

PERFORMANCE REPORT 2025

OTAGO PENINSULA TRUST



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OTAGO PENINSULA TRUST (OPT)

– WHY DOES THAT ENTITY EXIST?

Background records at the time of forming of the Trust (1967) show that a group of Dunedin Jaycees were looking at ways to improve Dunedin's economic future. A survey of local citizens identified three main strength that would help invigorate Dunedin's economy :

Education, Heritage, Tourism.

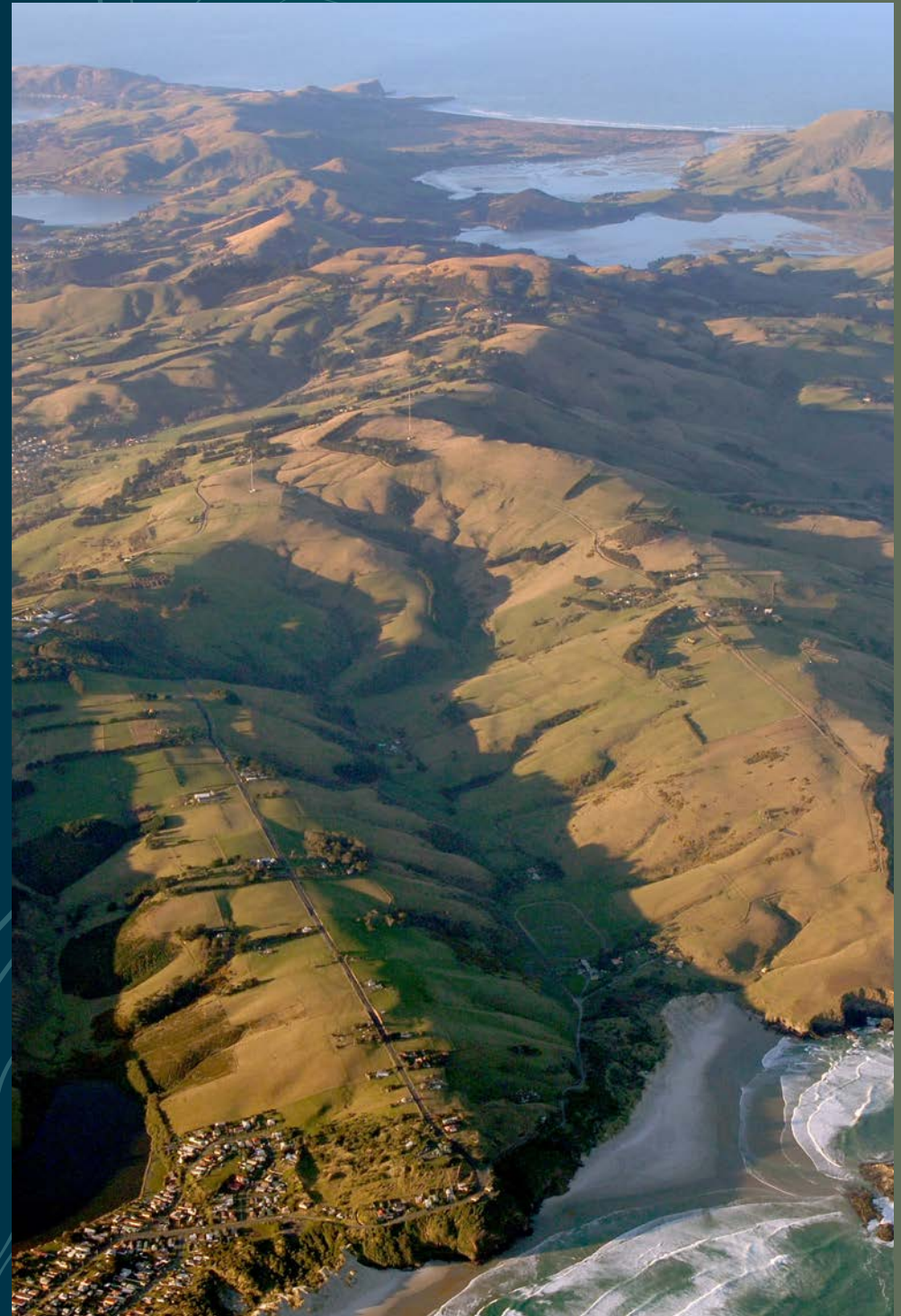
The Otago Peninsula was identified as a place with beautiful scenery, unique wildlife and many other unique attributes. It also had outstanding natural features and significant historic heritage. The Otago Peninsula Trust was thereby formed to stimulate public interest in the beauty, history and character of the Otago Peninsula, creating a destination for domestic and international tourists.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

Promoting environmental and conservations projects through education and community support.

Acting as an umbrella / resource body to assist organisation in preserving the beauty, history and character of the Peninsula.

Promoting the natural attractions of the Peninsula to the general public.





AIMS AND OBJECTIVES 02

The preservation of the natural attractions of the Otago Peninsula and protection of its flora and fauna.

