

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

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2015**

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DIRECTORY as at 31 March 2015

Nature of the Trust	Charitable Trust
Date of Settlement	17 September 2001
Postal Address	P O Box 199 Waikanae 5250
Settlor	Beatrice Blanche Arthur (deceased 5/8/2002)
Trustees (Minimum 3, Max 10)	A J Laurie FTCL, BA(Hons), Cand.Mag.(Oslo), PhD L C Evans NZCLS, BA(Hons) E R Walsh BSc(Hons), ISSP, CISA J H Griffin ACIS (deceased 25/3/2015) R Evans F M Kell BSc(Hons), PhD U Instone RCompN, BA(Hons), MPhil V R Edyvane LACert, Dip.Edit., BA(Hons), MA, PhD G A Gale DipTchg, LACert H C Oxley BDes (resigned 27/5/2014) S M L Coles BA, RLIANZA (appointed 23/11/2014)
Officers	Chair V R Edyvane Secretary F M Kell Treasurer J H Griffin
Bankers	ANZ Bank, Waikanae
Solicitor	Julie Goundar The Law Connection PO Box 206 Waikanae 5250
IRD No:	81-490-023
Registered Charity No:	CC10947

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015**

		<u>2014</u>
Income:		
ANZ Bank Term Investment Interest	\$ 9,128.30	9,071
Current Account Interest (ANZ Bank)	44.86	72
ASB Term Investment Interest	3,276.41	3,001
BNZ Term Investment Interest	400.00	450
ANZ Serious Saver Interest	554.98	280
Donation – E Faed	500.00	-
Donation – Anon.	500.00	-
Donation – H Oxley	69.00	-
Donation (last year) DOODs funds	-	500
Sale of cards	-	9
	<u>\$ 14,473.55</u>	<u>13,384</u>
Expenses:		
Administrative Expenses	76.67	36
Domain Name fee	-	258
Postage	-	140
Printing of Annual Report	118.80	189
Publicity materials	255.20	-
Reviewer’s Fees	120.00	120
Stall Fee (Out in the Park)	100.00	59
Stationery	-	100
Storage	1,440.00	1,320
Honoraria	2,250.00	2,250
	<u>4,360.67</u>	<u>4,473</u>
Available for Distribution	<u>10,112.88</u>	<u>8,912</u>
Grants paid	11,109.60	11,394
Grant adjustment	-	500
Loss for year	<u>\$-996.72</u>	<u>\$-2,983</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

		<u>2014</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:		
National Bank Current Account	\$ 2,754.44	3,546
TERM ASSETS:		
ANZ Bank Term Investment No 2	100,000.00	100,000
ANZ Bank Term Investment No 21	20,600.00	20,600
ANZ Bank Term Investment No 22	35,000.00	35,000
ANZ Bank Term Investment No 31	16,500.00	16,500
ANZ Serious Saver Account	13,215.43	12,420
ASB Bank Term Investment No 72	50,600.00	50,600
ASB Bank Term Investment No 73	25,000.00	25,000
BNZ Bank Term Investment No 1	10,000.00	10,000
Allied Farmers shares	Written off	WO
	<u>273,669.87</u>	<u>273,667</u>
LESS LIABILITIES:		
Sundry Creditors	-	-
	<u>\$273,669.87</u>	<u>273,667</u>
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EQUITY:

		<u>2014</u>
Original Settlement	\$ 100,000.00	100,000
Additional – Bequest B Arthur Estate	100,000.00	100,000
DOODs Funds	1,226.85	1,227
B Dean Bequests	60,000.00	60,000
F Kinney Bequest	15,345.44	16,345
P Simmonds Bequest	1,000.00	-
Lesbian Line	270.19	270
Lesbian Studies Conference Funds	6,776.83	6,777
Lesbian Haven Funds	651.82	652
	<u>285,271.13</u>	<u>285,271</u>

Accumulated Funds:

Deficit carried forward	-10,604.54	-9,122
Adjustment for Grant last year (2013/01)	-	500
Loss	-996.72	-2,983
	<u>-11,601.26</u>	<u>-11,605</u>
	<u>\$273,669.87</u>	<u>273,667</u>
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

The Trust's Investments are split into separate investment parcels with the ANZ Bank, ASB, and BNZ.

