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Hororata Community Trust welcomes a new Trustee

Lifelong Hororataian, Chris Thwaites has been appointed to the Hororata Community Trust as a Trustee. Chair Richard Lang welcomed Chris; “Chris has been involved with many of the Trust activities over the past 10 years, he has deep family connections to the area and volunteers his time to many different groups. Chris is a motivator; he gets people involved in the community and leads by example by rolling up his sleeves. It is exciting to have his passion and vision around the Hororata Community Trust table.”

Chris lives with his wife Jane and three children on the Thwaites family farm in Hororata. A passionate sports person Chris is involved with the Selwyn rugby club, cricket club and Mt Olympus Ski Club, he is also on the Hororata Primary School board of Trustees. Chris is also a representative of the Go Hororata group working on developing new facilities for the community.

“It is fair to say my life is pretty busy so when the opportunity to join the Hororata Community Trust as a Trustee I had to really think if I have time to commit to this role. However, knowing the positive impact the Trust has on our community I felt it was worth making that time. The Trust supports our community in many ways a lot people are not even aware of. I am excited to part of it, I want to ensure Hororata and surrounding communities remains to be a special place for years to come,” said Chris.

Hororata Community Trust encompasses communities of a large rural district in the heart of Selwyn, from Hororata, Glentunnel to Lake Coleridge. Whether it be through developing major events like the Hororata Highland Games and Hororata Glow Festival, supporting smaller community-led initiatives and collaborations, working to develop plans for future facilities to meet growing needs, or promoting the heritage of the area, the Trust is focused on enabling its community to thrive.

“The Hororata Community Trust is now 10 years old, but reflecting over the challenges of the past 18 months I think we can look back on a year in which we have focused particularly on the wellbeing of our community, of our people, and how they have shown resilience in the face of not just COVID but the May floods. One of the main ways we do help wellbeing is by connecting and supporting other community groups by providing resources to the volunteers working tirelessly to make great things happen.

Looking forward to the next 12 months our focus will be on the wellbeing of our community and developing a Digital Community Hub which will give people access to a range of digital tools to help them with their volunteer roles. The Hororata Highland Games is only 8 weeks away and we are excited to hold this event for the 11th consecutive year. We also will focus on enabling other community events to be a success. We will continue to support our community with developing facilities needed for now and in the future,” said Richard Lang.

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