The stimulation of public interest in, and care for, the beauty, history, and character of the Otago Peninsula.

The development of tourist attractions, public and recreational services on the Otago Peninsula so that the public may obtain the maximum use and enjoyment of the area in a way that will not detract from or destroy its beauty or character.

The promotion of knowledge and interest in the objectives of the Trust by means of meetings, exhibitions, lectures, publications, educational courses and all other forms of instruction and publicity.

The maintenance of communication and co-operation with persons or corporate bodies in New Zealand or elsewhere (including membership of other bodies corporate) for the purpose of promoting directly with the objectives of the Trust.

OTAGO PENINSULA TRUST including joint ventures



GLENFALLOCH GARDEN

100% owned and operated.



GLENFALLOCH RESTAURANT

100% owned and operated.



FLETCHER HOUSE

Management contract with Fletcher Trust



ACCOMMODATION 433

Property 100% owned and operated, purchased to support the tourism and function business



ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

Buildings and operation owned. Operating on leased land and with concession to allow albatross viewing over wildlife reserve.



FORT TAIAROA

Crown owned structure with agreement from DOC and the Crown to operate tours and the option to conserve the structure. An archive of the history of the fortifications is an additional asset.



LIME KILNS

100% owned, some land leased to a local farmer for grazing at cost.



EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

The Trust developed and holds IP for education programmes for primary, intermediate and high school students linked to the NZ curriculum



PUKEKURA TRUST

50% board representation. Blue penguin visitor operation and Kaitiaki work. The operation has a building use contract with OPT.

OPT GOVERNANCE BOARD

All of the Otago Peninsula Trustees volunteer their time and wide range of expertise and talents to provide a Governance structure for the Otago Peninsula Trust. As well as attending the regular monthly meetings, they are available for the management team to call upon for consultation and guidance throughout the year.

The trustees have a vital role in ensuring the Trust has a clear strategy that will work within the aims and objective of the Trust.



Mr. Ross Smith
Chairperson



Mr. Howard Broad
Deputy Chair



Mrs. Judy Bell
Trustee



Mr. Greg Verhoef
Trustee



Mr. Warren Moffat
Trustee



Mr. William Dawson
Patron

Bill was a founding trustee of Otago Peninsula Trust

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Robyn McDonald

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Bachelor of Applied Management
(Business transformation and change)



Hoani Langsbury

Eco Tourism Manager, Royal Albatross Centre

Bachelor of Science (major Zoology and Ecology),
Postgraduate Diploma in Science (major Geography), MZNM



Leon Chu

Operations Manager Royal Albatross Centre

Bachelor of Arts, Communications Studies Film & Media
Studies Endorsed in BCom, Dip Grad Information Science



Sandra Walker

Administration Manager

Bachelor of Commerce Accounting



Duncan Ruder

Executive Chef

Bachelor of Hospitality Management

Entity Information

Date of Incorporation

18th July 1967

Charities registration Number

CC25273

Registered Office

430 Portobello Road Dunedin

Auditors

Crowe New Zealand Audit Partnership

ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

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The Royal Albatross Centre (RAC) remains the jewel in the crown of the Trust's visitor experience. The internationally recognised opportunity to view the Northern Royal Albatross in its natural breeding environment continues to attract birdwatchers and enthusiasts to Pukekura from around the globe, reinforcing the Centre's position as a flagship attraction for the Otago Peninsula.

The RAC draws both domestic and international visitors, with domestic visitation remaining steady for a second consecutive year at approximately 20 percent from across New Zealand. Our five largest international markets are Australia, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, and the Netherlands, with visitors from almost every country represented within our annual demographics.

Beyond the Peninsula, the RAC supports a diverse range of industries, including cruise and transport operators, accommodation providers, restaurants, and retail businesses. More than 165,000 visitors passed through the Centre during the year, underlining its role as a significant contributor to regional tourism and the wider visitor economy.

The RAC plays a central role in delivering on many of the Trust's objectives, including tourism promotion, education programmes and talks, and conservation support across the Otago Peninsula. More than twenty marine bird species breed at Pukekura, not all of which are present year-round. One of the most visible is the Red-billed Gull, which breeds on the headland from October through to March. Pukekura is home to the only Red-billed Gull colony in New Zealand that is not in decline.

ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

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Through the RAC's Ecotourism Manager, support has been provided to University of Otago postgraduate students undertaking research on this colony.

During the financial year, the Trust contributed thirty staff hours to support the work of the Department of Conservation, alongside \$22,950 for satellite tracking devices fitted to fledgling Northern Royal Albatross chicks. Total financial contributions to conservation activity amounted to \$26,479.



ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

Performance measures and results – Tours

A realistic target of five percent growth was set for visitors purchasing tour products during the year. While this target was narrowly missed, overall tour participation increased year-on-year, with 38,925 people taking part in tours compared with 37,493 in the previous year.

