

WĀNAKA
COMMUNITY
WORKSHOP

IMPACT

REPORT

2020-2024

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OUR VISION

A resilient, zero waste Upper Clutha Community

OUR PURPOSE

To connect the Upper Clutha community with knowledge, resources and each other

OUR MISSION

To support the Upper Clutha community to come together to Make, Repair and Share

OUR VALUES

WCW values inclusivity, community engagement, and environmental responsibility, providing a collaborative space for learning and personal growth across diverse groups.

WHO WE ARE

A membership based organisation, WCW offers workshop facilities, tools and materials for woodworking, light metal working, repair, restoration and textile projects.

Members pay \$50 per year to access space, tools, and mentoring to make or repair things. The price is kept low to ensure community accessibility.

WHAT WE DO

- divert construction waste from landfill
- upskill people in our community by delivering mentoring and workshops for youth and adults, using materials diverted from landfill
- host repair events in collaboration with local environmental groups and businesses
- build community resilience by supporting marginalised groups including youth, the elderly and people who have recently moved to the Upper Clutha district
- collaborate with local environmental groups to produce custom products and commissioned work (e.g. pest and rat traps)
- provide a sense of belonging by collaborating with local social service and mental health groups to offer skills based workshops for neurodiverse people.

OUR FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

- to provide a place, support and resources for marginalised, disadvantaged and vulnerable members of the community to learn 'shoulder to shoulder'.
- to engage youth, elderly and vulnerable groups in the community, both the urban and rural areas of the Upper Clutha District, to promote identity, sociability, companionship and mental health.
- to share, disseminate, and preserve skills, abilities and interests, as identified by the community themselves, that are relevant to the resilience of the community.
- to reduce waste through reuse, repair, and re-purposing and provide resources, education and a place for the Community to develop and implement their own ways to seek these goals.
- to build self-esteem for marginalised and vulnerable groups through education and skills mastery.
- to carry out or support research on members' education and social needs as applicable to Community Workshops.

OUR GOALS

1

Reduce construction waste in the Upper Clutha district

Our goal is to continue to reduce landfill waste in the district by increasing the amount of construction waste recovered and reused at the Workshop.

By making products at the Workshop instead of buying them new, we are reducing the packaging waste and greenhouse gas emissions involved with the production, processing and transport of new goods for sale.

2

Establish WCW as circular hub for making & repairing

Our goal is to help the Upper Clutha district transition towards a circular economy by making things from 'waste', and keeping existing stuff in circulation.

By increasing the number of repair events we host, WCW can contribute significantly towards waste reduction by encouraging reuse.

3

Respond to the Upper Clutha community's needs

Our goal is to continue to collaborate with schools, youth, social service and environmental protection groups in the district, to support marginalised groups by offering a place where people can learn and connect.

Broadening our outreach programmes will increase our positive impacts, by promoting mental wellbeing and social inclusion.

4

Long term financial sustainability

A registered charity, our goal is to become financially self-sufficient by generating social capital to attract sponsorship.

We aim to move away from contestable and philanthropic funding and shift our funding model to a mixture of corporate partnerships and income generated by selling products made in the Workshop.

OUR IMPACT

4650

volunteer visits

15340

volunteer hours worked

130

members

4200

kg waste diverted from
landfill (Jan-Mar 2024)

140

community organisations
worked with

200+

community projects
completed

40

make, share, repair events
hosted at WCW



2020 - 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

2021

WCW moves into premises at 15 Gordon Road, Wānaka and opens its doors to the first volunteers and projects

(Wo)menshed is formed, and twice weekly volunteer projects begin at the workshop

Dunlop Builders becomes WCW's Foundation and ongoing Silver sponsor

WCW receives QLDC Waste Minimisation funding for tools and equipment.

2023

WCW receives Waste Minimisation fund from QLDC and Rotary Club, enabling the purchase of a plane thickener and table.

WCW receives a one year service contract from QLDC

Cash grants received from Sargood Bequest, Graham & Olive West Trust, Lion Foundation, COGS, NZ Lotteries Commission.

2022

ITM Wānaka comes on board as ongoing Gold sponsor

Mons Royale comes onboard as a Silver sponsor

Lynn River comes on board as Health & Safety equipment sponsor

WCW receives Waste Minimisation Fund from QLDC

Fabricate opens, offering sewing and pattern making workshops.

2024

Wānaka Community Workshop receives a three year service contract with QLDC, enabling the Trust to hire its first staff member (part-time Operations manager)

WCW acquired tools and machinery for light engineering and metalworking projects. Volunteers were upskilled with welding training, expanding the capacity of the Workshop to complete light engineering projects.

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**Graham &
Olive West
Trust**



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FOUNDATION



**Alpine Community
Development Trust**



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WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR SPONSORS



Gold sponsor since 2022

Dunlop
Builders

Foundation supporter &
Silver sponsor since 2021



Foundation supporter &
major funder 2023

Deloitte.

Accounting sponsor since 2020

Lynn River

Health & Safety equipment sponsor



Cash sponsor

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING
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JOIN WCW
VOLUNTEER

Join our twice weekly making sessions.

DONATE

Money, surplus construction materials,
tools and machinery.

MEMBERSHIP

Become a member for \$50/year to access
tools, knowledge and space to make or repair
woodwork, light metal work, textile projects.

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