School



Treasuring and sharing the world’s greatest polar exploration stories is one of the Trust’s strategic goals. The Trust does this by embracing technology to bring these to a New Zealand and global audience, ensuring we are the trusted source of information on the polar explorers’ legacy we care for. The Trust engages and shares powerful stories with our worldwide audience through innovative content.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Inspiring Explorers Education™

The Trust’s education programme includes its virtual reality experiences and augmented reality app, alongside specific toolkits for teachers. This year the Trust was delighted to welcome our new Public Engagement Officer, Adelma Matthews. Adelma is an experienced educator with over 20 years of experience working in schools and with communities as a classroom teacher, team leader, deputy principal and resource teacher of learning and behaviour.

Hillary’s Hut - Antarctica Virtual Reality Experience

Since late 2020, the Trust has toured the VR experience around New Zealand schools and community, bringing Antarctica to thousands of Kiwis in a fresh and dynamic way. The education team has engaged in person with more than 9600 people since the inception of the New Zealand tour, with engagement through online platforms Vive and Steam totalling more than 30,157.

In addition to delivering the Hillary’s Hut - Antarctica Virtual Reality Experience, our education team inspire people with their presentations on Antarctica and the work of Sir Edmund Hillary and his team to further science and exploration as part of the Trans-Antarctic Expedition and International Geophysical Year. The team also drive engagement with the Trust’s augmented reality (AR) app, created in partnership with StaplesVR, and available for free download. When the team visited the Western Bay of Plenty, one participant said, “I was particularly impressed by the free take-home *My Explorer Journal* which will enable our family to further discover the Antarctic world via the app.”

The Trust is grateful to its national tour sponsor Dulux New Zealand and partners StaplesVR and Auckland University of Technology as well as Antarctica New Zealand.

To book a visit to your school or community venue go to nzaht.org

INSPIRING EXPLORERS OUTREACH

Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ South Pole
Following their return from the South Pole, our Inspiring Explorers™ Laura Andrews, Marthe Brendefur, and Mike Dawson are each delivering an outreach programme to encourage the spirit of exploration. This has included inspirational talks at major festivals and conferences, presentations to community and special interest groups, social media activity, and taking part in media opportunities. The Trust is also producing a documentary film which will be completed in August 2023 and entered into New Zealand and international film festivals.

Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ South Georgia

Ahead of the expedition departure in September 2023, the Trust has worked with Inspiring Explorers™ Programme Partners MetService and Royal Society Te Apārangi to scope outreach projects connecting with themes such as climate change, science, polar history and education. This exciting outreach programme will see our 22 Inspiring Explorers™ learning to use MetService's world-leading scientific equipment to gather data in the marine environment, get hands-on experience and learn from exceptional mentors.

IMAGE ONLINE DATABASE

The Trust secured funding from the New Zealand Lotteries Grants Board to catalogue and upload its extensive image collection to a cloud-based collection management platform called Recollect, including never-before-seen images from the last 21 years of the conservation programme.

Over the past 20 months, the project team have processed over 182,500 images from the Trust's archives.

Trust Digital Collections Technician Ella Beckett says, "Along with detailing the Trust's work to preserve the explorer bases of Borchgrevink, Scott, Shackleton, and Hillary, the images also give a comprehensive insight

into daily life in the field for our conservators and tell a story of collaboration with Trust supporters, from our global conservation alumni to the partners that assist with logistics and transport to remote locations."

The Trust is looking forward to sharing a selection of stories and images with the public through our public portal which will be launched in October 2023.

DIGITAL

The Trust continues to receive positive media coverage for its programmes. Earned media reach for 2022-23 is over 595 million.

The Trust connected with over 14.2M people via its digital channels in 2022-23, its largest reach ever.

Our Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ South Pole digital campaign, in collaboration with Roald Amundsen's House in Norway and Photographic Partner Canon, reached over 1 million people and built a huge following around the world from those eager to follow the progress of our team and learn more about how we were commemorating 150 years since the birth of legendary polar explorer Roald Amundsen.

In the 2022 calendar year the Trust commemorated the centenary of the end of the heroic-era of Antarctic exploration via an online campaign. This reached over 677,000 people and had more than 41,000 engagements (likes, comments and shares).

In June 2023, the Trust published online an interview with George Denton, a globally renowned climate scientist and Trust supporter. During his long career, George has studied the history of glaciers all over the world, making his first visit to Antarctica in 1958; and returning 30 times. George's insight into climate change science, and incredible connections to the heroic-age of Antarctic exploration make for compelling watching.

