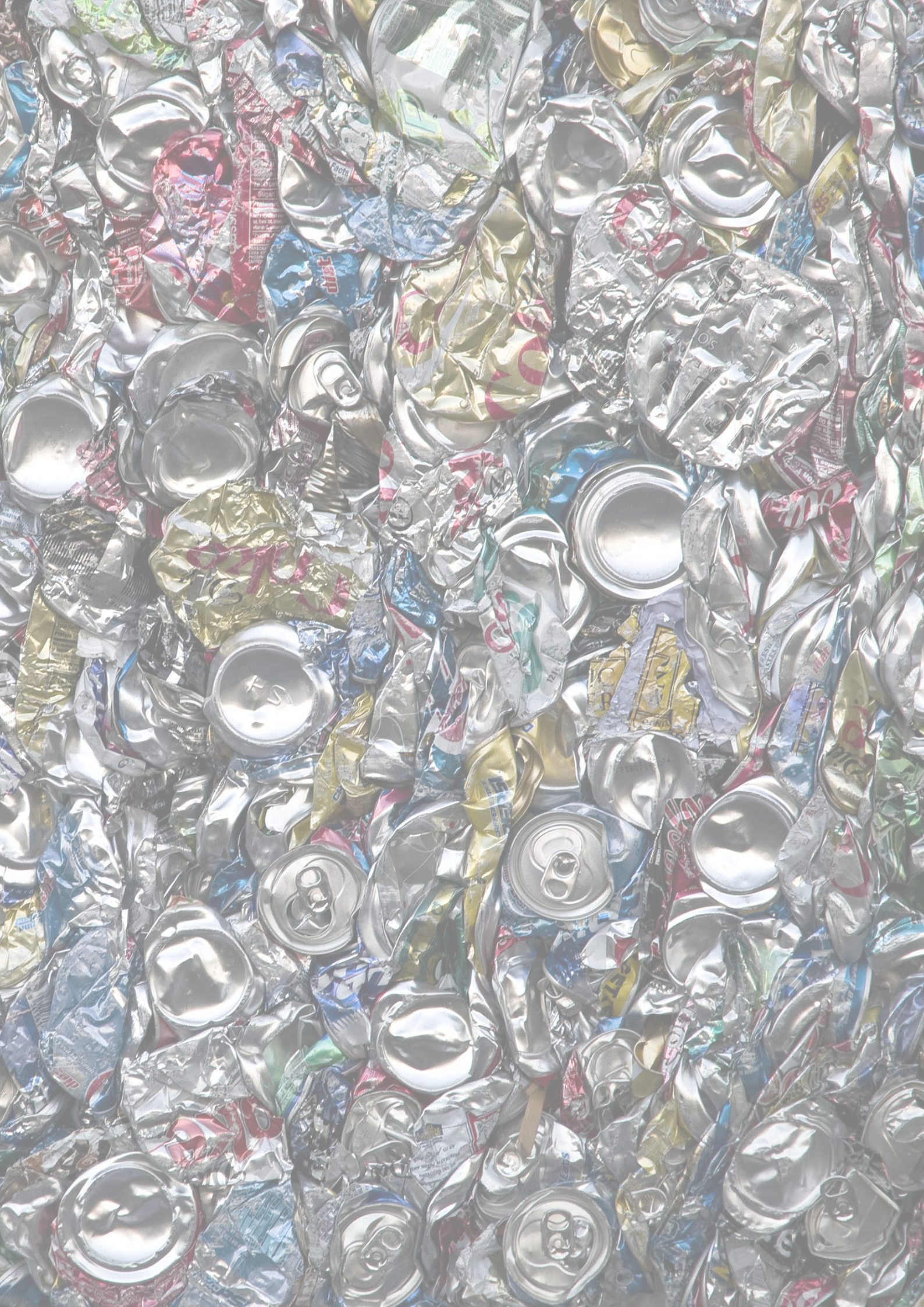


Annual Report

2016





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The Community Recycling Network

CRN is an organisation representing community enterprises focused on zero waste and education for sustainability.

Key objectives include;

- To speak with a cohesive voice on behalf of community at local, regional and central government levels
- To grow robust relationships with WasteMINZ, the Ministry for the Environment and other key waste minimisation stakeholders
- To foster partnerships between member organisations and local authorities and businesses working towards zero waste
- To provide development support and advice to member organisations particularly in terms of business advice, training, mentoring and market development
- To provide accessible networking opportunities and dissemination of information to all members
- To grow CRN membership

Executive Team

Chairperson

Marty Hoffart
EERST Trust



Executive Members

Cliff Colquhoun
CBEC



Sue Coutts
Wanaka Wastebusters



Karen Driver
Nelson Environment Centre



Jon Morgan
McLaren Park & Henderson South Community Trust



Sarah Jane Murray
EcoMatters



Rick Thorpe
Xtreme Waste



Rob Roche
Innovative Waste Kaikoura



The year in review

by Marty Hoffart

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2016

What a difference a year makes! Looking back over the past 12 months, there is no doubt 2016 has treated most of our Community Recycling Network Aotearoa members much better than the previous annus horribilis.

