

Chairmans Report to the Annual General Meeting August 2017

This is my first report to the Annual General Meeting of the Mistletoe Charitable Foundation. Our first year has been full of activity in firmly establishing the Foundation brand and making important decisions about how we intend to raise our funds.

We have been very fortunate to receive three separate donations in our first year that have greatly assisted us to get underway.

Our very grateful thanks to the Walter & Rona Norwood Charitable Trust for two donations of \$5000 and to the James & Mabel Thorburn Charitable Trust for a donation of \$10,000. These donations have enabled us to meet some early costs and have started our fund.

We are very proud of our branding material as it fully encapsulates our objects and vision for the Foundation. The Kereru represents a native bird that is prolific in the sounds and particularly Mistletoe Bay. It also is a metaphor for a 'hand up' for our young people being supported by the Foundation to reach their potential.

We have set a demanding agenda for ourselves of raising in excess of \$200,000 over the next 12 months. This will be a challenge, but the Trustees of Bruce Cardwell, Pat Leggett, Cathie Bell, Brian Moore, Belinda Jackson and myself are determined to progress the Foundations financial position to bring us closer to achieving our objective – *“ To provide financial assistance for any New Zealand school-aged youth to have the opportunity to experience the educational, societal and environmental experiences in the Marlborough Sounds, offered by Mistletoe Bay Trust, thereby enhancing the wellbeing, values and prospects of future generations of New Zealanders”*

In this my first report, I also wish to acknowledge the expert support and guidance we received from Wayne Norwood, Bill Leckie and George Forbes who assisted the Mistletoe Charitable Foundation establishment. In particular Wayne, for your leadership and George for your huge work effort in producing our Foundation Trust Deed. A remarkable effort from remarkable people.

My sincere thanks too, to our Patron The Hon Dame Lowell Goddard DNZM QC for your wonderful encouragement and support of the Foundation. We have some work to do and we are collectively grateful to you for being there for us as we pursue our goals and objectives to enrich the lives of young people.

In closing, thank you to my fellow trustees for your time, contribution and dedication to our vision over the past 12 months. We are a young organization with lofty goals that we will achieve.

Simon Heath
Chairman