The Trust shares its conservation stories on the Antarctic blog on its website.

EVENTS

In February 2023 the Trust launched applications for its Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ South Georgia with a dinner in the Banquet Hall, Parliament Buildings, Wellington. This was accompanied by a comprehensive digital campaign to attract applications, including a dedicated website.

The Trust engaged with the Christchurch community through the Days of Ice Festival held in October 2022.



Earned media reach
595 million

Digital reach
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E Inspiring Explorers Education™

In-person reach
9,600

Online reach
30,157

D Image Database

Digital images processed
182,500

R Campaign Reach

Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ South Pole
1 million+



CONSERVE

“Returning the conserved artefacts after a mammoth winter conservation project was particularly rewarding for the team.”

Lizzie Meek,
Collections Conservation Manager

The Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project is the world's leading and longest-running cold-climate heritage conservation project. Its focus is to conserve and maintain five historic Antarctic bases associated with famous expeditions led by Captain Robert Falcon Scott, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Carsten Borchgrevink and Sir Edmund Hillary, safeguarding this incredible global legacy for current and future generations. The bases and the thousands of objects they contain, represent humanity's early life and endeavours at the Antarctic frontier in the name of science and exploration.

ROSS ISLAND

The 2022-23 summer Antarctic season saw a five-person conservation team, led by the Trust's Collections Conservation Manager, Lizzie Meek, spend seven weeks working on an intensive work programme.

In addition to the annual monitoring and maintenance for each historic site, hundreds of artefacts were returned to two of the historic huts, after undergoing stabilisation treatments by the Trust's team of four on-ice conservators who wintered over in 2022. This was the first time since 2014 that a winter conservation team had remained on the ice to carry out work.

A total of 574 artefacts were returned to Shackleton's *Nimrod* hut and 399 returned to Scott's *Terra Nova* hut at Cape Evans, including pony snowshoes and tack from the stables, and an expedition medical kit.

An improvised sledge distance meter wheel, once owned by George Murray Levick, a surgeon, zoologist and photographer on Scott's British Antarctic Expedition 1910-1913 was also conserved and repatriated to the *Terra Nova* hut by the conservation team. The wheel was likely attached to one of the sledges during the Northern Party's self-rescue in 1912. Levick took it with him when the surviving members of Scott's expedition left Antarctica in January 1913. The wheel had been passed down through Levick's extended family over the years, and was donated to the Trust by Ross and Bruce Bailey.

Other historic artefacts donated to the Trust, conserved, and returned to Scott's *Terra Nova* hut over the summer include a box of cocoa tins, and a Shell motor spirits box. The items were donated by former United States naval Captain Dave Baker, who was a volunteer member of a rescue team stationed at McMurdo Base from December 1955-1957. For the

L-R: Conservators Megan Absolon and Jane Hamill return artefacts conserved over winter 2022 to Shackleton's *Nimrod* hut, Cape Royds.
© AHT/Lizzie Meek

last 60 years he had used the artefacts as exhibits in lectures, sharing his Antarctic experience and polar history with tens of thousands of people.

While at the *Terra Nova* hut, the conservation team worked on an archaeological site survey and recorded details of newly visible artefacts. To manage liquid blubber from the blubber stack in the Western Annex in the hut, the team installed flashings to direct liquid blubber run off, along with a perforated sheet metal filter and sump box to catch the run off.

At Shackleton's *Nimrod* hut at Cape Royds, the team continued conservation work on the Venesta box stack positioned along the exterior southern wall of the hut, checking for deteriorated food products, and moving the box stack 700mm from the hut wall to enable the wall to breathe and dry out.

Additional work at Cape Royds included the repair and reinstatement of a damaged chimney flue and rigging, and repairs to damaged hessian on the fodder bales located along the north wall of the stable. The hessian gradually degrades as a result of light damage, penguin guano and abrasive scoria and is periodically replaced.

The Trust is grateful to Antarctica New Zealand for their logistical support throughout the season and to the United States Antarctic Program for their support of the team's work at Hut Point Peninsula, helping this important conversation work to be undertaken.

CAPE ADARE

An Antarctica New Zealand-led event saw a small team of four people travel to Cape Adare, the site of Carsten Borchgrevink's expedition base, for the first time since the field camp on site was completed during the 2019-20 summer season. This season, the team carried out essential repairs to the turks (water tank buildings) on site, following some damage to them, as well as mobilising the field camp ready for when the conservation team begin their work. The turks are in place to support the conservation of the Cape Adare huts.