The primary factor impacting growth was an unplanned operational disruption following significant rainfall in October 2024. This resulted in slips and the closure of the access road to the Royal Albatross Centre for four days, with restricted vehicle movement continuing for a longer period thereafter.

The tour sales budget was \$1,755,997, representing a 13.7 per cent increase on the previous year’s actual result of \$1,529,061. This reflected both a targeted increase in tour participation and a ticket price adjustment. Actual tour revenue for the period was \$1,738,842, just 0.98 percent below budget.

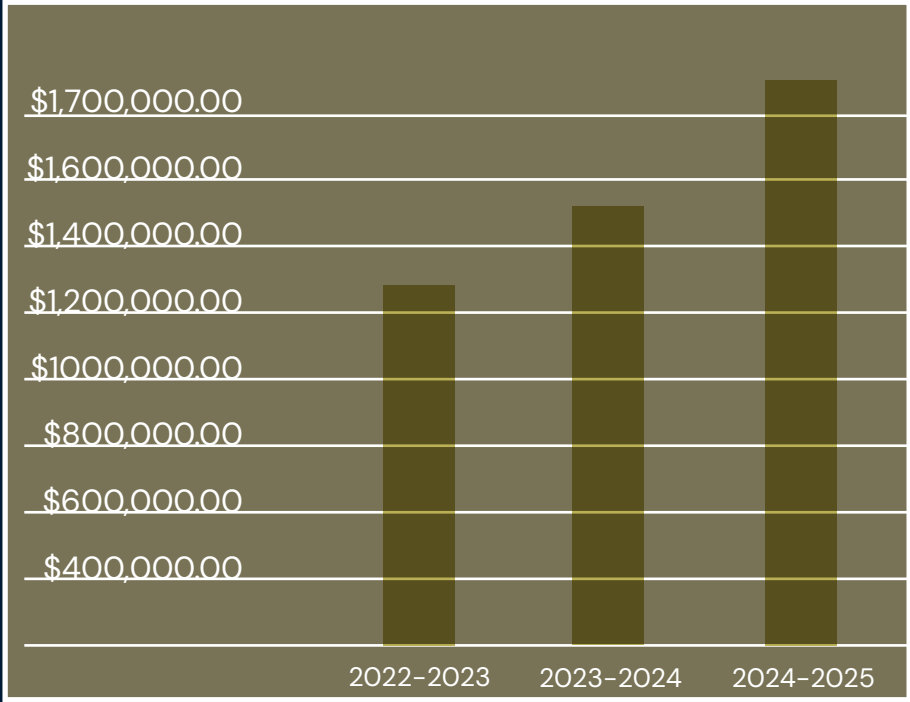
Despite the minor shortfall in revenue, direct costs of sales were held below budget, resulting in a net profit before overheads that exceeded budget by 8.8 percent. This represents a resilient and positive outcome given the operational challenges experienced during the year.



Road slip – October 2024

The Trust looks at a triple bottom line, not just the profitability of its businesses and ventures.

TOTAL TOUR SALES	
FINANCIAL YEAR	
2022-2023	\$1,299,668
2023-2024	\$1,529,061
2024-2025	\$1,738,842



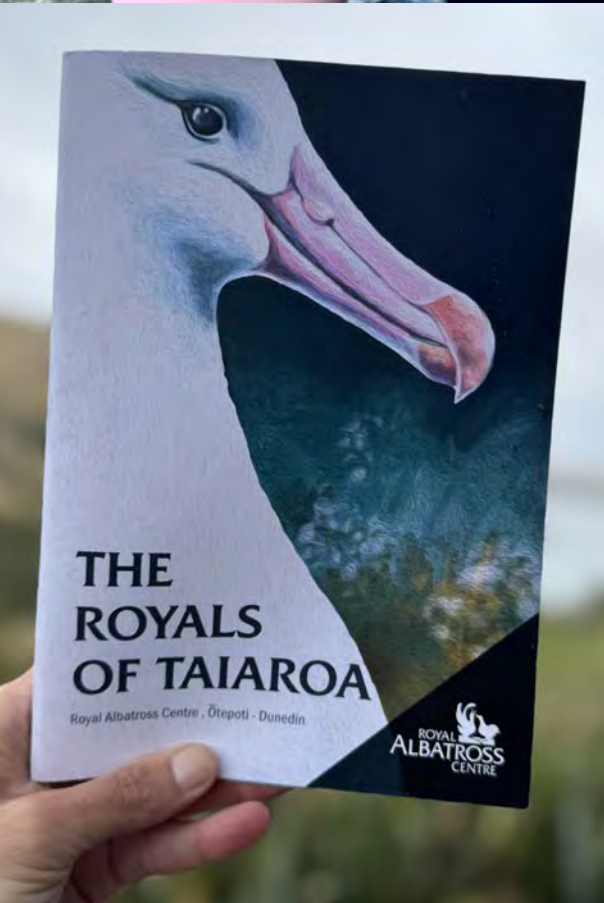
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TOROA GIFT SHOP

The performance measure of the Royal Albatross Centre Gift Shop is to achieve a year-on-year increase in sales while maintaining a strong commitment to sustainability and local partnerships. Success is also reflected in the proportion of products sourced from New Zealand artisans and environmentally responsible suppliers, with over 80% of stock meeting these criteria. Together, these measures demonstrate the shop's ability to contribute meaningfully to conservation outcomes while offering visitors an authentic and purposeful retail experience that supports the Trust's mission.