The investments with the ANZ Bank are:

(No 2) \$100,000 for 5 years at 6.00% (maturing 29 June 2016);

(No 21) \$20,600 for 2 years at 5.05% (maturing 23 June 2016);

(No 22) \$35,000 for 2 years & 28 days at 4.00% (maturing 30 September 2015);

(No 31) \$16,500 for 2 years at 4.50% (maturing 10 December 2015).

With the ASB:

(No 72) Term Investment \$50,600 for 3 years at 4.40% (maturing 15 June 2016);

(No 73) Term Investment \$25,000 for 2 years at 4.20% (maturing 13 May 2015).

With the BNZ:

(No 1) Term Investment \$10,000 for 1 year at 4% (maturing 31 July 2015).

There are also Allied Farmers Shares (1044 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares) that were written off previously as being of no realistic value.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As stated last year, income from interest has again been somewhat uncertain. The Trustees endeavour to get the best rates possible at the time of investment or re-investment, but rates over the past 12 months have been falling, and continue to do so. It is inevitable that low interest rates will affect the ability of the Trust to provide funding to the community.

During the financial year the Trust received a bequest from the Porleen Simmonds estate and three donations, for which the Trustees are most grateful. These have been welcome additions to the Trust's funds.

Frances M Kell
Acting Treasurer

22 May 2015

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 2015

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 2015, 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 2015 and the results of its investments for the year ended on that date.

My review was completed on 12 June 2015 and my unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

Dawn Gorman BCom, CA, ACIS
WAIKANAE

Chair's Report for the year ended 31 March 2015

The Armstrong and Arthur Trust's new website finally went live during the year. Thanks to Trustee Rosie Walsh and to Ellen Faed for this work. The Trust's new url is www.armstrong-arthur-trust.nz

Consequently, Trust Secretary Fran Kell updated all of our pamphlets with the aid of a new stamp. The process also entailed exchanging supplies of pamphlets displayed at external locations with the newly updated ones.

In September 2014 the Trust funded the replacement of the laptop computer on which Leonie Grimmett sends out her notices for lesbians in the Wellington Region. Although Leonie paid a small additional sum for the purchase, the laptop belongs to the Trust for the first three years. This was also the basis on which the Trust had agreed to fund Leonie's previous computer.

Trustees agreed to make this exception outside the funding round because they considered that 'Leonie's List' provides a vital information service, especially to more isolated or less mobile lesbians. Knowing how much the late Frances Kinney enjoyed receiving notices from 'Leonie's List', especially information about forthcoming pot luck dinners, Trustees thought it appropriate to fund the purchase from the Frances Kinney Bequest. This bequest was received in the previous financial year.

This year the Armstrong and Arthur Charitable Trust for Lesbians received a bequest from the estate of Porleen Simmonds who died at the end of September 2014. Porleen was a lesbian feminist activist and pioneer, and a human rights campaigner for over 40 years. More recently, she was a key member of the Lilac Library Collective and, with Ellen Faed, regularly promoted Lilac on Access Radio's Wellington Lesbian Community Radio programme. Both Lilac and Lesbian Community Radio are recipients of Trust funding

At the November 2014 meeting Trustees invited Sonia Coles to become a Trustee, replacing Hilary Oxley who resigned at the end of May. Sonia is a qualified librarian, whose career in librarianship includes 20 years working for Wellington City Libraries. She has been active in Lilac for eight years, maintaining membership records and developing policy. Sonia's appointment will be ratified at the AGM in May 2015.

Towards the end of 2014, former Trustee and designer Hilary Oxley produced a selection of designs suitable for printing onto tee shirts for Trustees to wear when engaged in publicity at events such as Out in the Square or Out Takes. Trustees gave her feedback. Then Hilary and Trustee Valda Edyvane organised a test batch of white tee shirts with A & A logos printed in light purple on the sleeves. Trustees approved of the tee shirts, and intend adding some simple lettering on the back.