Trust Heritage Carpenter John Taylor described the repair work of fixing straight ply wood to a curved tank as a bit like putting a square peg in a round hole, "The repair consisted of bolting studs and ply to the outside of the tank, on the windward side, where damage had occurred and where the wind pressure is greatest. The team conducted trials at Scott Base to see how difficult this would be in the field. It was decided to pre-bend all the ply at Scott Base to the required radius, prior to departure to Cape Adare. Fixing the curved sheets to the hut then became a reasonably simple process."

Special thanks to Antarctica New Zealand and the Italian National Antarctic Research Program for fixed-wing and helicopter air support, in particular Kenn Borek Air and HeliSupport International.

CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

In March, the Trust hosted a two-day workshop to review its Conservation Management Plans. These plans form the foundation for the implementation, fundraising strategy and conservation efforts of the Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project. Much of this initial implementation has been successfully undertaken, with the exception of the Cape Adare huts. This workshop was a 'scoping and discovery' exercise with a view to updating the current Conservation Management Plans, which have been in place for 20 years.

During the workshop, key people from around the world who are knowledgeable about the historic huts, their management and protection and conservation practice, worked collaboratively to identify high-level constraints and issues and to recommend appropriate policy directions as the plans are reviewed.

Joining participants from the Trust were representatives from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, Antarctica New Zealand, International Conservation Services (ICS), Cheshire Architects, Heritageworks Ltd, and United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage Trust. Among the group were a number of the authors of the original plans including, Gordon Macdonald (Heritageworks Ltd and Secretary General International Polar Heritage Committee), Julian Bickersteth (Executive Director ICS) Pip Cheshire (Director Cheshire Architects) and Chris Cochran (Heritage Architect) as well as Trust staff Al Fastier and Lizzie Meek.

The Trust acknowledges Richard Mackay from Mackay Strategic for his excellent facilitation of the workshop and Fiona Tennant (Principal Collections Manager ICS) for editing duties.

SHARING EXPERTISE: UKAHT

As part of the Trust's multi-year partnership with the United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT), the Trust continues to support the UKAHT to undertake its long-term conservation programme to conserve six historic bases established by British expeditions on the Antarctic Peninsula. Since 2017, the Trust has provided support in numerous areas including project planning and development off-Ice, and surveying and repair work on-Ice. Due to COVID-19, this combined Antarctic-based field work for the 2022-23 season was cancelled. Despite this, the Trust continues to collaborate off-Ice, analysing the survey data collected to date and developing Conservation and Implementation Plans.



SUSTAIN

“We feel very welcome with the Trust, and want to contribute what we can to further the Trust’s endeavours, upkeep the huts, and educate younger people in the world...”

Olive Day, Trust Supporter



Donations, contributions and support from a wide range of individuals, organisations and businesses help us to achieve our goals to sustain and grow the Trust’s programmes, which conserve, share and encourage the spirit of exploration, while caring for people and the planet.

GIFTS IN WILLS PROGRAMME

Exciting memories of visiting Scott’s and Shackleton’s historic huts during a 2012 expedition to the Ross Sea, and witnessing the positive impact of the Trust’s conservation programme, have inspired Olive and Robin Day to join the Trust’s Gifts in Wills Programme.

Robin says when they went ashore at Scott’s Hut at Cape Evans during the expedition, the hut was ice bound, and they couldn’t get in through the front door. “We had to manoeuvre around to the back of the small peninsula and clamour up over the hill to go in the back way which was not easy.”

Olive remembers having to clean their boots on the way in and the way out of the hut and seeing all kinds of artefacts including Marmite and cheese. “The penguin that was sitting on the table at Scott’s Hut still smelled,” says Robin.

The couple visited Shackleton’s hut later that day and feel privileged to have ventured where only a small number of people have been. They are happy to see the changes that have taken place thanks to the Trust’s conservation work at the historic huts. “We’ve been there where all the artefacts are, where everything has been restored. It was a mess. We appreciate that the Trust is maintaining it now. We want that to continue.”



Olive and Robin Day visit Scott's Terra Nova hut in 2012. © Olive and Robin Day

Olive has always been interested in leaving a gift in her Will to a charity and after some discussion, Robin decided he wanted to do the same. They don't have children, so finding a cause they both care about was really important. After coming back from Antarctica, Olive knew she wanted to support the historic huts for years to come. "If you don't have anywhere specific to leave your inheritance, you should consider the Antarctic Heritage Trust and the work that they do," she says.