This time last year, I was reflecting on the loss of major contracts and missed tenders. The very well established Mana Recovery, which previously ran Trash Palace in Porirua and employed around 50 people, went into voluntary liquidation. Central Otago Wastebusters, another well-entrenched organisation, went bust and had to close its doors. In Kaitia, Community, Business & Environment Centre (CBEC) was hit hard by the loss of their contract to provide kerbside and other services in the Far North.



This year is all about the good news. Thankfully, CBEC's diverse business activities and operations has enabled it to continue as a viable local organisation and employer in that community. Central Otago Waste Busters is now ticking along nicely under the management of Wanaka Wastebusters. These are great tales of reincarnation.

It's especially heartening to see new growth, too, as community enterprises and opportunities expand in Auckland region through the Resource Recovery Network. Waiuku, Helensville and Devonport are all success stories for the community sector.

This has been a significant year for CRN. Not only is it 10 years since the signing of the trust deed and the formal launch of our network, we are seeing a resurgence of opportunities for community organisations. CRN now has contracts in place with Auckland Council. We are a partner in the new and improved inorganic collection that is operating successfully, employing three new CRN staff members to work on this project with Waste Management and Auckland Council.

CRN has been engaged to manage the redistribution of the goods collected through the inorganic service. It has changed the way that Aucklanders view their once-messy roadside collection.

There were fears that very little reusable material would come through the new collection system. However, that is not the case and there are some great stories and statistics for the first 10 months. There have been



some amazing finds for community groups at the warehouse. Each week, about 20 tonnes of reusable goods are diverted from landfill. These are utilised by more than 80 Auckland community groups. It has also meant two new second hand shops have opened as a result of the inorganic collection. A further 30 tonnes of resources are diverted for recycling.

This collaboration between Auckland City Council, Waste Management and CRN has proved resoundingly successful. We have drawn on each other's strengths and resources, while learning and adapting together as the new service is rolled out.

CRN has been involved in two successful Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund (WMIF) projects over the past year. One involved the development of 13 resource recovery fact sheets that aim to educate our community recyclers. These are available on the members-only section of our website. The second project has us working alongside Envision to provide customised mentoring support for several Auckland organisations.

Our membership base has continued to grow: over the past year we have seen seven new members join the organisation so we now have 68 members. The vast majority of new members hail from the Auckland region, which is one of the main reasons we will again host our annual hui in Auckland and why we have hosted networking functions in Auckland. Thanks to the support and generosity of OI, WasteMINZ, The Roots Creative Entrepreneurs, we have been able to provide space and great food for the networking sessions. And a special thanks to Yealands for providing wine to enjoy with the food.

Fonterra has provided much needed financial support for members to attend the dairy co-operative's quarterly recycling forums. These half-day workshops line up great speakers and occur throughout New Zealand. Thanks to all the members who represented CRN and spoke at these forums. Building relationships with industry partners is important for our sector.

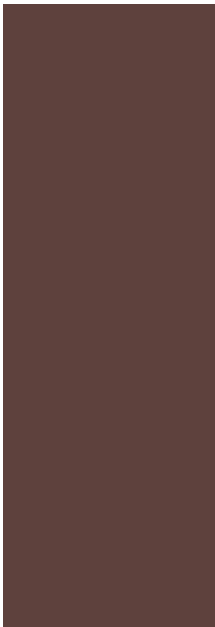
This year was also the time to focus on our manifesto, which is to reduce waste, create jobs and engage our communities. The CRN manifesto has three main areas of focus:

1. Stronger Communities
2. Real Recycling
3. Effective Product Stewardship

Product Stewardship received a boost this year and began with a bottle drive at the annual WasteMINZ Conference, which led into the release of the Envision report, The InCENTive to Recycle. CRN has always advocated for increasing recycling rates of beverage containers and this year 90% of local authorities agree. They know our current system is not working to its full potential and are pushing hard for container deposit legislation in as it sweeps through Australian States.

CRN has offered some financial support to help re-establish the NZ Product Stewardship Council which advocates for local authorities, higher recycling rates and communities dealing with the adverse effects and

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costs of increasing product waste. The organisation will be relaunched in the coming months and should be an effective partner and voice for the community sector.

This year, CRN joined Social Procurement Australasia. Social Procurement Australasia is a membership-based not-for-profit that builds awareness around the effective adoption of social procurement policies. Our Executive Officer, Dorte Wray travelled to Wellington to discuss this move with stakeholders and she represented our members at the CRN Australia Conference.

We need to thank some organisations including Akina for their support with the Auckland Inorganic project. This included facilitation, organising legal advice and communications work. Last years Hui Sponsors include Auckland Council, Unitec, WasteNot, Envision, OI and Wash Against Waste/EcoMatters

Remember, our network exists for its members. Let us know how we can best serve you, your group or your organisation. We ensure we are communicating with members through our monthly e-newsletter so please get in touch with us if you have something to share.

