CHRISTIAN CAMPING NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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Growing New Zealanders through experiential camping

From the CEO – Jenni Davies

Let wisdom and Spirit walk beside you. Grace will be there to pick you up when you fall, and if you venture too far down a dark path, God himself will be with you even in the darkness. (Psalm 139 paraphrased)

I read this quote recently and it was challenging;
"I pray you would be an explorer, you would recover delight and wonder and curiosity about your faith, about God and about the Story with which you continue to wrestle."
- Sarah Bessy

This I believe is where the adventure with God begins.
2016 - 2107 has been a year of training Camp Directors, Managers, Saff and Leaders. It is such a privilege to facilitate growth in people's lives. Teaming with Alice, Chris, and Gretchen has been an awesome partnership and we are thankful for their commitment to our nation.
Meeting members at regionals is a highlight as we see and hear what has been happening at sites across NZ. This past year we had a 50% increase in those attending regionals.
Our young leaders and interns are our future, investing in our future is vital to sustain the ministry of Christian Camping as an icon in our nation.

Did you know?

Christian Camping New Zealand has a long history within New Zealand, having made significant impacts on hundreds of thousands of children's lives over decades. In no uncertain terms, the eternities of many New Zealanders have forever been altered because of how God has used Christian camping. Through the foresight and generosity of, what is now a past generation, over 60 camps have been established, with land and assets totalling over $100 million dollars. The locations of these camps cover the length and breadth of New Zealand, and some represent the most iconic scenery we have to offer. (Many camps were established after the 2nd World War, when many Grandfathers, Fathers, Uncles and brother never returned or were injured and churches wanted to help women with their children in the holidays).

Christian Camping New Zealand is committed to the ongoing ministry of Christian camps in our nation. 80% of New Zealanders believe that camping is part of their DNA, 55% call themselves regular campers and around one third would frequent a camping environment four or more times a year. Over 600,000 attend CCNZ sites each year. Camping is about the environment and culture that people come to, away from their usual routine, where significant memorable moments and God encounters happen.

Christian Camping and conferencing provides an experience in a temporary community, using an outdoor setting, and trained leaders, to meet spiritual objectives. The real and unique value of Christian camping can be described by 7 value points:

1. **It replaces one reality with another of greater importance** - that is, it takes a real environment and models hope for people to see that there is an alternative for their situation.
2. **It simulates 'all of life'** – it takes in all of life's functions of eating, sleeping, hygiene functions, working and playing. Educators say that diversity of experience is necessary to produce learning. Due to the diversity at camp, learning occurs at a much greater rate, so that the potential for behaviour change is increased exponentially.
3. **The camping environment 'lets the outside in'**… so that the spirit of openness is achieved quickly. Beautiful outdoor settings and experiences provide a powerful environment that impacts people's hearts.
4. **The camping environment 'lets the inside out'**… so that one engages in authentic participation. It creates a safe place for people to recognize what's going on inside, so that they can deal with it and let it out. It creates an opportunity for a sense of awe and transformation.
5. **In a good camping experience, people's heads will get together with their hearts,** so that there is an integration of one thoughts with one emotional psyche, i.e. knowledge needs to touch emotion. The application of knowledge is displayed and people can see the gospel lived out in a practical way.
6. **Camping produces new beginnings for people.** So often camping is a birthplace for hope and new perspective.
7. **Camping gives impetus for long term behavior change**, so that the effect can last a life time. Camping by its very nature in a natural setting, by providing consecutive teaching and whole of life experiences, is in the business of changing lives.

2017 – 2020 CCNZ is committed to

1. Governance training and facilitation
2. More training and support for Camp Directors and Managers to capacity build
3. Training facilitators to deliver quality intentional programs
4. Continued training of camp leaders

Isn't it exciting that we are part of such and amazing ministry opportunity.

Be blessed as you serve.

Blessings Jenni

Chairmans Report – Jon Marshall

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."
1 Corinthians 3:6–7

Let's first give thanks, praise and all glory to God for the lives He has transformed through the work done in Christian Camping this past year. God is good!

It is with gratitude that I reflect on the activities of CCNZ and its members over the past year. For the many hours of hard work and dedication put in by staff and volunteers at camps around New Zealand, for the leadership of management and boards, for the generosity of donors and sponsors to camps, and to CCNZ for the work that is faithfully carried out.

