



Final Six Monthly Report July to December 2015

Agreed KPIs from 2014	Status	Comments
1. Lead the Arts, Culture, and Heritage strategy through a community survey to help create a strategic plan as of 1 st July 2015	Achieved.	Recommendations have been implemented and 3 x Funding Clinics where held. Funding information and resources are shared via Toi Wairarapa FB/ website, emailed out and Midweek articles. Completed updated Strategy was finalised by Toi Wairarapa Board Trustee and presented to the combined councils.
2. Create a database of creative people and publish on website.	Achieved www.toiwairarapa.co.nz Ongoing.	Simon Burt, Toi Wairarapa trustee provides management of the the Toi Website and supports at no cost to the user or the combined Councils. Excellent feedback is received as this being very user friendly. Regional advisor and coordinator updates with support from Simon.
3. Operate a breakeven budget	Achieved.	Accounts are currently with the accountant.
4. Report on assistance in funding applications for arts, cultural, and heritage bodies.	Achieved and Ongoing.	Meetings continue to be held with local Publishers and Artists. Funding Clinics held that supported local Artists, included Boosted NZ, Trust house, Creative NZ and local Creative Community Scheme, National and Local Funders.



Matters of interest: Toi Wairarapa Board is receiving interest from people who would like to become Trustees and plans to induct new members in the New Year. Currently working with six Trustees, each bringing a wealth of knowledge to show diversity, passion for all forms of art, culture and heritage. Trustees, Kate Mead, Simon Burt, Belinda Carey, Johni Rutene, James Thompson and our chair is Greg Lang.

Corrinne Oliver is the current Regional Advisor and coordinator, working 24 hours per week due to funding constraints.

Toi Wairarapa would like to acknowledge the support it has received from Wairarapa REAP over the years, including completion of our accounts by office manager Karen Stevens. Toi Wairarapa was based at REAP, 340 Queen Street, Masterton and operated from the office space there until 24 December 2015. This space was utilised for office space, meetings for local artists and Funding Clinics.

Toi Wairarapa's continuing biggest ongoing issue is sustainability. Funding continues not to be captured in Councils' long-term plans hereby requiring the Board to make annual presentations to respective councils. This places huge expectations on an organisation this small, being time consuming, inefficient, and unrealistic. The one paid position of 24 hours a week (less than half the recommended hours 2005 AC&H Strategy) for the Regional Advisor & Coordinator is a big ask. The Board has actively worked to resolve this issue with the three Combined Councils, including presentations.



Toi Wairarapa board acknowledges the generous gift of time by board Member James Thomson (Lawyer) for updating the Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy 2015. The Combined Councils adopted the 2005 AC&H Strategy. Recommendations made back in 2008 was to support the operations at 1.5 FTE, never eventuated. Toi Wairarapa's Board survival strategies continued to be adapted, still providing the very best service for our community. The continuation of working with a nil budget to provide Funding Clinics (as per the recommendations in the Survey 2014) koha from attendees was appreciated by Toi Wairarapa. Three successful Funding Clinics were held, REAP House Maston, Cobblestones Museum Greytown. Core business of advising, facilitating and supporting continued. Monthly local newspaper articles in the Midweek have proved to be extremely worthwhile, informing the community of Toi Wairarapa's work with the Artists in the community, connections and information relevant. Invitation from Carterton Community Connections Radio show was accepted and Toi offered a Radio Show once a month on Arrow FM92.7. Showcasing local artists, musicians and events.

Toi Wairarapa websites Creative directory is continually receiving updates and working in well with the Toi Wairarapa Facebook connecting people, sharing events and information. A recent good use of this working for our community and creating economic benefits are:

Regional Advisor and coordinator has been working with Emma Deakin, Education and Community Coordinator and Rebecca Mordaunt, Education and Community Producer of the New Zealand Festival | 26 February – 20 March 2016

They are bringing 5 events to the region during the Festival which include presenting the Modern Maori Quartet at the Masterton Town Hall, 19 March 2016. Connecting them with local people who can support and promote the NZ Festival. We have one of our Creative Directory Listings group providing Kapa Haka, Kaikorero (speakers) and waiata for the Modern Maori Quartet. Wairarapa Ki



Uta, Wairarapa ki Tai a 36 strong secondary school Kapa Haka group. This event providing them with the opporutnity to promote, showcase and fundraise for their planned trip to Rarotonga.

Regional Advisor and coordinator has attended or supported:

Toi Board Hui

Lunch Bites at Aratoi

MDC & Toi review hui

Aratoi Newsletter - article

Destination Wairarapa Hui

Carterton Menz Shed Opening

Farmers Market Day, Masterton

Presentation to combined councils

Carterton Community Crier – article

Scarecrows Big Day Fair, Gladstone

Stella Bull Park Market Day, Greytown

Creative Community NZ Wellington Forum

Aratoi Opening - Robin White: The Straight Path

NZ Pacific Studio, “Around the World in Mt Bruce”

Wai Word launch and Poetry Day throughout the Wairarapa



Wai Word afternoon with Apirana Taylor, Poet, Musician, Story weaver

2015 Kokomai Programme Launch, Opening evening, shows and events

Museum Wellington Forums: The Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt. Aratoi Museum

Members of the community, hui, connecting them to funding sources, workshops etc

Greytown Little Theatre show “Lifetime sentence”, Carterton Events Centre show “The Sex Fiend”

(In her own time, Corrinne is a Committee member of National Council of Women, Family Violence Network Governance Group, Creative Communities Scheme MDC and Deputy Chair of King Street Artworks)

A big thanks to Boosted NZ, Creative NZ, Trust House and Creative Community Scheme for supporting our Free Funding Clinics, who without these would have not been possible.

The Board of Toi Wairarapa has appreciated the past support of our combined councils of Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa and wish to acknowledge the discontinuation of funding has taken its toll. The Board are passionate about being members and continuing to support the current Strategic Plan, so now look forward to moving ahead in 2016

Greg Lang, Toi Wairarapa Chair