The Royal Albatross Centre Gift Shop continues to be a special part of the visitor experience, helping to connect people with the Trust's wider conservation and education goals. Every purchase made in the shop supports our work to protect the Northern Royal Albatross and other native species at Taiaroa Head, while giving visitors something meaningful to take home.

This year, the shop strengthened its focus on sustainability and local collaboration. The shop has continued to feature products made by New Zealand artisans, eco-friendly materials, and items that celebrate our wildlife and environment. These choices reflect our not-for-profit values and our belief that conservation and community go hand in hand.



ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

TOROA GIFT SHOP

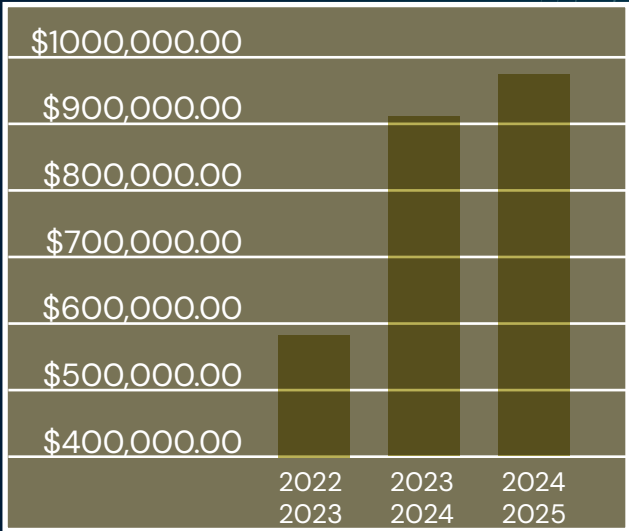
Despite economic challenges, visitor spending has remained positive (\$981,7850.97 sales) with an 8.4% increase over the previous 12 months — a testament to the growing appreciation for responsible tourism and authentic, purposeful gifts. The income from the shop directly supports conservation projects, education programmes, and the ongoing care of our world-class facilities.

“The gift shop was such a lovely surprise! Everything felt connected to the experience — from the handmade jewellery to the books about the albatross. I love knowing that what I bought helps care for these incredible birds.”
Sarah M., Wellington

“You can tell the shop is run with heart. The staff were wonderful, and the products are all thoughtful and sustainable. It’s the kind of place that makes you feel proud to support local conservation.”
James T., Dunedin

Looking ahead, the Gift Shop will continue to evolve with new locally produced products, more stories that celebrate our wild-life, and opportunities for supporters to stay connected — both in person and online. Every purchase continues to make a difference, and we’re deeply grateful to all who choose to give back through their visit.

TOTAL SALES	
FINANCIAL YEAR	
2022-2023	\$595,325
2023-2024	\$908,670
2024-2025	\$981,7850



ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

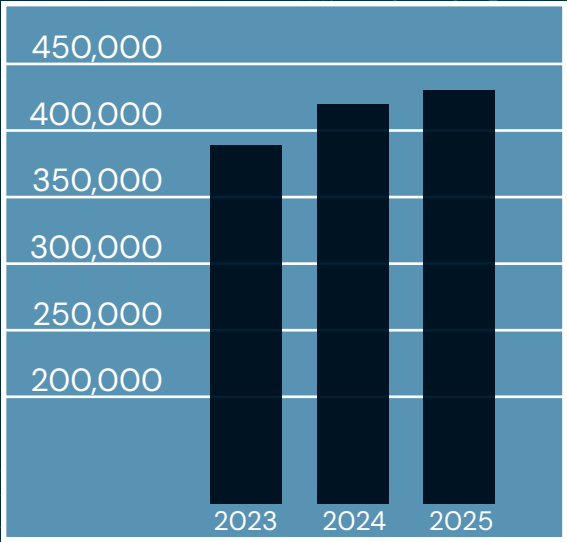
TOROA CAFE

In the 2025 financial year, Toroa Café continued to grow revenue, with total sales increasing to \$436,945, up from \$420,825 in the previous year. Despite this continued sales growth, the café did not meet its objective of achieving break-even or improved profitability. The operating loss increased to \$110,758.35 for the period.

A contributing factor to the increased loss was the introduction of an Executive Chef role partway through the financial year, established to support both Trust-managed hospitality operations. While this investment added pressure to short-term financial performance, it was a deliberate strategic decision aimed at strengthening menu development, consistency, operational systems, and long-term commercial capability.