By leaving gifts in their Wills, Olive and Robin will help to ensure the stories of Antarctica's inspiring explorers are shared and the historic huts in Antarctica are preserved for generations to come. They feel confident that leaving a gift to the Antarctic Heritage Trust is the right choice for them. "It's the personal touch with the Trust, who met with us and invited us to morning tea. We feel very welcome with the Trust, and want to contribute what we can to further the Trust's endeavours, upkeep the huts, and educate younger people in the world, who 50 years down the track, might want to do the same thing," shared Robin.

Thank you to Olive and Robin by supporting the Trust for generations to come by leaving gifts to the Trust in your wills.

To learn more about our Gifts in Wills Programme or The Explorers' Mindset Leadership Programme, email info@nzah.org or call +64 3 358 0212

CORPORATE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Trust has developed an exciting partnership with Australasian human resource and training consultancy, Generator Talent Group, working together to design a corporate leadership programme drawing on the leadership lessons from the heroic-era of Antarctic exploration.

The result is The Explorers' Mindset Leadership Programme which concludes with the participants undertaking their own expedition. A percentage of the proceeds from the programme will support the Trust.

An inaugural participant said, "The programme you've put together in one of the most creative leadership approaches I've seen in my career - the narrative you're threading is exceptionally creative, the guests you're introducing are world-class and the quest this is attached to is unique. Without question, you are onto something magic here and I cannot wait to see that come to life at scale for our organisation."



Chief Executive Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage Leauanae Lau Mac Leauanae opens the Trust's Explorer Conference.



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ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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ENTITY INFORMATION

Type of Entity and Legal Basis

Antarctic Heritage Trust was incorporated in New Zealand on 8 October 1987 under the Charitable Trust Act 1957 (registration number 341412) and registered as a charitable entity on 8 May 2008 under the Charities Act 2005 (registration number CC24071).

Antarctic Heritage Trust Ltd is a NZ limited liability company incorporated on 27 June 2017. Antarctic Heritage Trust is the sole shareholder.

Purpose and Mission

The Trust's vision is 'Inspiring Explorers'.

The Trust's mission is to conserve, share and encourage the spirit of exploration.

Entity Structure

The Trust deed states the Board shall consist of not less than eight and not more than 14 persons, and is to include senior Government representatives from Britain, Ireland, United States and New Zealand, heritage and polar agencies and Independent Trustees chosen for their relevant skills, experience and perspective. The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees, with management of the Trust delegated to an Executive Director and supported by an executive team in Christchurch and international conservation teams of specialists. The Board of Trustees meet throughout the year. Board sub-committees are established to assist Trustees to carry out their responsibilities. The Trust's office is located in the International Antarctic Centre in Christchurch, New Zealand, co-located with the New Zealand, United States, Korean and Italian Antarctic Programmes.

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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Antarctic Heritage Trust on 20 September 2023.



