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Hororata Community Trust a finalist

The Hororata Community Trust is proud to have been announced as a finalist in the Westpac Champion Business Awards – Canterbury, Champions Community Impact – small category.

“We are proud to have been nominated for this award and to have been made a finalist is great acknowledgement of what our community has achieved in the past 10 years,” said Hororata Community Trust Chair, Richard Lang.

Through dedication and determination, the Hororata Community Trust has positively impacted the wellbeing of its large rural community. The Trust focuses on enabling its community to thrive by connecting and collaborating with a range of community groups. The Trust ensures the right skills are around the table, and have developed a wide network to support the community.

The Trust has established two outstanding events, the Hororata Highland Games and Hororata Glow Festival which have proven economic and social benefits to the community and wider Canterbury. Solid strategy, providing resources and thinking outside the box is key to the Trust’s success.

“While we have our big festivals have huge benefit to the area and what we are most know for; it is the initiatives we do within our community on a daily basis this nomination also recognises. The Trust is focused on the wellbeing of our people. We connect with a range of community groups and provide the resources to help them achieve their goals.

Ironically, the Hororata Community Trust was born in response to the earthquake disaster in 2010, and in our 10th year, our community along with the rest of the world faced yet another massive challenge, COVID 19. Like many others we had to pivot and adapt to ensure we met the changing needs of our community. We continue to work through the uncertainty to support our community and help it, once again, recover, rebuild and restore.

A huge thanks to our 350 Clan Hororata volunteers, our Patrons and Partners, they are all part of the Trust and we all share in this success. It has been a stressful year for our community with floods, wind storms and COVID, being a finalist in these prestigious awards has given our people something positive to celebrate.”

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