

ASB Community Trust – Report Back January 2015

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| Name of Organisation: | Windy Hill Rosalie Bay Catchment Trust |
| Client Reference Number: | 8710/804541 |
| ASBCT Grant amount: | \$99,00 – three year grant |
| What the Grant was approved for: | Ecological Restoration in the Windy Hill Rosalie Bay Catchment Trust QEII Covenanted and DoC stewardship land within the Windy Hill Sanctuary |

1. What did your organisation spend this Grant on?

This grant has been approved for Operating costs for the wages of a field worker and an annual bird monitoring report on the public land within the Windy Hill Rosalie Bay Sanctuary.

Please find attached a summary of the expenditure for the first six months of this three year grant. To date \$16,500 in total has been spent :

A set of audited annual accounts for 2014 will be completed in March and these will be forwarded to the ASB Community Trust for your records.

2. How did ASB Community Trust funding contribute to the outcomes of your project?

The generous funding from the ASB Community Trust contributes to the environmental, social, and economic outcomes of the project and the wider Great Barrier community. The Operational grant for wages has been directed towards our youth employee, Henry Cookson. Henry came from being unemployed and has now completed two years with the Trust as a field worker. He is a diligent and resourceful member of our field team of five and an observant field worker. Henry has been given special responsibility for the reviewing of the data filmed in the field by our action triggered cameras and is mid-review of a series of bird call recordings to assess Morepork numbers. As time passes Henry is visibly building expertise, confidence and self esteem. This year the Trust is sponsoring him to complete papers towards his NZCEA qualification as he has no formal qualifications. In March this year, Henry will also participate in the second of the Hochstetters frog surveys the Trust is sponsoring– this is specialised work under the supervision of professional herpetologists and a great opportunity for Henry to further develop his expertise.



Henry in the previous frog survey

A translocation of red crowned kakariki from Little Barrier to the Sanctuary is planned for April. Henry will be part of the team that captures birds on Little Barrier – another awesome experience for him.

Ecological restoration continues with the field team successfully suppressing a region wide rise in rat densities. Catch data for 2011 - 2014:

| | Rats | Mice | Cats | Pigs | Magpies | Wasps | Rabbits |
|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 3096 | 48 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 6 nests | 16 |
| 2012 | 2715 | 14 | 24 | 5 | 0 | 5 nests | 10 |
| 2013 | 2627 | 15 | 21 | 7 | 0 | 4 nests | 15 |
| 2014 | 3621 | 20 | 16 | 11 | 0 | 37 nests | 30+ |

The Annual bird monitor, which is also funded from this grant, was completed in December but the report is yet to be completed. This will be sent with the next report.

3. How did the community benefit from ASB Community Trust funding?

The Trust actively promotes the Sanctuary model of governance and the conservation outcomes gained while also showcasing the social and economic benefits to our community, Local Board, Auckland Council, and other conservation organisations.

The Trust works with WINZ and the island’s social worker to address the issue of a lack of opportunity for youth to be trained and be employed. We are delighted with our youth field worker who has enthusiastically embraced all new learning opportunities.

The Trust Manager and Field team continue to dialogue in the community about the benefits of pest management and are engaged with a wide cross section of the community providing advice and selling equipment to members of the community battling the seasonal bulges of rats on island.

Of most import are the social and economic benefits to the community which result from this conservation based employment – from directly inputting into the local economy through wages, to assisting to lower the number of unemployed on island, to raising the self-esteem of people gainfully employed.

4. To be signed by the Chairperson or President of your organisation.

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| Full name: | | Position: | |
| Date: | | Signature: | |

Please print, sign and send this report back to ASB Community Trust, along with a copy of your **latest financial statement** (Please provide your most recent audited accounts and/or an up-to-date income & expenditure statement for the last six months).

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