

Thrive Coromandel Trust - Coromandel Town Information Centre

TO	Thames-Coromandel District Council
FROM	Colleen Litchfield-Economic Development Program Manager
DATE	18 July 2018
SUBJECT	Thrive Coromandel Trust - Coromandel Town Information centre.

1 Purpose of report

The purpose of the report is to seek Council approval to allocate the approved Coromandel information centre funding to a new entity, the Thrive Coromandel Trust for the next three years 2018/19 - 2020/21.

2 Background

On 30 May 2018 the Thames-Coromandel District Council was advised that the Coromandel Business Association had voted to transfer the governance of the Coromandel Town Information Centre to the Thrive Coromandel Trust effective 1 July 2018.

The Trust Deed for Thrive Coromandel Trust became effective on 22 December 2017 and it is a charitable trust. Thrive Coromandel Trust has contracted to CILT in Coromandel Town, to utilise the services of Jo Scott, Chartered Accountant to handle payroll, HR, and accounting services for the Information Centre. The Coromandel Town Information Centre will retain its current Manager Sandra Wilson who has been running the centre since its inception in December 2012.

In April 2018 the Thrive Coromandel Trust received \$6,400 from the Coromandel-Colville Community Board's Economic Development Grant to develop a five year business plan for the Coromandel Town information Centre.

The Trustees are Judith Anne Rooney, Daniel Smith, and Christine Alice Petrie. Below is a short profile on each Trustee. There is a broad range of commercial, business and tourism experience amongst the trustees.

Judith Anne Rooney: Owner/Manager at Jacaranda Lodge Coromandel Town a successful Bed and Breakfast with consistently high ratings. Previous experience in customer service management for 13 years, including information centres, people management and customer service training. Initiated Plastic Bag-Free Coromandel Town in August 2017.

Christine Alice Petrie: Chartered Accountant, Masters of Philosophy specialising in Development Studies and PRINCE2 Project Management practitioner. Christine has over 25 years' experience working in commercial, financial, funding and project management roles in the private and public sectors as well as in not for profit and community organisations. She has been a business mentor with Business Mentors NZ for a numbers of years and currently works as an independent consultant for Shifting Focus Business Consulting, a business she established in 2015. Over the past three years she has had significant management oversight of the Coromandel Town Information Centre.

Daniel Smith: Masters in Dairy Technology, formerly a factory manager and technical manager in the dairy industry in China. Daniel recently moved back to Coromandel and is building the family's "dream home". He has also recently established an accommodation business and has other entrepreneurial interests.

3 Issue

Council approval is required to fund a new entity, Thrive Coromandel Trust, to operate the Coromandel Town Information Centre.

4 Discussion

One purpose of the Thrive Coromandel Trust as per their trust deed is to plan, establish and maintain and operate the Coromandel Town Information Centre or other such activities as the organisation shall deem desirable for the benefit of community groups, visitors, businesses, tangata whenua and the public in general.

Council has approved for the 2018/2019 year \$47,288 for the operation of the Coromandel Town information centre. The amount of funding for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 years will be subject to Council approval following the results of a review being conducted by the Economic Development Team.

5 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Thrive Coromandel Trust - Coromandel Town Information Centre' report, dated 18 July 2018.
2. Approves funding Thrive Coromandel Trust as the new entity to operate the Coromandel Town Information Centre for the next three years 2018/19 - 2020/21.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Thrive Coromandel Trust - Trust Deed*

Attachment B *CILT Letter of Support*

Attachment A

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Attachment B

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