Mark Stewart MNZM
Chair



Francesca Eathorne
Executive Director



ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE 2022-2023

VISION: INSPIRING EXPLORERS

MISSION: TO CONSERVE, SHARE AND
ENCOURAGE THE SPIRIT OF
EXPLORATION

GOAL	PERFORMANCE TARGET	OUTCOME	
		2023	2022
CONSERVE Conserve the international legacy under the Trust's care for the benefit of humanity	Undertake field programme (Year 1 of 2) at Cape Adare to conserve Antarctica's first building	Deferred to 2024	Deferred to 2024 due to Covid
	Care for Ross Island heroic-era huts and Sir Edmund Hillary's hut at Scott Base	250 On-Ice days recorded	441 On-Ice days recorded
	Complete winter conservation programme of artefacts at Scott Base and return artefacts to sites	Winter-over team conserved 611 artefacts	Winter-over team conserved 473 artefacts
	Maintain the Trust's Reserve Collection currently housed at Canterbury Museum	c. 1000 artefacts cared for	c. 1000 artefacts cared for
	Maintain the Cape Adare artefacts as per the permit conditions while temporarily in New Zealand	Secured updated permit	Not Applicable
	Undertake consultancy in Year 5 of our conservation partnership with UKAHT	Year 5 100% delivered	Year 4 100% delivered
SHARE Treasure and share the world's greatest polar exploration stories	Deliver Inspiring Explorers Education™ including Hillary's Hut VR to schools and public exhibitors	100% delivered	100% delivered
	Develop IP captured at Scott's <i>Discovery</i> Hut	Work in Progress	Captured IP
	Plan and seek funding for Scott's and Shackleton's huts VR projects	Funding secured for <i>Discovery</i> Hut VR development	Work in Progress
	Deliver digital strategy, including measuring and reporting on growth and engagement across social media channels	14.2M reached	5.49M reached
	Launch public portal of photographic database and continue major project to digitise photographic database	Work in Progress, 115,800 images processed	Work in Progress, 66,600 images processed
	Secure positive news coverage	595M earned media reach	268M earned media reach
	Strengthen the climate change narrative in the Trust's brand and reflect it across its channels and stakeholder communication	Work in Progress	Work in Progress
ENCOURAGE Connect youth with the physical world and spirit of exploration to educate, inspire and improve their lives	Extend our connections and relationships with partner organisations that are engaging with our Māori and Pasifika communities	100% delivered	100% delivered
	Connect a further 5,000 young New Zealanders with exploration through our Inspiring Explorers™ programme	100% delivered 5,292 engaged	100% delivered
	Consolidate the Inspiring Explorers™ programme, delivering seven Inspiring Explorers™ initiatives	100% delivered	100% delivered
SUSTAIN Sustain and grow the Trust's programmes to make the world a better place, while caring for people and the planet	Plan and deliver Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ South Pole	100% delivered	Work in Progress
	Deliver against Year 3 of the Trust's income generation strategy	81% of budgeted income achieved	89% of budgeted income achieved
	Actively fundraise for the Inspiring Explorers™ Fund	100% target raised for Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ 2023	Work in Progress
	Fill governance vacancies and refresh the Board	100% delivered	Work in Progress
	Continue to identify and implement practices demonstrating commitment to the environment, including carbon offset opportunities	Work in Progress	Work in Progress

ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

GOAL	PERFORMANCE TARGET	OUTCOME	
	Finalise logistics and planning for Shackleton Centenary Year Expedition (South Georgia Island) for September 2023	100% delivered	Work in Progress

ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 NZD\$	2022 NZD\$
REVENUE			
<i>Revenue from exchange transactions</i>			
Membership		35,580	29,879
Provision of goods or services		95,484	313,911
Interest and other investment revenue		286,723	225,490
<i>Revenue from non-exchange transactions</i>			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue		2,412,926	2,416,267
Services in-kind	2	849,897	1,398,813
Total Revenue		3,680,610	4,384,360
EXPENSES			
<i>Conserve</i>			
Share		836,949	717,655
Encourage		824,774	742,671
Operations		985,519	442,424
Finance Costs		863,990	729,482
		36,466	31,217
Total expenses incurred		3,547,698	2,663,449
Services in-kind	2	849,897	1,398,813
Total Expenses		4,397,595	4,062,262
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(716,984)	322,099
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE			
Gain/(loss) on fair value of available for sale financial assets		254,410	(586,591)
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year		(462,574)	(264,492)

ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 NZD\$	2022 NZD\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,046,407	799,729
Receivables	4	311,782	73,027
Prepaid Expenses		60,004	—
Refundable Deposits paid	4	1,181,601	120,695
Inventory		2,655	2,895
Investments	5	605,947	1,431,086
Total Current Assets		3,208,396	2,427,432
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	6	8,882,090	9,019,831
Plant and equipment	8	32,583	35,256
Total Non Current Assets		8,914,673	9,055,087
Total Assets		12,123,069	11,482,519
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables		211,019	156,281
Employee benefits		73,114	164,623
Income Received in Advance		190,404	—
Refundable Deposits received		1,152,327	130,351
Deferred revenue (conditions attached)		—	72,616
Total Liabilities		1,626,864	523,871
Net Assets		10,496,205	10,958,648
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		9,293,823	10,010,676
Available for sale financial asset fair value reserve		1,202,382	947,972
Total Equity	9	10,496,205	10,958,648

ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023 NZD\$	2022 NZD\$
Accumulated surplus at beginning of the year	10,010,807	9,688,577
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(716,984)	322,099
Accumulated surplus at end of the year	9,293,823	10,010,676
Available for sale financial asset fair value reserve at beginning of the year	947,973	1,534,563
Gain/(loss) on fair value of available for sale financial assets for the year	254,410	(586,590)
Available for sale financial asset fair value reserve at end of the year	1,202,383	947,973
Equity at beginning of the year	10,958,779	11,223,140
Comprehensive revenue and expense for the year	(462,574)	(264,492)
Equity at end of the year	10,496,205	10,958,648

ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023 NZD\$	2022 NZD\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
<i>Cash was received from/(applied to):</i>		
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	2,530,714	2,149,065
Revenue from members	35,580	29,879
Revenue from providing goods or services	861,539	465,458
Interest and other investment revenue	310,646	209,582
Net GST	(6,515)	(5,804)
Payment of employee related expenses	(2,088,953)	(1,890,117)
Payment to defined contribution plans	(33,081)	(34,055)
Payments to suppliers	(2,569,251)	(798,586)
Net cash flows from/(applied to) operating activities	(959,322)	125,423
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
<i>Cash was received from/(applied to):</i>		
Payments to acquire plant and equipment	(11,291)	(11,690)
Funding taken from/(placed on) investment	1,217,290	(261,798)
Net cash flows from/(applied to) investing and financing activities	1,206,000	(273,488)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	246,678	(148,065)
Opening cash	799,729	947,794
Closing cash	1,046,407	799,729
This is represented by:		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,046,407	799,729

ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A REPORTING ENTITY

Antarctic Heritage Trust is a public benefit entity for the purposes of financial reporting in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act (2013).

B BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP). The Antarctic Heritage Trust has elected to report in accordance with Tier 2 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit, and has taken advantage of all applicable reduced disclosure regime (RDR) disclosure concessions, on the basis that it does not have public accountability and annual expenses are under \$30m. These general purpose financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with the PBE Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for available for sale financial instruments, which are measured at fair value.

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from those estimates. Assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment in the year ending 30 June 2023 include the determination of fair values.

All transactions in the financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting.

All financial information is presented in New Zealand dollars rounded to the nearest dollar.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into New Zealand dollars at the exchange rate on the date of the transaction. All monetary items held in foreign currency at year end are translated to New Zealand dollars at the closing exchange rate at the reporting date.

The financial statements are prepared on the assumption that the Trust is a going concern and will continue in operation and meet its statutory obligations for the foreseeable future.

The Trust is able to continue operating and maintain expenditure for at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. That conclusion has been reached on account of continued funding received from the New Zealand Government for the 2022-23 year as part of the Cultural Sector funding budget and the Trust's cash reserves.

C REVENUE

Revenue is recognised when the amount of revenue can be measured reliably and it is probable that economic benefits will flow to the Trust, and measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable. The following specific recognition criteria in relation to the Trust's revenue streams must also be met before revenue is recognised.

Revenue from exchange transactions comprises of revenue from members which is recognised in the year to which it relates, revenue from providing goods and services which comprises of amounts received and receivable by

the Trust on its own account and interest revenue which is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

Revenue from non exchange transactions are those where the Trust receives an inflow of resources (cash and other tangible or intangible items) but provides no (or nominal) direct consideration in return. With the exception of services-in-kind, inflows of resources from non-exchange transactions are only recognised as assets where both a) it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying future economic benefit or service potential will be required to settle the obligation and b) the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated. Revenue from non exchange transactions comprises of donations, fundraising and other similar revenue which is recognised when it becomes receivable. If specific conditions are attached and repayment of the funds is required where those conditions are not met, the funds are treated as a liability until the conditions are met.

D DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES RECEIVED IN-KIND

The Trust recognises as income, the fair value of any donated goods and services received in-kind and utilised in the operations of the Trust. The fair value of these goods and services received in-kind is expensed as if the Trust had paid for them directly.

E RESTORATION COSTS

All restoration costs and project expenditure relating to the conservation work in Antarctica is expensed as incurred.

F INVENTORY

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost (using first in, first out) or market selling value.

G PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation.

H DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated allocating the cost of plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives, using diminishing value at rates of 2% to 67%. Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if there is a change in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset.

I FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments are cash and cash equivalents, loans and receivables, investments, and amounts payable to creditors.

Description and classification of financial instruments

Financial reporting standards require financial instruments to be classified by their characteristics:

Cash and cash equivalents represent highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into a known amount of cash with an insignificant risk of change in value, with maturities of 3 months or less.

Investments comprise of term deposits, shares, unit trusts or similar instruments held by the Trust directly or through managed funds. They are stated at cost or valuation with available for sale investments recorded at fair value. Current investments represent investments of greater than three months and less than twelve months. Non current investments represent investments with terms of twelve

months or more.

Loans and receivables are any cash on hand, bank account balances and any receivables. They are financial assets of fixed or determinable amounts that are not quoted in an active market.

Financial assets 'available for sale' are equity investments (shares), and any fixed interest securities that the Trust intends to sell before their maturity date.

Financial liabilities are payables or sundry creditors. They are short-term and therefore of a fixed amount.

Recognition of financial instruments

The Trust recognises financial instruments when it enters the contract that establishes the financial asset or liability.

