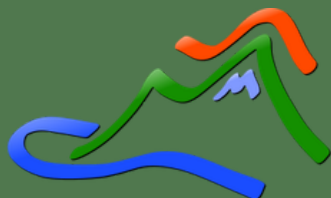




ANNUAL REPORT 2025

NORTH CANTERBURY
ALPINE TRUST
OPERATING AS



BOYLE RIVER
OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

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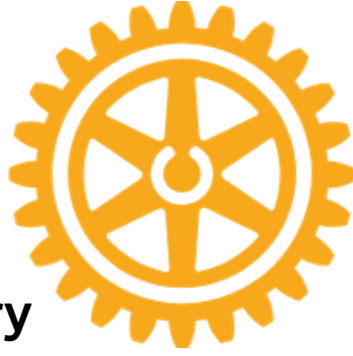


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Te Pā o Rākahautū
University of Canterbury Orienteering Club

Te Tai O Marokura
Timaru Girls' High School
Villa Maria College
Westland High School

WHERE WE ARE NOW

We are at the highest point we've been since 2002. Congratulations to everyone!

Chair's Report

Bruce White

In 2025, North Canterbury Alpine Trust continued to deliver the primary goal of delivering a unique learning experience for the young people of the region. Over 2000 people have enjoyed opportunities offered at the Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre over the year.

One of the key measures by which we determine success is the safe delivery of the outdoor education programmes. As an Adventure Activity Operator, the trust is required to be reviewed annually for compliance against the relevant safety standards. There were no material deficiencies noted in the review. During 2025 there were no incidents resulting in serious harm or Worksafe investigations. Safety is the paramount consideration in all we do.

Unfortunately, in the economic environment maintaining our services at a reasonable cost has been difficult whilst also investing in our facilities. Family budgets are constrained so increasing the price charged to cover our increasing reflect our costs is a challenge so we have to rely on other sources of income. The trust receives no support from central government despite the quality of the experience provided. The Trust relies heavily on the support of key philanthropic funders. We are very grateful for the support NZ Community Trust who contributed to the staffing costs. We also received significant support from the Macpac Fund for Good for the maintenance and replacement of equipment to support our outdoor programmes. Other support was gratefully received from Betacraft Ltd, Britta Safety, Canterbury Masonic Charitable Trust, EB Milton Trust, Fergburger, Lion Foundation, Mainland Foundation, Mainpower Community Fund, Manchester Unity, Mitsubishi Electric and Steadfast Foundation.

I would also like to thank the Rotary Clubs of Rangiora and Belfast Kaiapoi who have supported the Trust for almost 50 years.

The Rotary clubs have jointly and individually supported this year's investment in staff accommodation projects through their voluntary labour and financial contributions. Being able to offer accommodation in the Boyle Village makes it easier to attract the contractors that we depend on to support larger school groups.

We had an awesome time at Boyle River. What stood out most was the depth of this place and how strongly it aligns with our Te Ao Māori worldview. The genuine dedication and commitment to speaking as much te reo Māori as possible was truly refreshing. It showed the deep respect of the staff and instructors, and the effort they are putting in to make a real and lasting difference.

For our students, this all makes sense, as in our world this is the norm. So when we step into a foreign environment, it is heartwarming to hear language that is familiar—it creates connection, comfort, and a sense of belonging.

This year the focus has been on organisational sustainability. This goal has been progressed by:

- Attracting new client schools.
- Securing additional support for the Centre Manager. James Kozlowski was appointed to the role of Operations Manager. James brings a broad range of outdoor experience gained in New Zealand and overseas.
- Ensuring that every dollar spent earns at least a dollar in value.
- Elimination of single use plastics on site to minimise the impact on the environment.

The Trust could not function without the support of our friends and stakeholders. We have continued to work with Department of Conservation, Hurunui District Council and the Te Araroa Trust in areas of mutual interest.

We are indebted to the owners and managers of the Poplars Run and Glenhope Stations, who support our programmes by allowing us to access their land. To the team of dedicated Guardians, who volunteer each weekend to support the Te Araroa walkers and public users of our services, thank you for your contribution.

