

**THE ARMSTRONG AND ARTHUR
CHARITABLE TRUST FOR LESBIANS**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2009**

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DIRECTORY as at 31 March 2008

Nature of the Trust	Charitable Trust
Date of Settlement	17 September 2001
Postal address	PO Box 199 Waikanae 5250
Settlor	Beatrice Blanche Arthur (Dec'd 5/8/2002)
Trustees (Minimum 3, Max 10)	A J Laurie L C Evans R Walsh C M Walsh J H Griffin R Evans F M Kell T Instone E G Paton V R Edyvane
Officers	Chair A J Laurie Secretary F M Kell Treasurer J H Griffin
Bankers	National Bank of NZ, Waikanae
Solicitor	Stephen Burnett PO Box 209 Waikanae 5250
IRD No:	81-490-023
Registered Charity No:	CC10947

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009**

		<u>2008</u>
Income:		
Term Investment Deposit Interest (Nat Bank)	\$16,575.78	12687
Current Account Interest (Nat Bank)	143.32	148
Elders/Hanover Finance Interest	661.93	2662
Donations	-	285
	<u>\$17,381.03</u>	<u>15783</u>
Expenses:		
Administrative Expenses	75.00	-
Domain Name fee	278.44	-
Flowers	70.00	148
Postage	31.00	3
Reviewer's Fees	100.00	80
Stationery	75.93	103
Honoraria	2,000.00	2000
Exhibition Expenses	150.00	-
	<u>2,780.37</u>	<u>2333</u>
Available for Distribution	14,600.66	13449
Grants	19,041.91	8029
Loss/Surplus for year	<u>(\$4,441.25)</u>	<u>\$5420</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2009

		<u>2008</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:		
National Bank Current Account	\$15,631.72	9303
TERM ASSETS:		
National Bank Term Investment No 2	100,000.00	100000
National Bank Term Investment No 3	50,000.00	50000
National Bank Term Investment No 4	20,000.00	20000
National Bank Term Investment No 12	-	5401
National Bank Term Investment No 13	-	10000
National Bank Term Investment No 14	35,000.00	35000
National Bank Term Investment No 17	6,500.84	-
National Bank Term Investment No 18	25,000.00	-
Hanover Finance Term Investment	29,400.00	30000
	<u>281,532.56</u>	<u>259,704</u>
LESS LIABILITIES:		
Sundry Creditors	-	-
	<u>\$281,532.56</u>	<u>259,704</u>
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EQUITY:		
Original Settlement	\$100,000.00	100000
Additional – Bequest B B Arthur Estate	100,000.00	100000
Investment Reserve	6,500.00	5400
DOODs Funds	1,726.85	1727
B Dean Bequest	35,000.00	35000
Additional – Bequest of B Dean Estate	25,000.00	-
– Lesbian Line	1,270.19	-
	<u>269,497.04</u>	<u>242,127</u>
Accumulated Funds:		
Surplus carried forward	17,576.77	12,557
Less Investment for inflation	-1,100.00	-400
Loss/Surplus this year	-4,441.25	5,420
	<u>12,035.52</u>	<u>17577</u>
	<u>\$281,532.56</u>	<u>259704</u>
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2009

The Trust's Investments are split into 6 separate investment parcels with the National Bank, Waikanae and one with Hanover Finance.

The investments with the National Bank are:

- (No. 2) \$100,000 for 364 days at 8.00% (maturing 29 June 2009);
- (No. 3) \$50,000 for 102 days at 4.00% (maturing 18 May 2009);
- (No. 4) \$20,000 for 182 days at 4.60% (maturing 22 June 2009);
- (No. 14) \$35,000 for 1 yr & 3 days at 7.80% (maturing 31 August 2009);
- (No. 17) \$6,500.84 for 182 days at 3.50% (maturing 17 August 2009);
- (No. 18) \$25000 for 1 yr & 185 days at 7.00% (maturing 6 April 2010):

The investment remaining with Hanover Finance is:

\$29,400 (from a total of \$30,000 invested at 8.85% which matured at 8 January 2009 but the funds are now frozen). The Company has advised that it is intending to repay the capital in instalments, with the yearly totals amounting to as follows:

Year ended 31/3/2009	\$600	(received 15/3/2009)
Year ended 31/3/2010	\$2550	
Year ended 31/3/2011	\$3450	
Year ended 31/3/2012	\$8775	
Year ended 31/3/2013	\$10500	
Year ended 31/3/2014	\$4125	
	<u>\$30,000</u>	
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During this time no interest will be payable.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There has been greater interest in the activities of the Trust during the year as the objectives of the Trust have become more widely known. As the Statement of Financial Performance shows, grants distributed are more than double that of the year before. Administration costs were up slightly.

Income increased but this was mainly due to additional monies being available for investment. A further handsome sum was received from the Estate of Bronwen Dean, for which the Trustees are extremely grateful.