Encouragingly, customer feedback and café reviews have improved during the year, reflecting enhancements in food quality, service delivery, and the overall visitor experience. While these improvements are not yet fully reflected in the financial results, management remains cautiously optimistic that the foundations now being established will support improved performance over time. The focus for the coming year will be on consolidating systems, managing staff costs in a highly seasonal environment, and translating operational gains into sustainable financial outcomes.

TOTAL SALES	
FINANCIAL YEAR	
2022-2023	\$383,432
2023-2024	\$420,825
2024-2025	\$436,945



ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

TOROA CAFE

On a positive note, Toroa Café continues its commitment to environmental sustainability, maintaining the plastic-free practices established in previous years. The café does not use takeaway cups, offers ceramic or reusable cup options, utilises Sprout milk kegs to reduce single-use packaging, diverts food scraps for animal feed or composting, recycles glass locally for reuse, and encourages staff car-pooling where possible. These ongoing efforts were recognised in 2025, with Toroa Café receiving a Highly Commended acknowledgment in the Keep Dunedin Beautiful – Spiralis Consultancy Sustainable Business Awards.



FORT TAIAROA ARCHIVE

For many years, a volunteer committee known as the Fort Taiaroa Education and Resource Group dedicated approximately two and a half days each week to archiving material relating to the heritage of Taiaroa Head. During this time, the group collected and preserved historical records, contributed to the upgrading and maintenance of the Fort displays, and supported the provision of historical and educational resources relating to Pukekura (Taiaroa Head).

The group also digitised a significant collection of photographs taken by Dr Lance Richdale during his pioneering work with Royal Albatross and Yellow-Eyed Penguins. These archival materials are now held by the Trust at Glenfalloch and remain available for access by arrangement. Copies of key and significant material are also held at the Hocken Collections.

Although the committee is no longer active, the archives continue to be cared for and remain accessible. They align strongly with the Trust's objectives by supporting the promotion of knowledge, encouraging engagement with history, and preserving important heritage assets.



ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Royal Albatross Centre continues to set the benchmark for world-class visitor experiences, earning international and national recognition for excellence in 2025. With the prestigious Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award placing the Centre in the top 10% of attractions worldwide, alongside a coveted Qualmark Gold endorsement, these honours reflect an unwavering commitment to quality, conservation, and authentic connection with nature. As a proud member of the Tourism Industry Association and an active supporter of Tourism New Zealand's Tiaki Promise, the Centre stands firmly behind responsible, sustainable tourism — reinforcing its commitment to guardianship of place, respect for community and culture, and the protection of Aotearoa's natural heritage for generations to come.



GOLD LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that

Royal Albatross Centre

has been evaluated by Qualmark,
and awarded Gold under the Sustainable Tourism Business criteria.
The licence is held by Hoani Langsbury

It has also been classified as:

Awarded visitor activity

Date of evaluation:
16/09/25



Steven Dixon, General Manager
Qualmark New Zealand Ltd

**Tripadvisor
Travelers'
Choice Awards**





**You're in
the top 10%
of
attractions
worldwide**

Keep up the great work

Celebrate your win

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MARK**
GOLD



LIGHT
FOOTPRINT



SAFE
& SOUND



WARM
WELCOME

ROYAL ALBATROSS CENTRE

EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

During the 2024/25 financial year, approximately 620 students from 14 different schools were hosted on-site at the Royal Albatross Centre to join one of our Education Programmes. These students were from a wide range of schools from across New Zealand and include Primary, Intermediate and High Schools, with some visiting with multiple classrooms and year levels.

Three groups were hosted from the University of Otago for an education-focussed Albatross Classic or Unique Taiaroa tour: two different groups each with about 40 guests from Uni Flats, and one group of about 30 through the NZMSC (New Zealand Marine Studies Centre).

Additionally, we hosted well over 100 International Students from a range of schools and universities, including groups from Ichikawa High School in Japan, the University of Richmond in Virginia, and Bellarmine University in Kentucky.

Dunedin was the host of ACAP's (Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels) 'Meeting of the Parties' in May 2025, and a group of more than 40 attendees from many different member countries came to the Royal Albatross Centre for a visit

to see the world's only mainland population of albatross. This was an exciting group to host, and our experienced guides were engaged in interesting discussion with many of the visitors.

After the excitingly busy day we had in 2024 for World Albatross Day, we again decided to offer guided tours free of charge for anyone who wanted to join us. It was another successful day with fully booked tours, and by the end of the final tour we tallied up a total of 190 visitors on tours. Another life-sized albatross cake was created by the team and enjoyed by all – this may have to become an annual tradition!

We are excited for another year of education ahead in all the different capacities we are able to host visitors, whether it's a one-off visit for a group from overseas, or a local school who brings their classes to us each year without fail. Appreciation was shown to our education team again this past year through the receipt of more personalised drawings and letters from students throughout the country.

Seeing so many students leave our centre having learnt something new and feeling more connected to such an incredible marine species makes it all worth it.



