

Support for charitable Trust's sustainability goals – co-funding an EV

A serendipitous phone call from New Zealand Oil & Gas to local Dunedin EV dealer Gilmour Automotive identified local charitable trust CCT (Community Care Trust) had been making its own enquiries, investigating reducing its environmental footprint and operating costs, by introducing an electric vehicle to its fleet.

A few conversations later and CCT is now the proud owner of a 2016 Nissan Leaf, co-funded by New Zealand Oil & Gas.

The Community Care Trust (CCT) is a not-for-profit charitable trust that supports youth and adults with intellectual disabilities and/or autistic spectrum disorders in Otago and Southland to live as participating and valued members of their communities. With over 220 staff supporting over 260 disabled people and their families/whanau across Otago and Southland, CCT's client support ranges from one hour per week through to 24/7 one-on-one support. The Trust's vehicle fleet is an essential asset, so reducing its environment footprint and making savings on its bottom line makes complete sense.

In fact, it was discussions with our New Zealand Oil & Gas Southern Community Panel which also provided strong endorsement of the move to supporting local community organisations achieve their sustainability goals.

The New Zealand Oil & Gas Southern Community Panel has been operating for over three years now and has provided a great 'mirror' for the company by way of asking probing questions around the potential impact of a gas or oil discovery off the southern coast. These questions have been around potential local economic benefits, environmental impact and climate change amongst others. More specifics are outlined in the Panel's annual Letter of Expectations (written from the Panel to New Zealand Oil & Gas), available on the Panel website southern.communitypanel.org.nz. This year's letter includes a focus on community expectations of how our company approaches environmental matters, including our climate change policies and actions.

"The New Zealand Oil & Gas Southern Community Panel felt, and we agree, that the work and the ethos of Community Care Trust has strong alignment with our company's approach and values, and our strong support for New Zealand's regions. We are pleased to co-fund the first electric vehicle in the CCT fleet, and in this small way, help the Trust continue its work across Otago and Southland. We and look forward to hearing the positive impact that has on reducing their fuel bills"

Andrew Jefferies, CEO New Zealand Oil & Gas Ltd.

CCT staff and management team and very excited about the new vehicle. Having completed the Otago Polytechnic training around the Health and Safety aspect of Electric Vehicles, normally reserved for the automotive industry, the team is ready to share the EV experience across their

organisation, exposing a large number of people who may not otherwise experience this new technology. They've also registered with Flip the Fleet, a citizen science project designed to collate and share vehicle performance and economic data, in a bid to accelerate New Zealander's shift to electric vehicles.

From Wayne:

"With over 220 staff supporting over 260 disabled people and their families/whanau across Otago and Southland, our vehicle fleet is an essential asset. Any opportunity to reduce our environment footprint and making savings on our bottom line makes complete sense. It's been great to have the support of New Zealand Oil & Gas and the endorsement of the NZOG Southern Community Panel, and have our work in the community and efforts to improve our environmental footprint recognised"

Wayne Cockburn, Business Development Manager, Community Care Trust



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