I want to personally thank our board and those that have recently resigned due to other commitments, Grant Bullin and Anneke Cronin. The CCNZ team for their leadership and faithfulness in advancing the work of CCNZ and its members this year. We wouldn't be able to do all we do without the generous support of donors and gratefully acknowledge Longview Trust, Hillview Trust, Lichfield Lands and CSC Buying Group. Thank you to our members for your support and to the families and individuals who also give personally to support us as we work together to continue to plant seeds for God to grow.

Here are some highlights of the many things CCNZ was involved in during the past year to support our members in their ministry:

- Pastoral Care of Camp Directors, Managers and Staff
- Organised respite – rest and refreshment for those in need of a break
- Directors/Manager training "BOOST"– 2 events (including several New Managers)
- Scholarships - young camp staff to experience Camping in the USA or Canada
- Creating your Life plan with 10 Interns from the last two years
- The development of Leadership resources to use at camps for young leaders
- 8 leadership Collaborative events across NZ
- Support and lectures to CCNZ interns around the value of Christian Camping
- Food Safety Training across the regions
- 5 Regional events in March across NZ
- Developed a Health & Safety and SMP recommended plan (available on website)
- Governance Manual updated
- Foundations Course with Skills Active – NZQA revised now "CCNZ Induction Programme"
- NCEA Credits for Leaders at Camps who participate in this Skills Active Programme
- Monthly updates – Camp Guide, Zoom in Facebook page
- Training in the Outdoors for instructors
- CCNZ participating at several forums regarding regulations
- Part of collaboration with other Youth Agencies in NZ, Scouts, Girl Guides etc.

CCNZ has four Strategic Intents for the coming years, which Jenni has outlined in her report. Join with us as we see this unfold.

Treasurers Report – Helen Robertson

It is into my 10th year that I have been involved with CCNZ in a financial accounting role. I have seen CCNZ progress from a small organisation with a turnover of just $105,000 to what it is now. As at 31 March the turnover was $490,000. Our accumulated reserves in 2008 were $99,783, in 2012 were $35,761 and now in 2017 are $126,028. It is incredible that we have changed and progressed over this time period. We are still providing the same benefits and support to our members, but have implemented new and exciting ventures to compliment what we have always done.

CCNZ still remains a financially viable operation with many generous donors. The fees from members that we collect are only a small percentage of our overall budgeted income.

CSC Supply Chain is our major contributor, donating 28% of our total revenue excluding Longview Leadership Funding. It is fair to say that without this organisation we would not be able to operate in the capacity that we do. We would not be able to employ the staff that we do. So I wish to thank them for all the work and sponsorship they do for CCNZ.

To all our other donors we say a huge thank you also, without you we would not be able to run all the activities and events, provide sponsorships and support to our members. It is truly amazing to see this.

Any member is invited to view the audited financial reports. These will be a seerate document from our Annual Report . We managed to stay in the red with a $365 surplus overall and only a 1.8% difference from actual to budget for revenue and expenses overall. I truly believe it is by God's grace that we continue to survive year after year and provide all the services and events that we do.

Leadership Programme
The Leadership programme continues to run with Alicia Kant at the helm. It is completely funded by Longview Trust of $150,000 per annum. This programme is making a positive impact on young leaders in New Zealand. Many campsites are keen to utilise this funding to provide these valuable events. We carried over a small surplus to the 2018 year of $15,791.

Transform Aotearoa Charitable Trust (TACT)
The Transform Aotearoa Charitable Trust became a separate entity as of April 2016. It also was granted charitable status with the Charities Commission. Since that time I have also been contracted to complete the financial, payroll and accounting tasks for TACT. TACT pays a contracting fee to CCNZ to compensate for time and office expenses used on behalf of this Trust. From August I will not be doing this and it will be taken over by Debbie Trolove. Under this trust also comes the THRIVE programme which incorporates the Shine Programmes, Strength Programmes and many other programmes for youth, men and woman in Putaruru.

Auditor
Again this year we used Mark Campbell of Campbell and Campbell Accounting to complete our audit. He managed to do it in the 10-day turnaround, thus giving us a 15% discount which was good to see. The costs for audit are increasing, but that is mainly due to the increased activities, CCNZ undertakes and increased volume of sales and purchases. I recommend that we engage the services of Mark Campbell for the 2017-18 year.