Trustees anticipated wearing the new tee shirts at Out in the Park on 13 February 2015. This event, which replaced Out in the Square, was to be held in Waitangi Park instead of in the smaller Civic Square venue. Out in the Park, however, was cancelled due to inclement weather. Stallholders were offered space at the CubaDupa Street Festival but Trustees agreed that other events would be more appropriate for them to attend.

The Armstrong and Arthur Trust participated in the inaugural Rainbow Pride Community Honours Awards that were instituted in 2014. The awards ceremony was held in Wellington on 10 February 2015. The Trust nominated Porleen Simmons to receive a posthumous award. Valda spoke to the award in conjunction with Mari North from Lilac. The organisers expressed several times their appreciation for the Trust's involvement in the Awards scheme.

Trustees were also pleased to learn that Armstrong and Arthur Trustee Alison Laurie also received a Rainbow Pride Community Honour Award. Alison's award was proposed by the Lesbian and Gay Archives Association of New Zealand (LAGANZ).

In March 2015, Trustees were deeply saddened by the death of Janice Griffin, who had been ill for over a year. Jan was a founding Trustee and the choice of Bea Arthur to become the Trust's first Treasurer. Jan served very ably in this capacity for 14 years, attending every Trust meeting. She attended her last meeting on 1 March this year. Past and present Trustees appreciated her competence and conscientiousness, as well as her warmth and humour. We acknowledge Jan's hard work and significant contribution to the Armstrong and Arthur Charitable Trust for Lesbians. Our sincere condolences go to her partner and fellow Trustee Fran Kell.

Valda Edyvane
Chair

GRANTS PAID 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015

Lesbian Community Radio Programme, Wellington

\$3,109.60

Access Radio broadcast fees for one year.

TOMBOI Productions, Wellington

\$500.00

Towards costs of lighting, and of hiring rehearsal space, for the production *Res-erection* by The Drag Kings, in May 2014.

L. Grimmett, Otaki

\$1,000.00

Towards purchase of replacement laptop computer for the email distribution of regional community notices and information.

DANSS 2008 Inc., Wellington

\$500.00

Towards costs of running the 2015 Same Sex Dancesport Competition.

LILAC Inc, Wellington

\$6,000.00

Towards rent on library premises at 187 Willis Street, Wellington.

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 is extracted from the report provided by the recipient of a grant for an activity which was completed by 31 March 2015.

TOMBOI Productions

The comedy variety stage show *Res-erection* had a successful three-night season at The Fringe Bar. The show reunited seven core cast members of The Drag Kings troupe, all of whom are lesbians, and provided a rare opportunity for local lesbians to create and perform publicly and for the local community to see a live show of this nature. It was estimated that lesbians were up to 70% of audiences.

The following extracts are from reports on activities which were ongoing during the 2014–2015 year.

Lesbian Community Radio Programme

A collective of lesbian presenters and technicians continues to produce the weekly hour-long programme. New and younger women have joined the collective, and their new ideas help to keep the programme and its presentation variable and fresh. In 2014 the programme marked its 30th anniversary. An anniversary mug was produced, which sold well, and a new banner is being made for publicity at parades, fairs, and other public events.

LILAC Inc

Many of the year's activities have combined fundraising with efforts to involve LILAC in the lesbian communities of the greater Wellington region. The collective organises regular and one-off events at its premises, including a monthly book group, a writing group, book launches, and talks by local or visiting authors and experts in fields that are often written about in fiction. LILAC has strong Facebook and Twitter followings. The library is open on Wednesdays from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm, and on Thursdays and Saturdays from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. In addition, collective members take a selection of books, DVDs, and magazines to the monthly Coasters pot-luck dinners, so that Kapiti Coast members can borrow items one month and return them the next without having to make a special trip into Wellington.

Leonie Grimmett's email notices and information

Some five years ago, the Trust paid for a laptop computer for Leonie's use in sending her frequent emails. In 2014 it became clear that a replacement was needed, and this was purchased in October. As with the previous computer, the laptop remains the property of the Trust for the first three years of Leonie's use. There were some teething problems with the machine, and Leonie was "off air" for a time while repairs were completed. Leonie continues to provide a valuable communication service to lesbians all over the Wellington region.