



2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Te Mata School - Hastings

Chairman's Report



During the past year, the major focus for the organisation has been to complete an evaluation of operations and to review our Mission, Purpose and Goals. We conducted a complete appraisal of the organisational structure and reviewed our constitution, rules and trust deed. Part of the process involved reviewing our budget, staffing needs and ensuring we had the right systems and practices in place. This was undertaken by using the Governance Warrant of fitness provided by Accounting for Charities. We found the process very useful.

Over the past year, income was slightly down on 2014/2015, although the Trust still managed a modest surplus on trading for the year. As we complete our 15th year as an organisation, I wish to acknowledge my fellow trustees, staff and volunteers for another successful year of operations.

As we head into the 2015/2016 financial year, the Trust continues to be on solid footing from a financial and management position. This result is due in part to good governance from our trustees and consistency with employees as well as continuity in the programmes we provide. Financial sustainability over the past year has mainly been achieved by placing significant attention on a small decrease in revenue, while at the same time, tightly managing the organisations expenditures.

The greatest ongoing cost to EERST over the past several years has been trees, which was around \$90,000 last year. Another regular expense is replacement recycle bins for classrooms. A large proportion of revenue is required for the replacement and supply of recycling bins for new schools and preschools in those areas without programme partners or sponsors. Fortunately over the past 12 months we have been able to maintain our supply partner to help reduce the costs of providing thousands of recycling bins to schools and preschools.

We have been fortunate to maintain the majority of our local government Paper4trees partners. This is in part due to the programme's continued relevance of practical waste minimisation support we provide to schools and preschools. We believe it comes down to the investment we have made to our database, which allows accurate reporting of diversion statistics to local authorities.

Many of our corporate partners have stayed on board over the past year and we have included some new business partners as well. EERST receives no core funding from any source, which means all programme costs must be covered by having contracts with local authorities, corporate sponsorship, funding grants and project work. The Trust operates in a commercial world, so prudent management of the finances is crucial to the survival of the Trust.

I am also pleased to report three new awards for the trust over the past year. EERST was named Winner of the Tauranga Westpac Business Awards for Sustainability and Finalist for the Community Organisation Award. We also picked up a Finalist Award in the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards. These add to the Green Ribbon Award Finalist in *Communication and Education*, from the previous year.



Howick College – Keep New Zealand Beautiful Beverage Container Recycling Project

This year, through the Paper4trees programme, EERST developed more social enterprise initiatives to run alongside our current eco-product sales. The Trust has been sourcing used billboard skins and seatbelts to turn into bags and public litterbin covers for events. The products proved to be successful recently at the annual WasteMINZ conference, with 13 sales made. Once we get the bags loaded on to the Paper4trees website, sales should increase and bring more revenue to the Trust.

Hope Lawsen has continued to do an outstanding job as National Programme Manager for Paper4trees over the past year.

Programmes

The Paper4trees programme continues to be the flagship for the Trust. Growth in the programme is approximately 60 schools and preschools annually and continues to be delivered in over 4000 schools/preschools. Trees were provided to schools in with over 28,000 trees going out all regions this year. All trees are sourced locally using 40 nurseries from the top of the North Island to the bottom of the South Island. If we continue at the same rate of planting, the programme is on track to surpass 200,000 trees since starting fifteen years ago.

We are continuing to promote the online services for registration, communication and tree orders from schools which helps makes the best use of staff capacity in the office. Attending to phone calls and communicating with schools and preschools by phone continues to draw a large part of our personnel resource.

Water4schools

We are pleased to announce that Water4schools was given a boost from Bay of Plenty Regional Council after a successful funding application earlier this year. The allocation of funding will allow us to continue to roll out water tanks to Bay of Plenty schools during 2015/2016. Schools are certainly interested in water conservation and we are pleased that we can tap more schools into rainwater harvesting going into the future.

Energy4schools

We are still keen to engage schools to reduce energy consumption. The current thinking is to get schools to better understand the financial benefits of solar PV and how this investment will reduce the cost of energy to the school over time. With the price of solar panels dropping each year, the business case and return on investment stacks up. Because it is a large capital investment for schools, solar panels often get overlooked as being an expensive *“nice to have”* but cannot afford right now project. We will continue to promote energy efficiency as an important aspect of school sustainability.