Helen Robertson
July 2017

International and Partnership Report – Ross Bay

2016/ 2017 has seen amazing growth in the Christian Camping International Worldwide family. Since the 2016 Summit in South Africa last year there has been a focus on reaching out and finding camping leaders in many new countries. As a result the CCI Worldwide Family has grown with the addition of new members.

CCI India was formally recognised in October 2016, and they have the challenge of reaching out to and representing 1.1 billion people.
Just 8 weeks ago our first CCI link member was recognised in Pakistan. There was no major announcement of this happening because of the limited access there is for outreach in that country, but the camping program there is now part of the CCI family. That takes us to 23 members, including 20 full associations, 2 networks (Albania and France) and 1 link member.
On top of this there are another 18 – 20 countries where networks are forming and camps are happening. Close to home this includes Fiji, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal and China. Further afield we have partnered with Venezuela and Colombia, and also Paraguay through Bessie and Tito Cofre. Funds have also helped in West Africa (Ghana, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and 6 other countries) with Ross Bay visiting there for training and networking.

The CCI Worldwide Board target of reaching 5000 camps and 15 million campers with at least 25 Associations, by the year 2020, is well underway, with many new potential associations, and growth in most existing associations. The request for statistics from individual camps is worldwide, and most camps have the same challenge as you face when it comes to providing these stats to their association –

"we don't have the time or the personnel to gather and send them"!

Much of our advocacy and most of our funding applications rely on these numbers so we appreciate their submission, even if it is just an accurate guestimation.

Dan Bolin, the CEO of CCI Worldwide, has signalled his desire to retire in 12 months' time so the CCI Worldwide Board is in the process of finding a replacement for Him. The application and role description packs are available online, and if you know someone who may be suited / gifted for the role then please make it known to them. Go to the CCIWorldwide website for further details. Dan has done a fabulous job in the last 10 years promoting Christian camping on the world stage, and growing the members as he has travelled around associations. We have enjoyed several visits from him in NZ and he fondly remembers being with us, especially in Living Springs during the 3rd big quake. I trust you enjoy his "Freshbread " delivered to our inbox every Wednesday.

The CCI Worldwide Board have been looking at the 'Policies and Practices' documents for CCI, and have restated these as our Identity (who we are) and Community (how we relate). Again these are available for you to look at, just contact the CCNZ office and they will send them out to you to read.

CCNZ seeks to partner with many organisations to assist them and at the same time grow the effectiveness of Christian camping in our country. We are grateful for the team who work tirelessly on behalf of CCNZ, and CCI Worldwide is stronger because of the generosity of our CCNZ members.

Leadership Report – Alicia Kant

Dear You… camp leader, camp staff member, camp board member…

Looking Back

It has been 3 ½ years now since we received funding specifically for leadership development in Christian Camping. Our focus from the beginning was to grow leaders at all levels, with a special focus on youth leaders who facilitate Kids Camps programs. From the beginning, camps like yours, have taken up the call to collaborate and train our young leaders together, meaning that well over 600 young leaders have been trained in this time from Kaitaia to Gore. Whether it has been through a Collaborative Leadership Training Event, or the Leaders in Training Program, an internship, the Foundations Program or receiving a scholarship to travel overseas to gain a camping experience, this funding and focus on young leader development is making a difference. "***Our young people are seeds, planted in the good soil of your camping programs, growing with the nurture and training provided through Christian Camping New Zealand, delivered by you at your campsite.***" If it were not for our generous donors this project and all the outcomes we are now seeing across all areas of camping, would not be possible. We have a lot to be thankful for.

Early on, we engaged with Chris and Gretchen Mitchell, at a chance meeting on an exploratory trip to JH Ranch in California. The training Chris and Gretchen, teamed with Alice Adams, has taken leadership training to a whole new level in the last 2 ½ years. Not only have this incredible team facilitating Collaborative Leadership Training events across the country, but VIP facilitator trainings, Managers training events and they have brought some fresh thinking to how we work with both young leaders and how we can grow our leadership skills in all areas.