The Trust derecognises financial assets when the contractual rights to cash flows from the asset expire (the asset matures) or are transferred to someone else (the asset is sold). It derecognises financial liabilities when they are paid.

No financial liabilities have been offset against financial assets.

Measurement of financial instruments

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value, with subsequent measurement dependent on its classification.

Investments, except for the managed investment portfolio, are measured at cost. The managed investment portfolio financial instruments, when first recognised, are measured at fair value, including any directly attributable transaction costs, that is, the market value paid for an investment plus costs such as brokerage. Subsequently the value of the financial instrument is adjusted to fair value.

Financial assets 'available for sale' are measured at fair value. The fair value is determined at 30 June by reference to quoted market prices, without any deduction for transaction costs. Changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expenses and presented in the Available for Sale Fair Value Reserve. Any accumulated balance in the reserve is transferred to surplus or deficit when the financial asset is derecognised. Impairment losses on available for sale financial assets are recognised by reclassifying the losses accumulated in the fair value reserve to surplus or deficit. In the case of equity investments classified as available-for-sale, objective evidence would include a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the investment below its cost. 'Significant' is evaluated against the original cost of the investment and 'prolonged' against the period in which the fair value has been below its original cost. Any subsequent recovery in the fair value of an impaired available-for-sale equity security is recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense.

Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less any impairment losses.

Financial assets that are not measured at fair value are assessed for impairment in accordance with financial reporting standards, by considering whether the expected future cash flows will be received. Any impairment loss is recognised in surplus or deficit. There are no impairment losses in the current financial year, and have been none in past years.

Financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

J EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Liabilities for wages and salaries, annual leave and accumulating sick leave are recognised in surplus or deficit during the period in which the employee provided the related services. Liabilities for the associated benefits are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

K OPERATING LEASES

Leases that are not finance leases are classified as operating leases. Operating leases are not recognised in the Trust's statement of financial position. Payments made under operating leases are recognised in surplus or deficit on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognised as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease.

L GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

All amounts are recorded exclusive of GST, except receivables and payables which are stated inclusive of GST (if any).

M INCOME TAX

Antarctic Heritage Trust is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

N CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies detailed in the following notes have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements and have been applied consistently. There have been no changes in accounting policies.

ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 30 June 2023

2 SERVICES IN-KIND

Services in-kind totalling \$849,897 (2022: \$1,398,813) have been provided from Antarctica New Zealand, Cheshire Architects Ltd, ICS/Julian Bickersteth, Heritage Works, Mackay Strategic Pty Ltd, NZ Micrographic Services, Resonate, Treble Cone Ski Area.

	2023 NZD\$	2022 NZD\$
3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on hand	6,381	2,906
Bank accounts – deposits held at call	1,040,026	796,823
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,046,407	799,729
Per annum interest rate ranges	0%–0.25%	0%–0.25%
4 RECEIVABLES (from exchange transactions)		
Accounts receivable	256,176	14
GST receivable	35,445	28,930
Interest to be received	20,161	44,084
Total receivables	311,782	73,028
Refundable Deposits paid	1,181,601	120,695
5 INVESTMENTS – CURRENT		
Term deposits	605,947	1,431,086
Per annum interest rate ranges	1.20%	0.85%–1.43%
6 INVESTMENTS – NON CURRENT (available for sale assets)		
Cash and fixed interest	4,027,902	5,216,255
Property	649,050	598,207
Equities	4,205,139	3,205,369
Total investments – non current	8,882,090	9,019,831
All Available for Sale investments are classified as non current on the basis that the entity considers the investments will be reinvested and not withdrawn within 12 months of the reporting date.		
7 CATEGORIES OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
The carrying amount of financial instruments presented in the Statement of Financial Position are:		
Financial assets – loans and receivables		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,046,407	799,729
Receivables	311,782	73,027
Prepaid Expenses	60,004	–
Refundable Deposits paid	1,181,601	120,695
Investments – term deposits	605,947	1,431,086
Financial assets – available for sale		
Investments	8,882,090	9,019,831
Total financial assets	12,087,831	11,444,368
Financial liabilities – at amortised cost		
Payables	211,019	156,281
Income Received in Advance	190,404	–
Refundable Deposits received	1,152,327	130,351
Employee benefits	73,114	164,623
Total financial liabilities	1,626,864	451,255

ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	NZD\$	NZD\$
8 PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Comprising furniture, fittings, office equipment and computers:		
Opening carrying value at cost	35,256	37,188
Purchases at cost	11,291	11,690
Sale of assets	—	—
Disposals at book value, with nil proceeds / loss on disposal	(80)	—
Depreciation for the year	(13,884)	(13,622)
Closing carrying value at cost	32,583	35,256
There are no significant donated assets.		
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		
Opening balance as at 1 July 2022	110,547	96,925
Depreciation for the year	13,884	13,622
Disposals	—	—
Accumulated depreciation balance at 30 June 2023	124,431	110,547
9 RESERVATION OF TOTAL EQUITY		
Funds committed to the Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project		
Project conservation next year	—	50,616
Project conservation subsequent years	5,217,292	5,792,854
Funds committed for Share, Encourage and Sustain initiatives	4,076,531	4,167,206
Available for sale financial asset fair value reserve	1,202,382	947,972
Total committed equity as at 30 June	10,496,205	10,958,648

The Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project is a multi-year, multi-site heritage conservation project, conceived, managed and delivered by the Trust, as detailed in the Annual Report. 'Project conservation next year' represents budgeted expenditure in the next financial year for conservation works on the historic sites on Ross Island and at Cape Adare. 'Project conservation subsequent years' represents estimated expenditure for conservation works on the historic sites on Ross Island and at Cape Adare; and funds already committed towards a long term fund for ongoing maintenance of the historic sites on Ross Island and Cape Adare.

Funds committed or share, encourage and sustain initiatives are funds that are committed to delivering the share and encourage performance targets as per the Annual Business Plan and to comply with the Trust's policy on short term sustainability.

10 OPERATING LEASES		
Total lease payments expensed during the year	9,204	15,540
The future non-cancellable minimum lease payment of operating leases as lessee at reporting date is:		
Less than one year	—	15,540
Between one and five years	—	1,295
Greater than five years	—	—
Total non-cancellable operating lease payments	—	16,835

The lease agreement is non-cancellable to the end of its term on 1st August 2023.
The Trust may, at the end of the lease, offer to extend the lease at a fair market rental.

ANTARCTIC HERITAGE TRUST NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	NZD\$	NZD\$
11 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL		
The Trust incurred expenses and had services in-kind, with related parties:		
Antarctica New Zealand for office services and Antarctic support	914,872	1,484,192
Canterbury Museum for database management and exhibition partnership	10,992	10,830
Staples Productions Ltd	7,600	34,058
Key management personnel consist of Trustees, the Director and the senior management team:		
Total remuneration Management	869,402	1,053,941
Total remuneration Trustees	—	—
Number of persons paid remuneration (FTE)	4.8	5.8

There were no other material transactions involving related parties during the financial year. (2022: nil).

12 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There are no capital commitments as at balance date (2022: nil).

13 CONTINGENCIES

There are no contingent assets, liabilities or guarantees as at balance date (2022: nil).

14 EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of Antarctic Heritage Trust

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements and Service Performance Information

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Antarctic Heritage Trust and its subsidiary (the "Group") on pages 27 to 35. The complete set of consolidated financial statements comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of service performance, consolidated statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, consolidated statement of changes in net assets/equity, consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects:

- The consolidated financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2023, and its financial performance, and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the service performance for the year ended 30 June 2023 for the Group in accordance with the Group's service performance criteria,

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime ("PBE IPSAS RDR"), issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

This report is made solely to the Trustees. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters which we are required to state to them in the auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees for our audit procedures, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)) and the audit of the service performance information in accordance with the ISAs and New Zealand Auditing Standard (NZ AS) 1 The Audit of Service Performance Information (NZ). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements and Service Performance Information section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Group.

Other Matters

The consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2022, were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on 21 September 2022.

This is the first year that service performance information has been reported in the financial statements of the Group. The service performance information includes corresponding figures for the prior year. These corresponding figures are unaudited.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

Other Information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information contained in the annual report but does not include the consolidated financial statements, statement of service performance and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements and service performance information, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Trustees' Responsibilities for the Consolidated Financial Statements and Service Performance Information

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Group for:

- (a) the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements and service performance information in accordance with PBE IPSAS RDR issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board;

- (b) service performance criteria that are suitable in order to prepare service performance information in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards; and
- (c) such internal control as those charged with governance determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and service performance information that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, those charged with governance are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements and Service Performance Information

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and the service performance information are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate or collectively, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements and service performance information, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Evaluate whether service performance criteria are suitable so as to result in service performance information that is in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements and service performance information, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements and service performance information represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements and service performance information. The auditor is responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. The auditor remains solely responsible for the audit opinion.

We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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