Students from St Patrick's School in Masterton planting their Paper4trees earnings.

To sum up

EERST has a Memorandum of Understanding with Keep New Zealand Beautiful (KNZB) to provide trees to KNZB branches around the country. We are keen to support the great work volunteers undertake in these branches and over the following year we will continue to work collaboratively with the national body. This year EERST donated 495 plants to KNZB branches for local planting projects.

We had another successful application to the annual KNZB Beverage Container Recycling Community Grants programme, which has seen 12 more high schools resourced to increase beverage container recycling with new outdoor recycling bins. This brings the total nationwide to 17 high schools.

The most pressing funding gap for the future is to continue to find ways to fund the programme in the larger urban areas of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Support partners are needed as we get demand from larger high schools needing bins for classrooms. This still continues to be the major focus and will be part of the dedicated work programme for 2015/2016.

The Trust will continue to look at how we can engage more volunteers to work with the organisation either as ambassadors or supporters in other regions.

In closing, EERST is in a steady financial position, however we need to continue to find ways to fully cover all operational costs in each region.

In looking forward, as Chairman, I am ready for the challenges ahead over the next year. Once again many thanks for all the hard work and dedication of our employees and fellow trustees.

Marty Hoffart



Chairman
EERST



Vision

EERST works for sustainability in New Zealand.

Goal

Behaviour change and waste minimisation in preschools, schools, businesses and communities throughout NZ.

We believe that through education, action and the provision of services, all communities can live more sustainably.

What We Do

1. Set up internal recycling systems in schools and preschools

EERST, through the Paper4trees programme, provides schools and preschools with classroom recycling bins to encourage source separation.

2. Provide advice and support for schools and preschools

We advise schools and preschools on recycling practices, local recycling collectors and other waste minimisation initiatives.

3. Provide an incentive for schools and preschools to divert waste from landfill

As a reward for their paper and cardboard recycling efforts, EERST rewards each school and preschool with one native tree/plant for every 2m³ of paper and cardboard they divert from landfill each year.



Programme Manager's Report



Paper4trees continues to expand throughout New Zealand with the help of funding from local councils, regional councils, grants and corporate sponsors. It is the largest school-based recycling programme in the country with over 4,000 schools and preschools currently participating. This number continues to rise as we have new schools and preschools joining each month. Paper4trees is more than paper and cardboard recycling. Although paper and cardboard accounts for about 70% of school waste, the programme is now also assisting schools with beverage container recycling projects and organic waste diversion projects. This year EERST expanded on last year's Beverage Container Recycling project for New Zealand high schools in Paper4trees. Twelve successful applicants have each received two permanent beverage container recycling bins for their school.

We provide schools and preschools with the resources and equipment needed to set up and maintain their own in-house recycling systems. We provide 45 litre, grey, classroom recycling bins that are made out of Anchor Light Proof milk bottles. Sulo Talbot manufactures the bins in New Zealand, from 100% recycled materials. Paper and cardboard account for the majority of waste in a school and this is naturally the easiest material to begin sorting and recycling. We encourage schools and preschools to move to other waste streams once they have their paper and cardboard sorted. Each school and preschool is asked to record their recycling data throughout the year via our online database which is accessible through the Paper4trees website. Those schools and preschools that wish to plant trees can earn a specific number of trees based on their annual recycling volume.

The most important aspect of the programme is that these schools and preschools ***are consistently supported to increase resource recovery, which is diverting resources from landfill.*** Offering the schools and preschools trees for recycling is purely an incentive to get them to the website to record their diversion statistics. The Paper4trees team is in constant communication with the schools to offer assistance. Paper4trees continues to achieve in four key areas:

- *Reduction in the volume of waste to landfill in your local community, therefore a reduction of methane gas and leachate from landfills.*
- *Increased tree planting means a reduction in CO₂ in the atmosphere.*
- *Education and behaviour change around waste minimisation, environmental awareness and encouraging effective recycling practises.*
- *Job creation within the resource recovery industry, which creates local economic development in the collection and processing of recovered materials.*

As the programme continues to grow and schools and preschools are encouraged to minimise more waste, it becomes more challenging for our team to meet the needs of these schools and preschools. To this end we are extremely grateful to those councils, corporate partners, and funding agencies that make it possible. See our website for a full list of sponsors.