The Present

The work of Christian camping is both narrow and wide. In narrow moments we mentor, encourage, train small groups, give excellent experiences in the outdoors, and take moments to input into whomever God puts in our path. In the widest of moments, we might find ourselves curating large meetings where people can stand together in worship or word and encounter God in community. When I reflect on all that we do, **all that you do**, to make every moment of camp count, I can only imagine Father God's pleasure and pride of his kids.

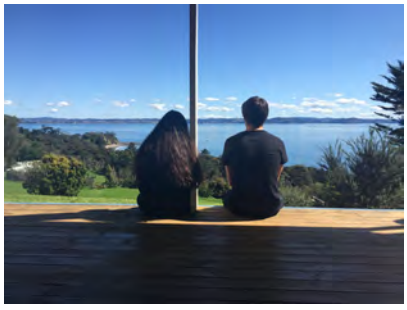
The Future

Just like a small snowball rolled down a mountainside, grows in size as it moves, so has Leadership development at CCNZ. Looking ahead our strategic focus is four fold:

1. Continue training managers/ directors and up-and-coming managers.
2. Young Leaders Development – training events and material.
3. Training potential Trustees to meet the growing need for skilled trust boards.
4. To train more facilitators – people who work at your camps – and create unique impacting camping programs, so that everyone who comes to camp leaves having had a life-changing experience.

Alongside training facilitators, we as a camping communities will focus on growing healthy camp team environments so that guests who come – whether for our programming or their own – leave impacted just by the presence of God at camp, outworked in our lives.

If the local church is the hope of the world (thank you Bill Hybels), I believe that camp is the churches biggest ally. I dream of a day when all New Zealanders are so hungry to attend a camp that our camps are bursting at the seams, and we are birthing many new and special interest sites. Camp is the bridge that our society needs, a bridge of encountering a loving God, a bridge of experiential learning, a bridge into the local church.



Here are a few highlights of
Leadership Development so far in 2017:

Collaborative Leadership Events

- Equip - Lower North Region – El Rancho, 26-28 May
- Auckland – One Big Adventure, 16-18 June

Still to come:

- Nelson – Teapot Valley, 25-27 August
- Christchurch – Woodend, 8-10 Sept
- Northland – Coopers Beach, 6-8 Oct

Tertiary Training

- Youth Award – piloted at two camps in April, allows young leaders to gain Level3 unit standards NZQA credits towards passing NCEA. Available again in September!
- Launch of the CCNZ Staff Induction Training Program (Skills Active)
- 3 Interns through Pathways Bible College
- Continued relationship with Service IQ for chef apprenticeships

Managers Training - Boost

- Dec 2016
- May 2017
- July 2017
- Dec 2017 (to be confirmed)

Leadership Resources

- Junior Leader LIT program – Peace Module released in April holidays
- Lit Program being used widely – 8 modules, free to CCNZ members
- Christian Camping Bible – work is underway – Fundraising campaign to start late 2017

Transform Aotearoa Report

We sensed much in-store for 2017, and at mid-year, we can see that this is surely true. God has been incredibly faithful and we are beginning to see amazing fruit. We know that each seed sown will bring a harvest.

The team's anticipation rises as we see people on a daily basis who are hungry for change in their lives. Since January, we have witnessed 4 salvations and 3 baptisms in our Putaruru community, and many more progressing in their personal journey. The team is encouraged by the many testimonies that reach us.

As Transform Aotearoa grows and continues to walk alongside others in their personal journey of growth, we see the need to develop tools that help them to dig deeper, and as we connect with people around their practical point of need, we continue to find great opportunities to speak into lives at a deeper level.

If you would like to be involved in a practical way, or receive regular updates on our journey please get in contact with us, or connect with us online at our facebook page www.facebook.com/transformaotearoa
or read our blog at www.transformaotearoa.org.nz

Thankyou for continuing to stand with us!

Our Reach: 2017 so far

Whakahonohono Mai (Women): 25
Te Kaupapa Whakamana (Men): 13
Licencing: 31 new licences
(youth and adult)
Rangatahi: Events every month – 20+ young people attending these
6 men completed CAP Release
6 men attend weekly men's Bible study, to learn about the Bible
Thrive: 35 completed since November 2016

Introducing Kim Jepsen

We have recently welcomed Kim on our team to take over the day-to-day management of our Transform Aotearoa Putaruru Project. Kim brings a wealth of experience from early childhood teaching, church pastoring with her husband in Taupo and most recently working for Literacy Aotearoa, where she wrote and implemented a 20 week Cooking on a Shoestring program. Kim is fuelled with a passion to help others make positive lifelong changes in their own lives.