I'd also like to thank my fellow board members who spend many hours each year overseeing the work of the trust. Without your freely given time and talents, I am sure that the trust would not exist in its current form. In particular, I would acknowledge the contributions of Dave Felstead and Michael Emerins who stepped down from the Board during the year. We have also welcomed Brock Vuleta to the Board.

2026 will bring new challenges but we remain focussed on delivering high quality and safe outdoor education experiences to the young adults of the region.

Bruce White





New to the Board.

In 2025 we also welcomed Brock onto the board.

Brock is a qualified and licenced carpenter, with a diploma in Quantity Surveying and a certificate in business management. His Background of delivering commercial construction projects from initial conception through to completed project and overseeing the on-going maintenance of property, with strengths in bringing stakeholders together using communication as a tool to achieve desired outcomes. Driven to deliver a high standard of service amongst all parties enabling prosperous business and communities to thrive, with a focus on people and networking. Brocks current role is a business development manager leading the relationship, sales, and tendering side of the business with a focus on big picture to ensure a sustainable business operation. Previously Brock has experience in facilities management, quantity surveying, and construction management bringing a wealth of experience from development, construction, maintenance, and property end of life feasibility options within the commercial construction space.

Outside of work Brock has a young family residing in North Canterbury, enjoys time socialising with friends and family, time outdoors skiing or hiking, traveling, and some building work.

Was great balance of offering opportunities for the kids and motivating them to stretch themselves but not be pushed beyond their limits

Our instructor was switched on to my knee rehab. It's so important that all instructors realise most of our teachers are not PE teachers and we're not used to the conditions. Being aware of this will keep our teachers coming back. It can be overwhelming at times for teachers too :i

It was super fun definitely wanna come back, and activities were awesome. was so cold though

That persevering is easier when you have encouraging people around you

Loved the chance to learn from the instructors and the way they lead groups

This program is an incredible learning experience and provides key life skills to build some amazing people

My key takeaway from this trip was the effort I put into helping everyone with the jobs needed and seeing how doable it actually is to achieve

Constant joy. The variation of activities meant that every student was able to shine and it kept the engagement high paced and enjoyable. The Instructor built a strong relationship with the group and gave the leaders heaps of opportunities to run things. He was positive, encouraging and adapted the program when the year 10s let him know their interests. Thank you so much!! You are amazing.

Governance..



Bruce White
Appointee
Board Chair



Guy Sutherland
User school trustee
Deputy Chair
Chair of Finance and Risk Committee



Paul Biddington
Nominee
Belfast / Kaiapoi
Rotary Club



Andrew Hurley
Appointee
Chair, Property Committee



Nick Chapman
Appointee



Julia Malcolm
Nominee
Founding School,
Rangiora High School



Karen Stewart
Appointee



Brock Veluta
Nominee
Rangiora Rotary Club

THANK YOU

The Board thanks Michael Ermerins and Dave Felstead for their services

BOARD SUPPORT

- Secretary: Arthur Sutherland, The Learning Project
- Accountant: Sidekick Wānaka
- Financial Reviewer: Ashton Wheelans
- Legal adviser: Williams McKenzie Lawyers

Operational Report

This past year has been remarkable in many ways. We are especially grateful for the tremendous support received from both Belfast–Kaiapoi and Rangiora Rotary, who have enthusiastically come on board to assist with one of our larger projects.

The year was not without its challenges, many of which stemmed from severe weather events. An extended 11-day power outage caused significant environmental damage in the surrounding area, followed by weeks without phone service. Road closures forced groups to shift their programme dates, and some staff were unable to return on schedule. During these times, we also responded by assisting stranded trampers and providing shelter for those caught out in the storms.

As these events transpired and we found ourselves cut off, thanks to some timely funding we were able to purchase and install Starlink to manage communications and future proof the centre should there be further environmental issues.