Hope Lawsen

National Programme Manager

Impact Report

In 2014-15 we have achieved the following results for New Zealand schools and preschools:



PAPER4TREES NATIONWIDE STATISTICS

6,887

TONNES OF PAPER
AND CARDBOARD
RECYCLED

55,092

CUBIC METRES OF
LANDFILL SPACE
SAVED

37,187

TONNES OF
CO2 PREVENTED FROM
BEING RELEASED IN
LANDFILL

28,128

NATIVE TREES EARNED

65
NEW

Schools &
Preschools

4,029
TOTAL



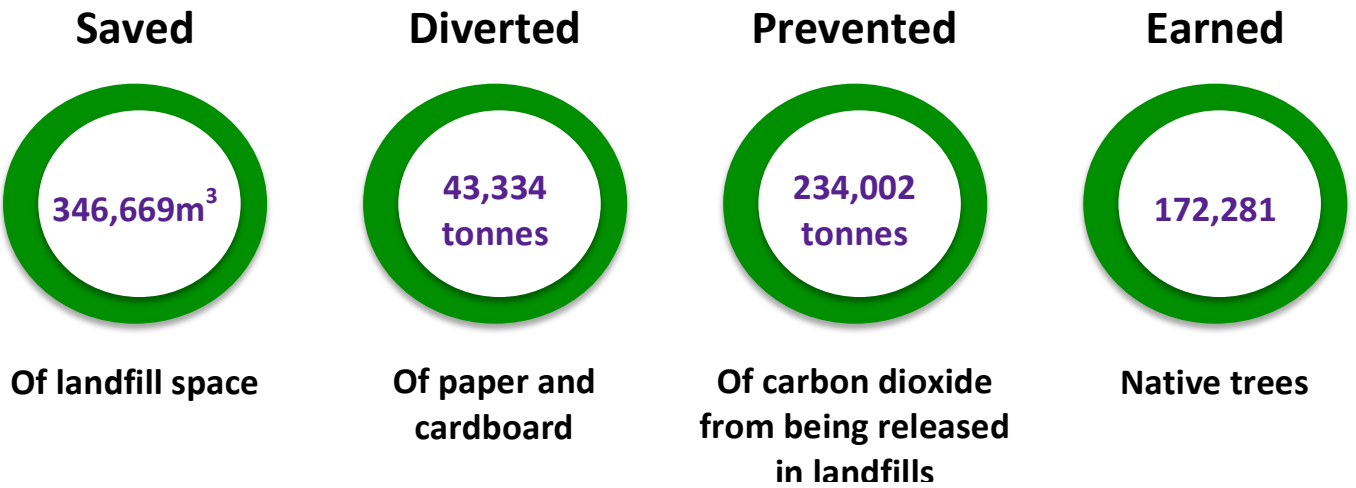
Golden Sands School - Tauranga



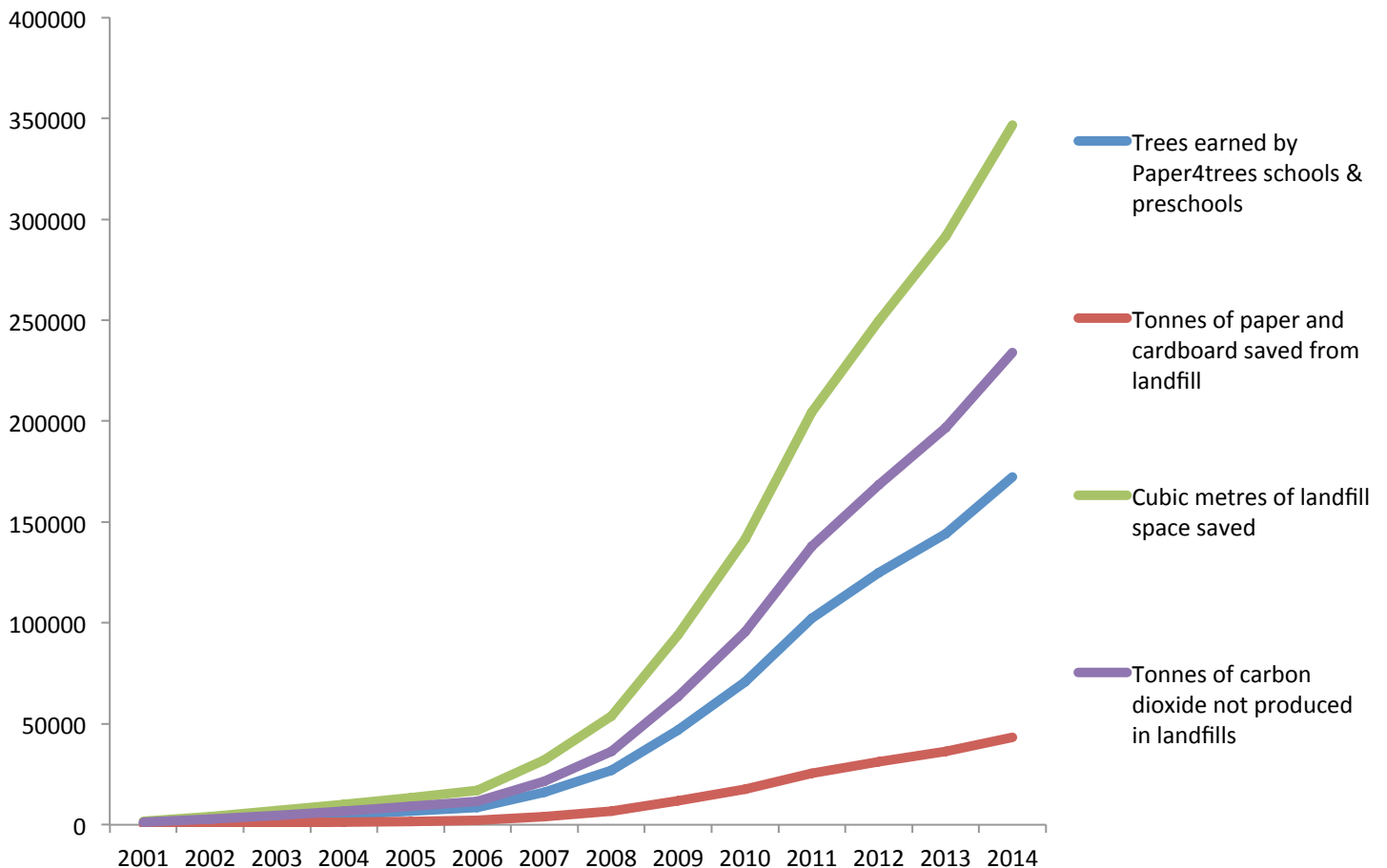
Big Steps Valley - Whangarei

From the Beginning

Since the programme's inception in 2001, NZ schools and preschools have achieved the following:



Paper4trees 2001 - 2014



Your Stories



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The staff and children from Active Kids Early Childcare Centre would like to thank the sponsors at Tauranga City Council and TECT for the native plants we received from the Paper4trees initiative. We love being rewarded with these trees for our paper recycling efforts. Our children at the Centre really enjoy looking after their garden and watching the plants grow big and strong, just like them.



Ahakoā he iti he pounamu
"Although it is small it is a treasure."



22/9/2015

To Pub charity

Thankyou pub charity for
buying us some new trees for
our school. We can't thankyou
enough. It was so much fun
planting the trees thankyou.

From Nelc Afioga.

Room 4 Motueka South School.