New Programs

Launching Te Moana Kura: Last Term, we launched a brand new level two Women's program in Putaruru. The new program has been developed as a direct response to the need we see in the local community and builds on the level one program we have been running. Written specifically for Transform Aotearoa, we have already had an overwhelmingly positive response, with 15 women attending in Term Two.

CAP Release: Local church Putaruru Gospel Chapel, has launched a new program called CAP Release, in conjunction with Christians Against Poverty, and have partnered with Transform Aotearoa to host and connect locals into this new program. Through the course, participants examine and learn how to break free from life controlling habits in their lives that are holding them back. Many participants have wanted to move forward but didn't know how, and this course teaches practical tools to enable them to do it.

"CAP Release has given me new ways of dealing with my life controlling habits. Now when faced with the temptation to fall back into my old ways, I can resist and walk into a new path of freedom."

Supporting and Growing Putaruru's Rangatahi

This year we have continued to grow our support for local rangatahi (young people). After being approached by the Putaruru Youth Centre to take over its Youth Driver Licencing Program, we are now offering driver licencing during the school holidays to encourage and support young people to be road-safety-aware and licenced to drive on our roads. It's been a great way to connect with another part of our community, and get behind youth needing a hand in this area, including local teenage mums.
We have been gathering Putaruru's young people for creative workshops very month. The Creative Arts Summits have been a day of fun, movement, expression, learning and connecting with others in a positive environment. It is great to see them embracing something new and watch their confidence increase.

Driver Licencing Update

We're celebrating all those who have stepped up and got their licence this year with us in Putaruru. So far that's 31 – for a small community, we think this is pretty significant, and we know there are many stories of the challenges overcome. Here's some of the feedback we have received (names changed for privacy):

"Just wanted to say a big THANK YOU for your help with Murray's pathway for getting his Learner Licence back. After five years of driving without a licence and having no idea how to get it back, he is over the moon! Thank you for stepping him through the process and for encouraging and building his confidence in using a computer!"

Simon now has his Restricted Licence after almost 17 years of driving with a Learner Licence. He already had two failed attempts at his Restricted before coming to Transform Aotearoa. After his test, the testing officer said to him "That's the best drive I've ever had!"

"I had my Restricted for many years, I went through many driving schools but I still needed a bit more. It's [getting my Full Licence] been a goal for many years, and it feels GOOD to have my Full Licence!"

Thrive Update

Every program graduation has the same ring to it; smiles, laughter, food, friendship, a buzz and excitement in the air. Graduation is a pinnacle experience for program participants, it marks the end of the program but the start of their own journey – beginning life from a new identity claim, "I am valuable and I can make a difference in my world and world around me."
Recently we have added a 10th session to the ShineGIRL, STRENGTH, ShineWOMEN and STRENGTH4Men programs; How do we lead others around us into knowing their worth and significance on the planet? Feedback from these sessions has been exciting:

"You don't need a position to have an influence."
– 14yo, ShineGIRL participant

"Perseverance means giving it your all, working hard on your goals."
– 15yo STRENGTH participant

These sessions, run up to three months after the program has finished, also provide ongoing evidence that attending a Thrive program is a priceless investment into one's life.

"Ever since I've joined ShineGIRL for a term it really helped me in my life becoming a better person than my past, and making right choices. !! I've definitely made a lot of progress like deciding what right for me and learning from my own mistakes" – 14yo ShineGIRL participant

"I have noticed since doing ShineWOMEN I now have more courage to talk and be assertive in my marriage. The program and activities help you think through things in a way I never have before. I would say everybody needs it!" – 61yo ShineWOMAN participant

Since last November we have run training for new facilitators four 9-week programs, four Week-10 catchup sessions. This has involved 8 teams of trained facilitators, 35 participants, and one very busy co-ordinator. Jo Rose has joined our team and we are so thankful for her tireless work getting resources sorted, coordinating team members, working with schools and so much more!