

# Otakaro Land Trust

## *Peterborough Charter*

### **Primary Objective**

The advancement of community development to enhance social and economic participation in New Zealand.

### **Attainment of Objective**

The advancement of community development through encouraging self-sufficiency and sustainability, by:

- Advancing and promoting co-operative housing
- Common ownership of land
- Co-operative control of profit and not-for profit enterprises
- The creation and promotion of working examples

Where the Trust's working examples are:

- Locally based
- Democratic
- Sustainable
- Co-operative

### ***Creation and Promotion of Working Examples***

The Trust is to create co-operative enterprises as examples of a social structure which can advance community development

The Trust recognises that the best form of promotion is by example.

### ***Common Ownership***

Common Ownership enhances economic participation as wealth is based on membership and held in common, rather than by individual ownership where wealth is held by capital and concentrated amongst the economically advantaged. It also encourages social participation.

### ***Co-operative Enterprises***

Enterprises which are run and controlled by their members enhance economic participation as the distribution of surplus is based on membership and contribution rather than capital, and so is more equally divided.

Enterprises which are run and controlled by their members also enhance social participation through democratic decision making.

*The Peterborough trustee group aims to attain the primary objective by creating, running and promoting a housing co-operative that is:*

### **A. Locally Based**

Local relationships enhance economic and social participation because they keep wealth within the locality.

Peterborough Housing Co-op aims to:

- Support the economic, social and political autonomy of the local region.
- Build alliances with other local enterprises with compatible aims.
- Support the local community through an annual donation of no less than \$1000 or ten percent of the year's profit, whichever is the greater.

### **B. Democratic**

Democracy advances community development by allowing all members, the same access to decisions affecting their lives.

Peterborough Housing Co-op aims to:

- Use consensus decision making.
- Practice open membership.
- Uphold democratic and human rights.

### **C. Sustainable**

Community development is advanced by using resources and our environment in a sustainable manner.

Peterborough Housing Co-op aims to:

- Reuse and recycle resources.
- Use organic gardening.
- Practice voluntary simplicity (avoiding unnecessary consumerism).
- Re-establish our connection to native ecosystems.
- Support self-sufficiency
- Use non-polluting materials and practices.

### **D. Co-operative**

Community development is enhanced by the mutual aid of individuals. Co-operative pooling of social, financial and material resources can create greater social and economic benefit than just from the individual parts.

Peterborough Housing Co-op aims to support:

- Sharing of resources.
- Bartering.
- Whanaungatanga (extension of family-like ties and support).