

Antarctic Heritage Trust

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Agency profile

The Antarctic Heritage Trust (AHT) is a New Zealand-based registered charity with a vision of Inspiring Explorers. Through its mission to conserve, share and encourage the spirit of exploration, AHT conserves a global heritage legacy in Antarctica and strives to engage and inspire young people. On behalf of New Zealand and the international community, AHT cares for the remarkable expedition bases of early Antarctic explorers including Captain Robert Falcon Scott, Sir Ernest Shackleton and Sir Edmund Hillary. AHT shares the legacy of exploration through outreach programmes and encourages the spirit of exploration through Inspiring Explorers' Expeditions for young people to both challenge themselves and influence and inspire others.

AHT is the leading agency internationally in polar heritage conservation, caring for the historic sites in New Zealand's Ross Dependency through its Ross Sea Heritage Restoration Project. This includes the buildings and extensive artefact collections the early explorers left behind.

The composition of the AHT Board is stipulated in the trust deed (and Ministers are not involved in appointments). Overseas representation on the Board reflects international interest in Antarctic heritage and the international dimension of the AHT's mission.

Trustees:	Mark Stewart (Chair). Independent trustee British High Commissioner to NZ. HE Jonathan Sinclair LVO. United States Ambassador to NZ. HE Scott Brown. Consul General, Government of the Republic of Ireland. Niamh McMahon. Chief Executive of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Brook Barrington. President, Royal Society of NZ. Prof Sir David Skegg (as nominee) President, New Zealand Antarctic Society. Mariska Wouters. Chair, Antarctica New Zealand. Sir Brian Roche. Director, Canterbury Museum. Anthony Wright (Deputy Chair). Chief Executive, Heritage New Zealand. Andrew Coleman. Simon Allen. Independent trustee Roy Dillon. Independent trustee
Executive Director:	Nigel Watson

Performance summary and issues

Government provides funding towards AHT's operational costs. This baseline funding has been static for ten years. AHT has successfully leveraged third party funding internationally to support both its programme of conservation of buildings and artefact collections in New Zealand's Ross Dependency and its programme of outreach and education.

As guardians of global heritage, AHT operates internationally and has raised over twenty million for its mission. AHT has consistently leverage more from donors than it receives from Government. Its current cash reserves represent donors' funds dedicated to specific projects. AHT works to international heritage standards and has completed major programmes of work at Cape Royds (Shackleton), Cape Evans (Scott), Hut Point (Scott) and Scott Base (Hillary). It is yet to commence major conservation work at Cape Adare (Borchgrevink).

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2016/17	Total assets (\$000)	Working Capital (\$000)	Vote ACH revenue (\$000)	All other revenue (\$000)	Net operating result (\$000)	FTE
AHT	10,687	441	526	2,703	376	7