The banks are now offering lower interest rates due to the current economic decline, and it is likely that investment income will be reduced in the 2010 financial year. Our investment earnings this year suffered with the Trust's funds with Hanover Finance being frozen. Although \$600 has since been received from the company, it will be some years before the full amount will be repaid under the very best scenario that that the company has offered. Hanover's proposed dates of repayment of the principal in quarterly instalments are shown on page 6 of this report. It will be seen that the final instalment will not be received until March 2014, and, of course during this time no interest from this source will be received.

To ensure that the original capital maintains its true worth, the Trustees decided to invest a further \$1100 in a reserve earmarked as a hedge against inflation. This is reflected as the National Bank Term Deposit No 17.

Janice H Griffin

Treasurer

17 April 2009

FINANCIAL REVIEW

To the Trustees of the Armstrong & Arthur Charitable Trust for Lesbians

I have reviewed the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009.

The Treasurer's Responsibility

The Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which fairly reflect the financial position of the Trust as at 31 March 2009 and the results of operations for the year to that date.

Financial Reviewer's Responsibilities

It is my responsibility to express an opinion on the financial statements presented by the Trustees and report my opinion to you.

Unqualified Opinion

I have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required.

In my opinion the financial statements reflect the financial position of the Trust as at 31 March 2009 and the results of its investments for the year ended on that date.

My review was completed on 30 April 2009 and my unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Dawn Gorman BCom, CA, ACIS
WAIKANAE

Report from Chair for the year ended 31 March 2009

We received applications for funding from the beginning of 2005, with cut-off dates at 31 January and 31 July. In the year 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009, eight applications were received and approved for a total amount of **\$17,539.51**. By way of comparison, the previous financial year, 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 four applications were received and approved for a total amount of **\$8,029.44**.

Grants paid out in the year ended 31 March 2009 were:

Lesbian Community Radio Programme, Wellington

Broadcast fees for one year plus Wellington Access Radio subscription.

Various Wellington lesbians have brought the radio programme to air since 1984. It continues to be a valuable point of information and contact, contributing to lesbian community development.

LILAC Inc., Wellington

Rent on library premises at St Andrews, The Terrace, Wellington, for one year.

LILAC continues to make a valued contribution by providing a space where lesbians can find information, borrow books, magazines and DVDs, and contact others from the Wellington lesbian communities.

Creative studio residency for lesbian women, Paremata

Electricity charges at the studio, September to March.

The Trust is pleased to support this initiative, assisting lesbians to produce creative work, all of which assists community development.

School's Out, Wellington

Contribution towards running costs, October to March.

I spoke to a School's Out group as part of their programme, and was impressed by the community development work this group is doing.

Red Boots Productions, Wellington

Sound equipment costs for the stage show "The Outing", 16–18 October 2008, at The Front Room, Wellington.

A group of Trustees attended this event. Stage shows are an important aspect of the Trust's purposes, as they bring lesbians together as performers and as audiences, contributing to community development.

The Drag Kings, Wellington

Contribution towards costs of the stage show "Father of the Pride", 2–3 March 2009, at San Francisco Bathhouse, Wellington.

Several Trustees attended this event, also an important public show bringing lesbians together as part of the Wellington lesbian communities.

Reel Queer, Wellington

Contribution towards costs of the Lesbian Gala Event to be held on Sunday 31 May 2009, for the screening of a lesbian film, as part of the 2009 OutTakes Film Festival.

A group of Trustees will attend this event. We look forward to the Film Festival, which promotes community development through bringing creative and documentary film on lesbians, and enjoyable events for our communities.

DANSS Inc., Wellington

Contribution towards costs of running weekly same-sex dance classes, and running a dance competition in May 2009.

The Trust is pleased to support same-sex dancing, especially as our founders, Bette Armstrong and Bea Arthur were same-sex ball-room dancing enthusiasts.

Birthday Awards

The Birthday Awards are given each year to mark the birthdays of Bette and Bea, one award per birthday, to individuals considered by the Trustees to have made a significant personal contribution to the Wellington Lesbian community. In 2008, the awards were:

Bea Arthur Birthday Award 2008: Porleen Simmonds, Lower Hutt. This award was made to acknowledge the contribution Porleen Simmonds has made to promote community development for lesbians in the Wellington region for many years. Porleen Simmonds was a founder of Sisters for Homophile Equality (SHE), Circle Magazine, Club 41, the Amazons Softball Club, and the Women's Place Bookshop, among other activities.

Bette Armstrong Birthday Award 2008: Shar Miles, Wellington. This award was made to acknowledge the contribution Shar Miles has made to promote community development for lesbians in the Wellington region. Shar Miles has set up and produced the annual International Lesbian Day, for many years, with an event in Wellington and events in Paekakariki.