Through all of this, one thing has been clear: Boyle River remains resilient, adaptable, professional, and focused—committed to serving our community in the best ways possible.

Economic pressures have continued, making it increasingly difficult for schools, whānau, and individuals to keep pace with rising costs. Securing funding has been an ongoing challenge. As a not-for-profit charitable trust, we recognise the impact of these constraints and are working proactively to support our partner schools, including seeking transport funding to help reduce one of the major cost barriers.

In the current climate, outdoor education is more vital than ever, offering meaningful connections and essential breaks from the demands of everyday urban life.

We continue to invest in our staff, who remain at the heart of everything we do. It is not just the activities that people remember, but the care, dedication, and lived values of the team—qualities consistently acknowledged as central to the Boyle River experience.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited about new programmes on the horizon and the opportunity to strengthen the relationships we have built. Our partnerships with the Department of Conservation, Glenhope Station, The Poplars Station, the Te Araroa Trust, Macpac NZ, and our valued founding organisation, Rotary, remain integral to our vision for the future.

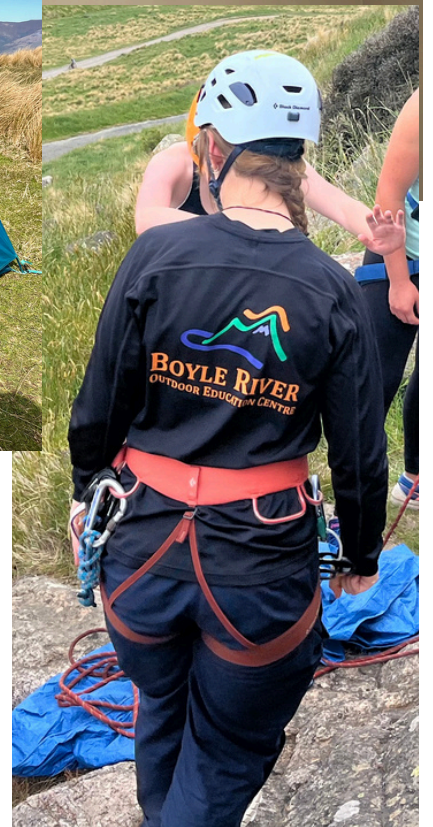
Nāku iti nei, nā

Sharon Nicholas
Kaiwhakahaere, Centre Manager

Support

This year we have made some necessary and important purchases and developments thanks to the generous support from around the region. Some things may seem small but they have a large impact.

- Heat pumps in accommodation
- Starlink - Safety purchase to allow continued connection to groups and the outside world
- Various helmets, harnesses and ropes
- New icom radios
- New student waterproof clothing
- High Ropes maintenance upgrades and changes
- New Heaphy campsite toilet system
- Commercial Dryer
- New Double Fridge
- Staff house bathroom replacement
- Staff house double glazed bedroom windows
- Tree removal and health checks of trees completed
- New staff uniform
- New Macpac tents
- New Te Araroa picnic table





2025 Facts and Figures

225
Participants on a Duke of
Edinburgh Adventurous
Journey

339

Days of
programme,
training or use

3067

Students, Teachers and Group Participants

48
Different schools or
organisations

26
Observers E.g. from
schools and
Polytechnics

2025 Highlights



Development and delivery of River Safety Video and Course

Development of Outdoor Education video



Two new schools joined Boyle River

New Staff uniform and student waterproof gear



Centre Manager Industry Recognition for Leadership and Instruction



Delivery of full programmes in the Christchurch area

Delivery of Rock Climbing programmes in Christchurch



Significant infrastructure developments - bathrooms, heat pumps, tree maintenance, high ropes audits/maintenance, and a dryer

Staffing

A year ago, many of our instructing staff were new to Boyle River—and for some, new to instructing altogether. With twelve months now under their belts, their strong whānau spirit, adaptability, and growing capability in managing complex student needs have become clear strengths. Their ability to deliver high-quality, engaging programmes has consolidated and continues to flourish.