Annual Financial Statements

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY TRUST

Statement of Financial Performance

For the Year Ended 31 March 2015

2014		2015
	<u>Income From:</u>	
109060	Services & Product Sales	84123
2318	Sales - Friendly Pak	1017
240	Sales - MyMojo	203
6225	Income - Badge Sales	1667
27554	Projects	0
67654	Sponsorship	39975
1018	Interest Received	519
0	Dividends Received	478
77130	Grants Received	125431
0	Sales - Administration	1948
0	Reimbursements	276
0	Donations	9250
<u>291199</u>		<u>264887</u>
	<u>Less Expenses</u>	
233773	Cash Expenses as Scheduled	232514
	<u>Depreciation</u>	
16021	As Per Schedule	12923
<u>-342</u>	Less Gain on Sale	<u>0</u>
<u>249452</u>	Total Expenses	<u>245437</u>
<u>41747</u>	NET SURPLUS	<u>19450</u>

Note: This Statement must be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes and the Accountant's Disclaimer.
Verne Burmester Limited
Accountants

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY TRUST

Expense Schedule
For the Year Ended 31 March 2015

2014		2015
	<u>Operating & Overhead</u>	
931	ACC Levy	170
1997	Accountancy	1672
4666	Advertising	5351
124	Bank Fees	61
6087	Computer Expenses	13775
36091	Contract Services	32664
452	Donation/Gift	241
925	Education	0
532	Electricity	482
295	Entertainment	470
204	Freight	4126
3	General Expenses	0
2397	Insurance	1786
382	Interest	0
1115	Office	1217
282	Payroll Expenses	295
1892	Postage & Courier	92
304	Reimbursements	875
609	Rental Car Hireage	0
4184	Rent & Rates	3538
613	Repairs & Maintenance	0
166	Resources - General	695
713	- Badges	0
2640	- Bins	7966
2194	- Friendly Pak Stock	970
361	- MyMojo Stock	99
92080	- Trees	86833
123	Staff Expenses	460
522	Staff Training	522
1133	Subscriptions	2124
1363	Telephone	1590
5489	Travel/Seminars/Conferences	3330
1583	Vehicle	3218
61321	Wages	57892
<u>233773</u>		<u>232514</u>

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY TRUST

Statement of Movements in Equity
For the Year Ended 31 March 2015

2014		2015
52654	Opening Balance	94401
	<u>Plus:</u>	
<u>41747</u>	Net Surplus	<u>19450</u>
94401		113851
	<u>Less:</u>	
<u>0</u>	Charitable Distributions	<u>0</u>
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
<u>94401</u>	Closing Balance	<u>113851</u>

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY TRUST
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2015

2014		2015
	<u>Trust Equity</u>	
<u>94401</u>	Equity as Scheduled	<u>113851</u>
	Equity Represented By:	
	<u>Current Assets</u>	
27317	Bank - 00 A/c	53511
575	Bank - 50 A/c	3358
27243	Bank - 54 a/c	19355
2549	Bank - 55 A/c	2619
41	Petty Cash	41
<u>25956</u>	Accounts Receivable	<u>26153</u>
83681		105037
	<u>Fixed Assets</u>	
<u>23274</u>	As Per Schedule	<u>19731</u>
106955	Total Assets	124768
	Less Liabilities	
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
10012	Accounts Payable	8687
2328	GST Payable	2117
<u>214</u>	Visa	<u>113</u>
<u>12554</u>		<u>10917</u>
<u>12554</u>	Total Liabilities	<u>10917</u>
<u>94401</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>113851</u>

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Thank You!

EERST and all of the Paper4trees schools and preschools would like to say a massive thank you to **all of our sponsors** for supporting the Paper4trees programme. If there is something specific you would like us to focus on (e-Waste, organics, etc), please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Your support has ensured the programme can continue to make an impact in **NZ schools and preschools**. We look forward to another great year so we can continue to offer assistance to local schools to keep them recycling and minimising waste. For this, EERST and all of the schools and preschools are extremely grateful. Thank you for your support.



Dairy for life



Funding Organisations





Businesses



Local Councils





Gus Evans Nurseries
Growing strong on the Kapiti Coast



Coast Lands
PLANT NURSERY LTD.
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ARA POUTAMA AOTEAROA



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Plant Nursery

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Thank you all for your support!



Bayswater School – North Auckland