During the year the Trust took opportunities for publicity by having pamphlets available or distributed at LILAC and Out in the Square, through the Gender and Women's Studies Programme at Victoria University of Wellington, and at events supported by grants from the Trust. The website contains information about the Trust and application forms. All recipients of grants are required to publicly acknowledge the support of the Trust in an appropriate way, and providing additional publicity.

The Trust has planned an Exhibition and Sale of Artworks by Bette Armstrong and Bea Arthur to take place from 14 to 19 April 2009 at the Thistle Gallery, 293 Cuba Street, Wellington. The Exhibition as a public event will provide a unique opportunity for the Trust to publicise our activities as well as raise funds.

Alison J Laurie

Chair

GRANTS PAID 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009

Lesbian Community Radio Programme, Wellington

\$2,240.00

Broadcast fees for one year plus Wellington Access Radio subscription.

LILAC Inc., Wellington

\$2,900.00

Rent on library premises at St Andrews, The Terrace, Wellington, for one year.

Creative studio residency for lesbian women, Paremata

\$175.76

Electricity charges at the studio, September to March.

School's Out, Wellington

\$600.00

Contribution towards running costs, October to March.

Red Boots Productions, Wellington

\$3,498.75

Sound equipment costs for the stage show "The Outing", 16–18 October 2008, at The Front Room, Wellington.

The DragKings, Wellington

\$1,500.00

Contribution towards costs of the stage show "Father of the Pride", 2–3 March 2009, at San Francisco Bathhouse, Wellington.

Reel Queer, Wellington

\$5,625.00

Contribution towards costs of the Lesbian Gala Event to be held on Sunday 31 May 2009, for the screening of the film "The World Unseen", as part of the 2009 OutTakes Film Festival.

DANSS Inc., Wellington

\$1,000.00

Contribution towards costs of running weekly same-sex dance classes, and running a dance competition in May 2009.

Birthday grants

Bette Armstrong Birthday Grant 2008

\$250.00 to Shar Miles, Wellington

Bea Arthur Birthday Grant, 2008

\$250.00 to Porleen Simmonds, Lower Hutt

REPORTS FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS

It is a condition of all grants that a report is provided to the Trust at the conclusion of a project or activity, or, for on-going activities, at six-monthly intervals. The following extracts are from reports by recipients of grants for activities which were completed by 31 March 2009.

Red Boots Productions

The Outing, a musical tour de force, was performed over three nights, 16–18 October, in four shows, attracting a total audience of about 650. It was Red Boots Productions' first major project, a community-based show that celebrated the queer community. Feedback from the audience and published reviews included words such as powerful, poignant, moving, funny, entertaining, and joyful.

The DragKings

Father of the Pride was performed on 2 and 3 March at the San Francisco Bathhouse, Wellington, as part of Wellington's Proud '09 Festival. Very positive feedback was received about the lesbian and queer-positive content and professionalism of the show. As a result, the venue managers are keen for the troupe to perform regularly, and the troupe has been approached by several community event organisers to perform at a range of up-coming events.

The following extracts are from reports on ongoing activities during the 2008–09 year.

Lesbian Community Radio Programme

The programme continues to provide communication about lesbian events, primarily in the Wellington region but also nation-wide, New Zealand and world-wide lesbian news, lesbian music, and interviews with lesbians on a variety of topics and events. In the absence of a lesbian newsletter in the Wellington region, the radio programme is the only Wellington lesbian activity to provide discussion and comment on issues which affect or are of interest to lesbians. Through a schedule of different broadcasters of varying interests, the programme tries to appeal to as many lesbians as possible.

LILAC (Lesbian Information, Library and Archives Collective)

LILAC has made significant efforts to raise its profile in the lesbian community through activities such as personal networking, leaflet drops at queer community activities such as the OutTakes film festival, and regular updates of the web site. Our lapel badges and fridge magnets continue to sell steadily, and we are considering producing book bags with the LILAC logo to help encourage women to read more as well as advertising our service and resources. The photo of Bette and Bea on the wall of our main room often brings queries, and we are happy to explain who they were to our new members.

Creative studio residency

The studio has been in constant weekly use, although not necessarily every day. The space has been used for the writing of a PhD thesis, the writing of a novel, work on paintings for an art therapy qualification, and for personal time out after completion of a masters degree.

School's Out

The group is going strong, with new members attending most meetings. At some meetings there has been a guest speaker; other meetings have been DVD nights. Other activities for the group have included attending the all-ages ball "High School Prom", with nearly 20 young people from the Hutt valley and Kapiti Coast sleeping marae-style at St Andrews on the Terrace afterwards, a trip to Te Papa to see the colossal squid, going to movies, including *Milk*, taking part in the Pink Shirt Day promotion at the Cuba Carnival, being Fair Fairies at Out in the Square, and planning for and attending Kaha, the national queer youth hui held in January. In November, the group's co-ordinator, Hannah Ho, presented a seminar about School's Out and queer youth to mental health workers at Kenepuru.