Lastly I would like to acknowledge Dorte, our Auckland based staff (Sei, Des and Julia) working on the Inorganic programme, Gary for his work keeping the organisation on sound financial footing, and the rest of the CRN board for all of their dedication and endless hours of volunteered time. Your executive has worked hard to keep the right governance structure in place over the past year. Our finances are looking better than in the previous 12 months as we head into 2017.

I'm looking forward to the Strengthening Communities Hui 2016: ENERGY, RESOURCE RECOVERY & ENVIRONMENT. It takes place 19-21 September at Te Mahurehure Marae, Auckland. For the first time we are collaborating with the Community Energy Network (CEN) and Environment Hubs Aotearoa (EHA) at Hui 2016. It seemed fitting that in our 10th year we look at collaborating with other community organisations to make the communities that we work, live and play better places for everyone.

Nga Mihi,

Marty Hoffart

Financial Report

Balance Sheet

As of March 2016

Assets

Current Assets

CRN Bank Accounts	\$38,914
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Other Current Assets	\$24,912
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Total Current Assets	\$43,505
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Fixed Assets	\$17,939
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Total Assets	\$81,764
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Creditors	\$19,986
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Total Liabilities	\$19,986
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Net Assets	\$61,778
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Equity

Current year Earnings	\$ 33,294
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Fringe benefit Tax Paid	\$ (883)
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Retained Earnings from Prior Years	\$ 29,368
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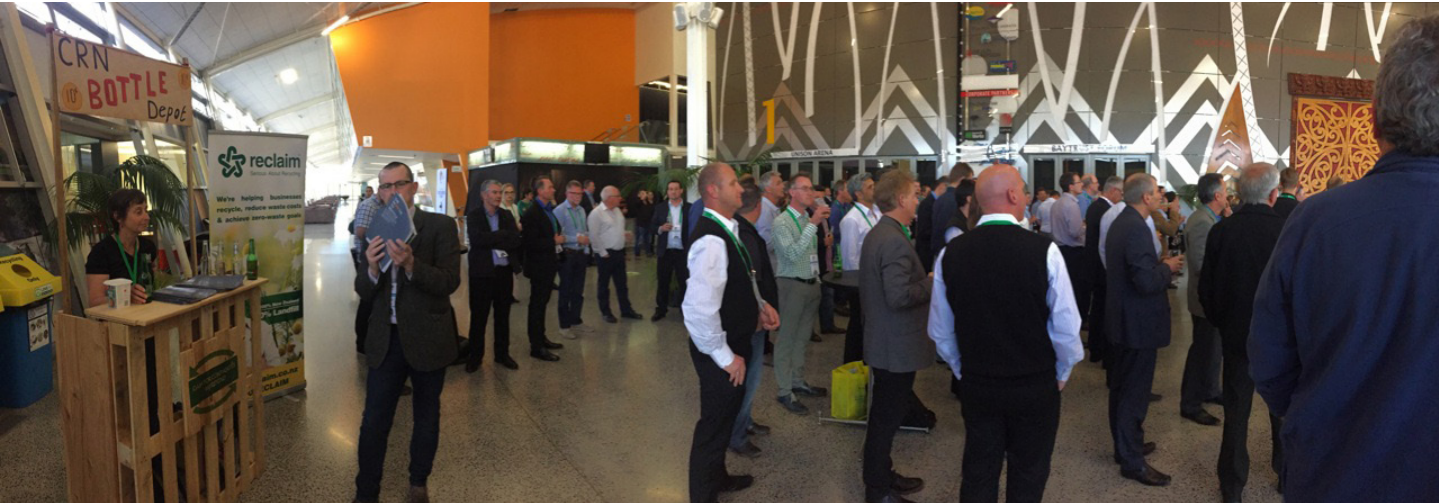
Total Equity	\$61,778
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Profit & Loss Statement

As of March 2016

	2016	2015
Income		
Membership Contributions	\$ 15,050	\$ 14,080
Project Income	\$ 230,769	\$ 94,905
Other Income		<u>\$ 11,659</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 245,819</u>	<u>\$ 120,644</u>
Expenses		
Administration Expenses	\$ 78,138	\$ 44,840
Advertising & Promotion	\$ 10,453	\$ 4,833
Employment Expenses	\$ 78,083	
Financial & Standing Charges	\$ 4,583	\$ 4,726
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$ 2,829	
Non Financial Expenses	\$ 4,093	
Office Expenses	\$ 3,456	
Project Expenses	\$ 31,644	\$ 91,076
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 213,283</u>	<u>\$ 145,476</u>
Operating Profit / (Loss)	<u>\$ 32,536</u>	<u>\$ (24,832)</u>
Non Operating Income	\$ 753	\$ 2,000
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>\$33,289</u>	<u>\$ (22,832)</u>

CRN Bottle Depot @ the WasteMINZ Conference



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