This year, we were privileged to train with Dr Ihirangi Heke and Paraone Leatham-Taitin as we further embedded Te Ao Māori and Atua Matua principles into our work. Additional professional development included skill-building on the Port Hills with Mr Jim Masson from the Army Leadership Centre, and river-rescue training with Nathan from Inland Rafting (in Reefton with inland Adventures)—both respected NZOIA and New Zealand Rafting Association assessors and trainers.

We have also had two staff attend an Outward Bound 21 day course fully funded and most staff hold NZOIA Qualifications.

It is important to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of our support staff. Many visitors to the Centre will have met our chef, Miggs. With a background that spans catering in Scottish castles, managing her own business, and working in top restaurants, she brings exceptional expertise—particularly in plant-based and specialised dietary cuisine. Her dedication has elevated our food and catering to an exceptional standard, and she delivers this with genuine humility, care, and professionalism. She is integral to our operations.

Our Maintenance Manager, Bryan Berryman, continues to be the backbone of the lodge and staff facilities. His deep knowledge of the site's infrastructure and his practical skillset keep the Centre functioning smoothly. Bryan has been with the organisation for many years and remains our go-to source for wisdom, tools, and solutions.

Finally, we are pleased to introduce James Kozlowski and his wife Sian. James has joined us as our new Operations Manager. Unlike many who call Aotearoa New Zealand home, he didn't grow up surrounded by mountains and oceans –he grew up in the urban environment of Boston, Massachusetts. Despite this, he developed an early fascination with the natural world that would later grow into a career dedicated to education and the outdoors.



James served as a Wilderness Ranger for the United States Forest Service in Aspen, Colorado for several summers and nearly eight years ago arrived in Aotearoa New Zealand for the first time, a country that has since become home.

He has served as a senior instructor and managed the Health & Safety, Operations, and Training & Development for two of Auckland's largest outdoor education and recreation organisations. He is also a founding member and Trustee of Friends of The Great Outdoors Charitable Trust.

Each of these roles has strengthened his expertise in safety systems, risk management, and programme development – but more importantly, they have kept him connected to the belief that everyone should have the opportunity to experience the outdoors in a way that is safe, accessible, and life-changing.

'I can't speak more highly of the team at the Boyle. Thank you so much for all you do for our tamariki.'

'My son is on the autism spectrum and finds outdoor activities challenging. The staff at Boyle river were very accommodating in setting up the camp to support him. I was put at ease with the planning, communication and professionalism of the staff. The instructor was particularly empathetic working with my son and did an outstanding job to help him through.'

'Absolutely blown away by the exceptional leaders and programme here. Have been here several times before and think this one really does stand out above the rest. Thank you so much for all the mahi you put into making this a great time for us all.'

Safety First

Safety remains the highest priority for every programme delivered at Boyle River. We are committed to ensuring that students, parents, teachers, and schools are well informed, and that risks are rigorously assessed and managed throughout all activities.

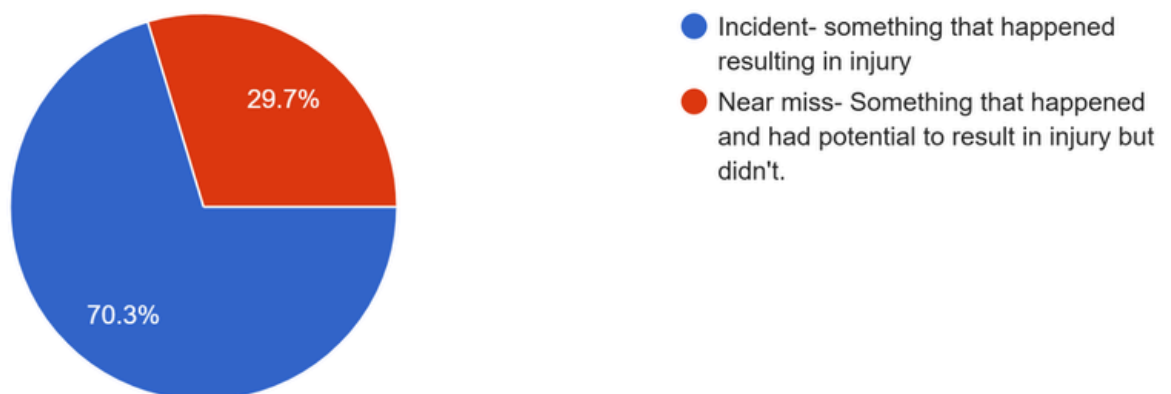
While the outdoors naturally involves a degree of inherent risk, we work carefully to manage these risks in ways that enhance—rather than hinder—the growth, learning, and development of participants.