GLENFALLOCH RESTAURANT

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GLENFALLOCH
restaurant

Nestled within the picturesque Glenfalloch Gardens, Glenfalloch Restaurant continues to be a welcoming destination for locals and visitors alike. The Chalet Restaurant offers a versatile setting from casual dining through to weddings, functions, and community events, all enhanced by the natural beauty of the surrounding gardens.

Community engagement remained a strong focus throughout the year. The popular Gnaughty Gnome Hunt again delighted families during school holidays, encouraging children to explore the gardens while filling the space with creativity, laughter, and excitement. During winter, Glenfalloch hosted three special evening events where the gardens were illuminated in a festive Christmas theme. These light nights attracted strong public interest, with visitors inspired to enjoy the gardens before taking refreshments either inside the restaurant or from the on-site caravan, further strengthening Glenfalloch's role as a community gathering place.

Sustainability and local sourcing continue to underpin operations. Fresh produce is grown on-site as much as possible and complemented by produce sourced from local suppliers. Floral arrangements are created using flowers grown within the gardens or foraged from the surrounding area, each thoughtfully arranged by our skilled in-house team.

The 2025 financial year was significantly influenced by flooding that occurred in October 2024 and caused damage to the restaurant building. The remedial work required as a result of the flood was fully covered by insurance. However, the scale of the repairs meant that Glenfalloch Restaurant was closed for approximately two and a half months between June and August while this work was completed.

GLENFALLOCH RESTAURANT

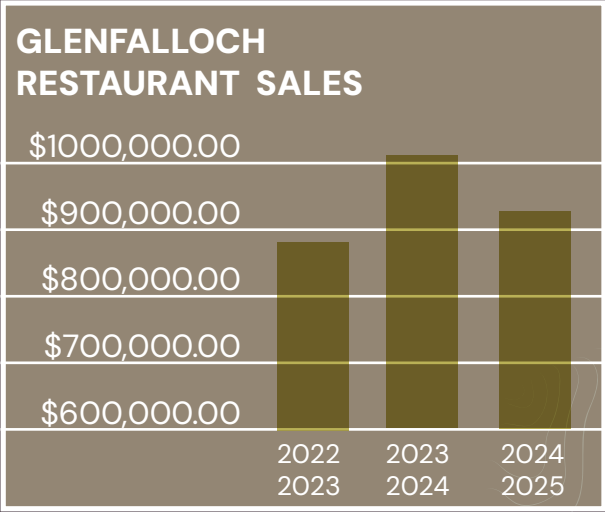
Performance measures and results

The extended closure had a direct impact on trading income. For the year ending 2025, restaurant revenue totalled \$920,540, reflecting the reduced number of operating months. The net surplus for the year was \$7,149, a modest result that largely reflects the loss of revenue during the closure period, despite fixed operating costs continuing.

In addition to the insurance-funded remedial work, several capital upgrades were undertaken during the closure period. These included the remodelling of the toilet facilities and an upgrade of the bar area. The results have been excellent, significantly improving the overall aesthetic, customer experience, staff working conditions, and overall operational efficiency.

The performance measure relating to growth in revenue from Glenfalloch Restaurant operations was not achieved during the year, largely due to unforeseen circumstances that resulted in an extended period of closure. The upgrades completed during this period have improved the functionality and appeal of the restaurant. These changes are expected to support increased activity in functions and weddings, which are the most profitable areas of the business, and to contribute to improved financial performance in future periods.

Since reopening, feedback from customers and staff has been overwhelmingly positive, with strong appreciation for the re-freshed facilities and improved working environment. These upgrades have positioned Glenfalloch Restaurant well for future growth, providing a more resilient and attractive offering and a solid foundation from which to rebuild momentum and strengthen financial performance in the years ahead.



TOTAL SALES	
FINANCIAL YEAR	
2022-2023	\$ 892,572
2023-2024	\$1,054,746
2024-2025	\$ 920,540



GLENFALLOCH RESTAURANT – NIGHT GARDEN

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GLENFALLOCH RESTAURANT – WEDDINGS

Weddings remain an iconic and deeply valued part of Glenfalloch's identity. During the year, Glenfalloch hosted 22 weddings, each unique and shared by the natural beauty and timeless atmosphere of the environment. Most couples choose to exchange vows within the garden setting, surrounded by mature trees, seasonal planting, and expansive views, before moving into their reception in the Chalet Restaurant and the adjoining deck and courtyard.

Glenfalloch offers an end-to-end wedding and events service, supporting couples and clients from initial enquiry through to the final farewell. A dedicated wedding and events co-ordinator works closely with each couple, providing guidance, organisation, and careful attention to detail, supported by a skilled and experienced team who ensure every event is delivered to a high standard. The venue's flexibility allows celebrations to transition effortlessly from ceremony to reception, creating a relaxed and memorable experience for guests.

The introduction of tailored lighting and lawn games packages has further enhanced the offering, adding warmth, atmosphere, and opportunities for guests to engage with the gardens in ways that feel both joyful and personal.

