



# SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS FUND

The Significant Community Based Projects Fund, announced by the Prime Minister in 2005, supported major community based projects that could not get sufficient funding from existing sources to complete their capital works.

This publication highlights the first of two rounds of funding from the SCBPF. A further publication will follow highlighting the successful applicants to second, and final round.

The SCBPF was established to distribute a total of \$32 million over a maximum of four years. To maximize the benefits of the projects, without any unnecessary delays, all the funding has now been distributed. No further funding round is planned at this time.

There were over 100 applications, over the two funding rounds, from a wide variety of projects based in every region, covering arts, culture and heritage, sport and recreation, economic development, tourism, and conservation and environment initiatives.

Funded projects met all eligibility criteria to a greater degree than other applicants. Each project has benefits contributing to regional outcomes and is of regional or national significance.

## Successful Projects Funded 2006

### Hawkes Bay Opera House

The grant of \$2.5million enabled the completion of this modern Opera House complex. The historic Hastings Municipal Theatre and Council Chambers have been transformed into a World-class cultural centre increasing tourism and employment and providing a focal point for cultural events and celebrations.



### Dunedin Chinese Gardens

This authentic classical Chinese garden is taking shape helped by the grant of \$3.75 million. Reflecting the strong historic ties the Chinese community has with the Otago region this project will significantly enhance New Zealand's identity

with Chinese people both here and overseas. The Garden has been designed and built with the guidance of the Shanghai museum.



## Oparara Valley Eco-Tourism

The Oparara Valley Trust received a grant of \$1.68 million to upgrade and develop a network of tracks, visitor attractions, historic sites and facilities in one of the Country's most iconic and scenic areas. This project joins other icons on the tourist trail further enhancing the West Coast, and New Zealand's, reputation as a 'must-do' national and international tourist destination.



## Maungatautari Mountain Ecological Trust

The grant of \$5.504 million has financed 47 kilometres of predator-proof fencing around, what will become, a significant mainland island sanctuary for this Waikato project. Apart from the benefits of protecting and enhancing a precious part of our heritage it also provides great public enjoyment and opportunities for recreation, scientific research and education.



*Photo Courtesy of Phil Brown*

## Stadium Southland Velodrome

Southland Indoor Leisure Centre Charitable Trust was granted \$1 million to extend the existing multi-purpose stadium with a new velodrome. The velodrome will become the base for New Zealand's indoor track cycling programme and will be a huge boost to the Southland economy. It will ensure a steady influx of cyclists, their supporters and families, to training camps and events and provide a stable base for the Country's international cycling efforts.



## ASB Showgrounds, Auckland

The provision of a new exhibition hall for the Auckland ASB Showgrounds attracted a grant of \$4.7 million. This upgrade will secure the Showground's capacity to attract high profile events and the ability to host large national and international exhibitions and trade shows. The Showgrounds have brought entertainment to generations of families and will now continue to enhance the quality of life for families, young and old, in the Auckland region.



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