Our staff undergo multi-day, activity-specific training and are further supported through mentored programme delivery. This ensures consistent, high-quality practice and a strong safety culture across all aspects of our work.

Of the 118 incidents or near misses throughout the year there were no notifiable ones and overall there were fewer than 2 incidents per group. 69% had a *potential* severity rating of between 2 and 5 meaning there was a mild to medium impact such as sprains, lowered participation, flu, or damage to equipment. The majority of the age range was 13-15 years old.

Incident

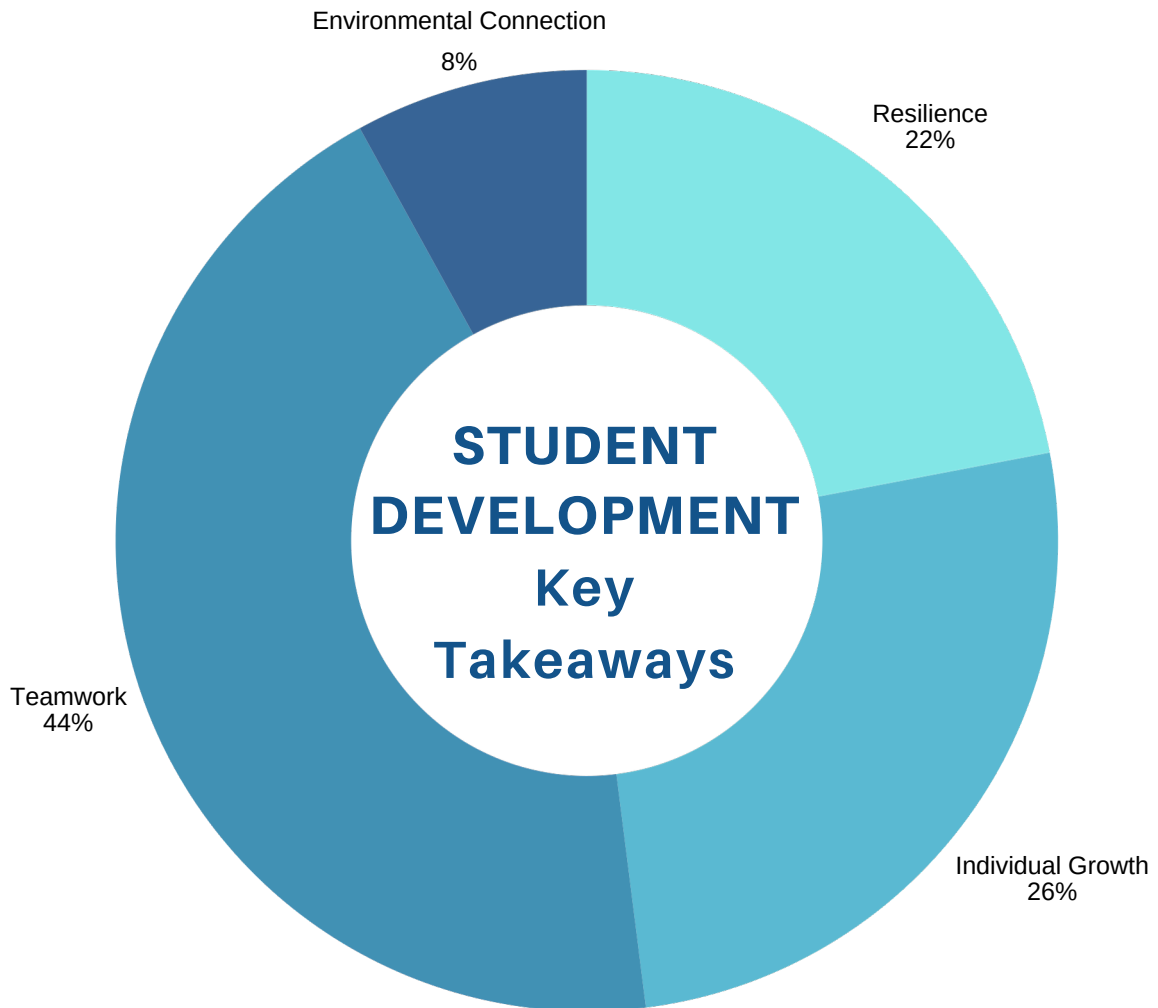
118 responses



SURVEY FEEDBACK

KEY TAKEAWAYS COLUMN

from 109 responses



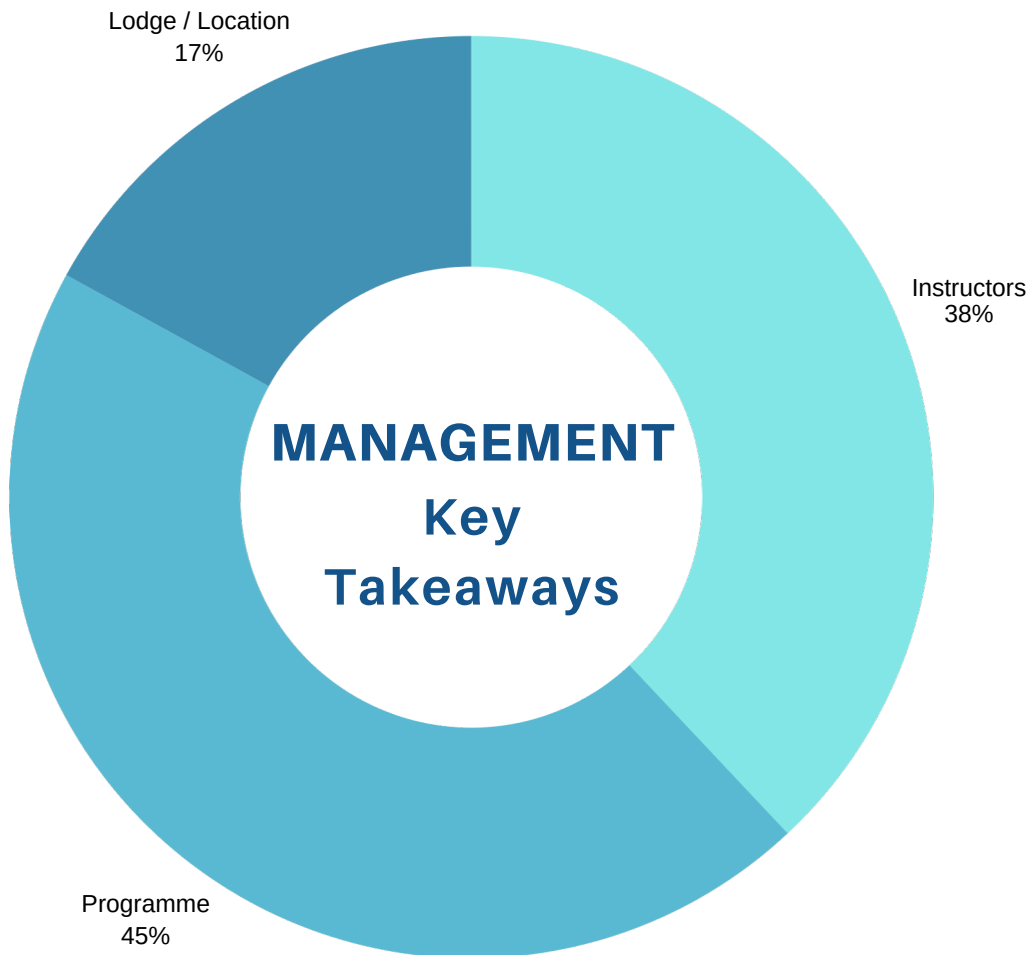
109 POSITIVE COMMENTS
0 NEGATIVE COMMENT