Beyond weddings, Glenfalloch remains a sought-after venue for a wide range of events. Corporate conferences, celebrations, and private functions. We have had an increase in requests to host celebrations of life this year, providing friends and family with a calm space to gather and honour their loved ones. We are looking to develop this aspect further in 2026.

A key performance objective for the year was to grow the weddings and functions. This objective was achieved, with a 9% increase, reflecting strong demand and the continued appeal of Glenfalloch as a premium events destination.



GLENFALLOCH RESTAURANT – WEDDINGS

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GLENFALLOCH GARDEN

Glenfalloch Gardens are a key mission-driven initiative of the Otago Peninsula Trust and are part of a significant heritage property purchased by the Trust in 1967. Since then, the Trust has managed the property to provide free public access to the historic gardens. These gardens are open to the public and are dog-friendly, reflecting the Trust's commitment to accessibility, inclusion, and community well-being. This open-access approach fosters recreation, a connection with the natural environment, and ongoing community engagement.

A notable feature of the upper garden is the ancient Matai Tree, estimated to be around 1,000 years old, which serves as a captivating focal point. The sheltered valley encourages the healthy growth of Kawakawa, commonly harvested by members of the Dunedin community for various medicinal purposes, including skincare, spice blends, teas, and tonics. The gardens also promote biodiversity and environmental education through the preservation of mature trees, diverse plant collections, and open spaces.

The Chalet Restaurant, situated within the gardens, is a popular venue for weddings and events, adding to the gardens' appeal for visitors. The dedicated garden team works diligently to maintain the beauty of the area. Ongoing efforts in Pest and predator control specifically targeting possums and rabbits, have led to a promising increase in native birdsong.

During the year ending September 30, 2025, the Trust continued to maintain and operate Glenfalloch Gardens as a publicly accessible resource. The gardens have never been financially self-sustaining; their operation reflects a conscious investment in public benefit rather than commercial return.



GLENFALLOCH GARDEN

This year, the gardens generated minimal direct income, totalling approximately \$13,456, which is not expected to cover the operational and maintenance costs of the site. Expenditures reflect the scale and complexity of the property and include increased grounds and garden maintenance costs due to a flood event in October 2024 that caused significant damage to several paths and gardens. Other costs include staffing, utilities, insurance, rates, repairs and maintenance, as well as depreciation of buildings, equipment, and infrastructure. Consequently, the gardens recorded a net deficit of approximately \$206,597 for the year.

The Trustees believe this outcome is appropriate and aligns with the Trust's charitable purpose. The deficit represents the cost of providing free public access to a significant heritage property and maintaining environmental quality at Glenfalloch.

The Trustees remain committed to the long-term stewardship of Glenfalloch Gardens, balancing financial sustainability with the responsibility to protect and enhance the assets held for public benefit.



images show the water level and path gouging due to flooding





FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN

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The dedicated Friends of Glenfalloch Garden have a routine of volunteering monthly, with many members enthusiastically opting to lend a hand even more often.

Working side by side, and alongside our gardeners, they cultivate not just the garden but also lasting friendships and a strong sense of camaraderie.

The extra hands are truly appreciated by the garden team. Glenfalloch Garden is a 30-acre garden freely open to the public 365 days a year and a good example of the Trust's objective to preserve and enhance the Otago Peninsula. The garden is pet-friendly, and dogs are welcome to be off-leash in the upper areas. We estimate this group volunteered an average of approximately 40 hours per month, which has been a significant help in the garden and is much appreciated.

FLETCHER HOUSE

The Otago Peninsula Trust oversees visitor operations and the care and maintenance of the historic 1909 Edwardian villa, Fletcher House, located at Broad Bay, on behalf of the Fletcher Trust. This partnership supports the preservation and promotion of heritage on the Otago Peninsula and aligns with the Trust's charitable objectives.

For the year ending in 2025, the Trust continued to manage Fletcher House, providing regular public access to the property. Three dedicated guides supported visitor engagement, with the house open to visitors on weekends and public holidays.

Visitor numbers were consistent with the previous year. The completion of the Otago Harbour Cycleway has increased cycle traffic, and guides report that many visitors have a strong interest in local history and heritage.

During the year, selected works from the Fletcher Trust art collection were reproduced as high-quality prints specifically for display at Fletcher House. These works depict early views of Dunedin and the wider Otago region and support interpretation of the house within its historical and cultural context. The prints include works by Richard Seymour Kelly, John Kinder, George O'Brien, and W. C. Welch, dating from the mid- to late-nineteenth century.

The inclusion of these prints enhances the visitor experience, supports heritage storytelling, and enables the Fletcher Trust art collection to be shared in an accessible and appropriate way while preserving the original artworks.

Looking ahead, a website for Fletcher House is under development. This will improve access to visitor information, strengthen the property's online presence, and support future growth in visitor numbers.