- RESILIENCE 'I know I can do hard things'
- INDIVIDUAL GROWTH 'Students built confidence, courage'
- TEAMWORK 'Groups built trust in each other'
- ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTION 'Knowledge & appreciation'

SURVEY FEEDBACK

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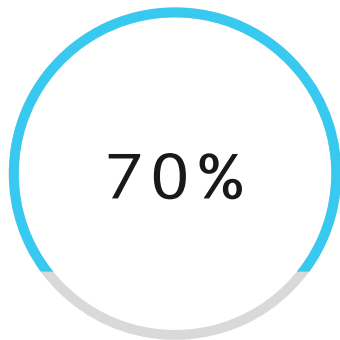
108 POSITIVE COMMENTS
1 NON SPECIFIC NEGATIVE COMMENT

- INSTRUCTORS Great leadership, Encouragement
- PROGRAMME Next page
- LODGE / LOCATION Good food, Great lodge, Great location

SURVEY FEEDBACK

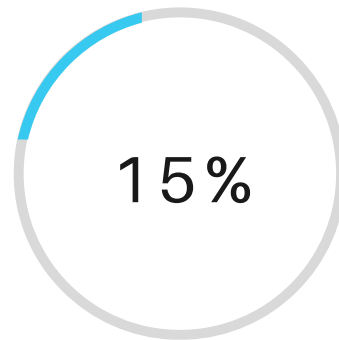
KEY TAKEAWAYS COLUMN

● PROGRAMME ANALYSIS BREAKDOWN



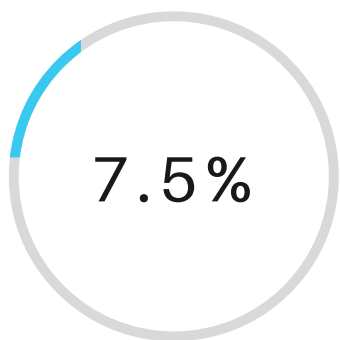
PROGRAMME VARIETY

- Amazing activities
- High quality activities
- Options for varying abilities



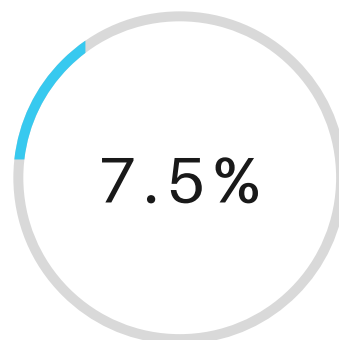
EXPERIENCES / SKILL ACQUISITION

- 'I learnt how to cut wood'
- Map reading
- 'I really liked building a hut'
- River crossing



VALUES / TIKANGA EVIDENT

- Great integration of te reo Māori and tikanga
- Values focused



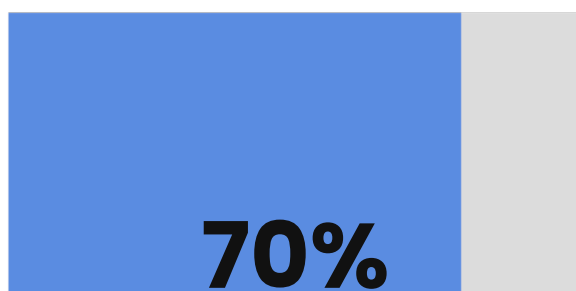
SAFETY

- Well organised
- Great briefing
- 'I loved learning from instructors around how to lead groups'

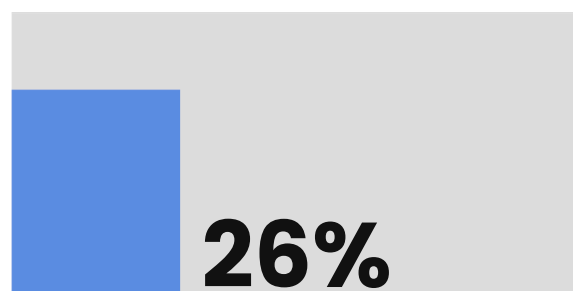
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ANALYSIS

46 RESPONSES WERE CODED AS EITHER POSITIVE OR A RECOMMENDATION. SOME RESPONSES CONTAINED MORE THAN ONE FREQUENTLY USED WORD.

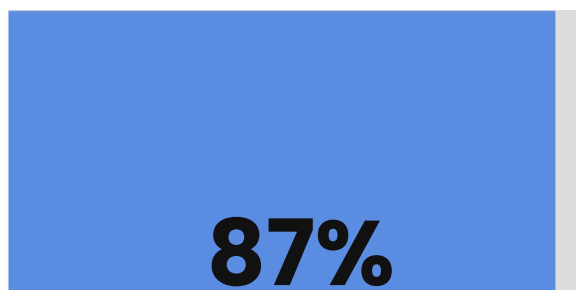
POSITIVE WORD FREQUENCY ANALYSIS



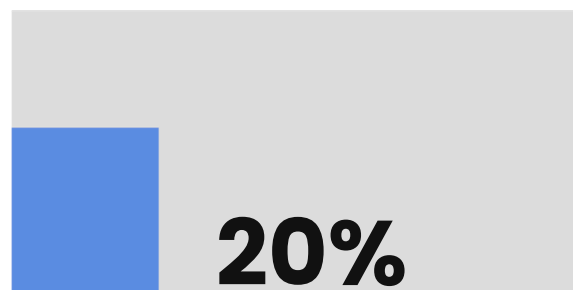
GREAT EXPERIENCE



WELL ORGANISED



GREAT STAFF



THANK YOU

■ EMPATHY

■ HEALTH & SAFETY FOCUSED

■ GREAT COMMUNICATION

■ SHOUT OUTS TO ...

'The instructors were excellent - individually and collectively'

TEACHER, CBHS

'I was absolutely blown away by the exceptional leaders and programme here'

STUDENT, TE AO TAWHITI

Finances

Charities Registration

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Operational Arm

The Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre is the operational arm of the Trust and includes all revenue and expenditure associated with promoting, administering and delivering all programmes.

Overview

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand Dollars and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices in New Zealand (NZ GAAP). They comply with Public Benefit entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards (“PBE IPSAS’) and other applicable financial reporting standards that have been authorised for use by the External Reporting Board for Not-for-Profits.

The following information has been taken from the full financial statements for the year ending December 31st 2025 completed by Sidekick Wanaka Limited, audited by Ashton Wheelans, and approved by the board on the 22nd March 2026.

The full statement can be found on our website

Finances

Trust Revenue and Expenses

Revenue	2025	2024
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	3,251	433
General Grants	98,163	60,000
Capital grants and donations	77,370	29,616
Government service delivery grants/contracts	1,583	1,583
Non-government service delivery grants/contracts	-	2,349
Revenue from service delivery	835,012	611,717
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	669	969
Total Revenue	1,016,047	706,667

Expenses	2025	2024
Employee remuneration and other expenses	550,327	491,532
Volunteer related expenses	5,375	4,821
Expenses related to service delivery	246,536	184,422
Other Expenses	59,646	66,607
Total Expenses	861,885	747,381

Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year **154,162** **(40,714)**

Financial Position

Assets and Liabilities	2025	2024
Current Assets	129,206	131,109
Non Current Assets	963,649	963,199
Total Assets	1,092,855	1,094,308
Current Liabilities	67,419	117,699
Non Current Liabilities	-	105,334
Total Liabilities	67,419	223,034

Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets) **1,025,436** **817,274**

Total Accumulated Funds **1,025,436** **817,274**



BOYLE RIVER OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

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Resilience
Integrity

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