THE FLETCHER TRUST





ACCOMMODATION 433

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– AIR BnB

The accommodation at 433 Portobello Road continues to support the Trust's service delivery by providing on-site accommodation adjacent to Glenfalloch Gardens, addressing the limited availability of accommodation options on the Otago Peninsula. The property enables visitors to spend their time in the area and supports weddings and functions held at Glenfalloch.

For the year ending in 2025, accommodation revenue decreased from the 2024 result, coming in similar to the result recorded at the 2023 year-end. During the year, booking patterns shifted, with a higher proportion of stays by couples rather than larger groups. While this reflects changing visitor needs, it also affected the property's utilisation and resulted in a lower average nightly rate. The majority of bookings were made through Airbnb. The Trust retained Airbnb Superhost status throughout the year and achieved a 4.94-star guest rating, reflecting the consistently high standard of accommodation provided and positive guest experiences.

In December 2024, the exterior of the house was painted as part of planned maintenance, supporting the ongoing quality, safety, and presentation of the property.

The accommodation is also used periodically for Trust meetings and small organisational activities, contributing to efficient use of Trust assets while supporting the delivery of services aligned with the Trust's charitable purpose.

About the host



Robyn Anne
Superhost

104
Reviews

4.94★
Rating

6
Years hosting

COLLABORATIONS ²⁶



The Otago Peninsula Trust has a long history of working with like-minded NGOs and organisations across Dunedin. We remain strongly committed to environmental stewardship and have taken the step of assigning our Ecotourism Manager, Hoani Langsbury, to work one day per week on the Sustainable Otago Peninsula project. This Trust-funded effort is meant to ensure early momentum for our collaboration with Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou and the Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Trust in advancing the Otago Peninsula as a Sustainable community.

We are founding members of Predator Free Dunedin and the Wild Dunedin Festival, both of which align with our mission to protect and enhance the peninsula. The Trust also maintains a 50% governance role on the Pukekura Trust (Blue Penguins Pukekura), supporting evening penguin tours and undertaking kaitiaki responsibilities at Pilots Beach (Takiharuru).

The Trust holds a long-term management contract with the Fletcher Trust to oversee daily operations of the historic Fletcher House in Broad Bay.

During the reporting period, the Trust made its largest contribution to date to the Department of Conservation and to Toroa (albatross) husbandry at Pukekura (Taiaroa Head). This included thirty staff hours and a donation exceeding \$22,950 to support tracking devices for fledging chicks. These efforts improved understanding of postfledging dispersal and informed DOC's Seabird Threats Team on species management. The total contribution, including water provision, fish, and other consumables, amounted to more than \$26,479.



COLLABORATIONS

The Trust also partnered with the University of Otago to develop a realtime, waterbased sampling methodology for early detection of bird flu. This system can identify H5 or H7 strains up to ten days before the death of affected birds.

Our support for partner organisations contributed to the successful fledging of 38 Toroa chicks—the best breeding season on record—and strengthened species conservation efforts beyond the Otago Peninsula. This work underscores the Trust's commitment to wildlife protection and the preservation of our unique natural heritage.

This essential support highlights the Trust's commitment to wildlife conservation and the preservation of our unique natural heritage.



COLLABORATIONS

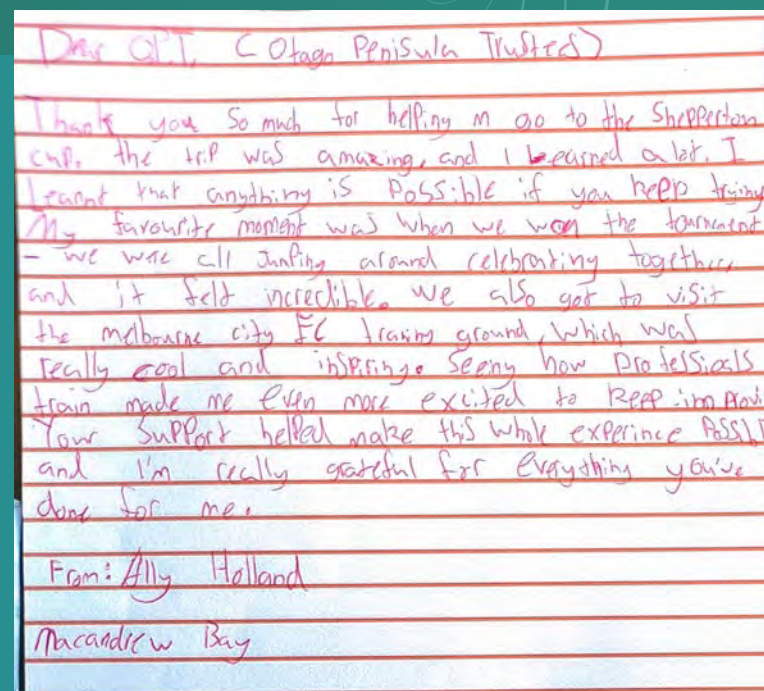
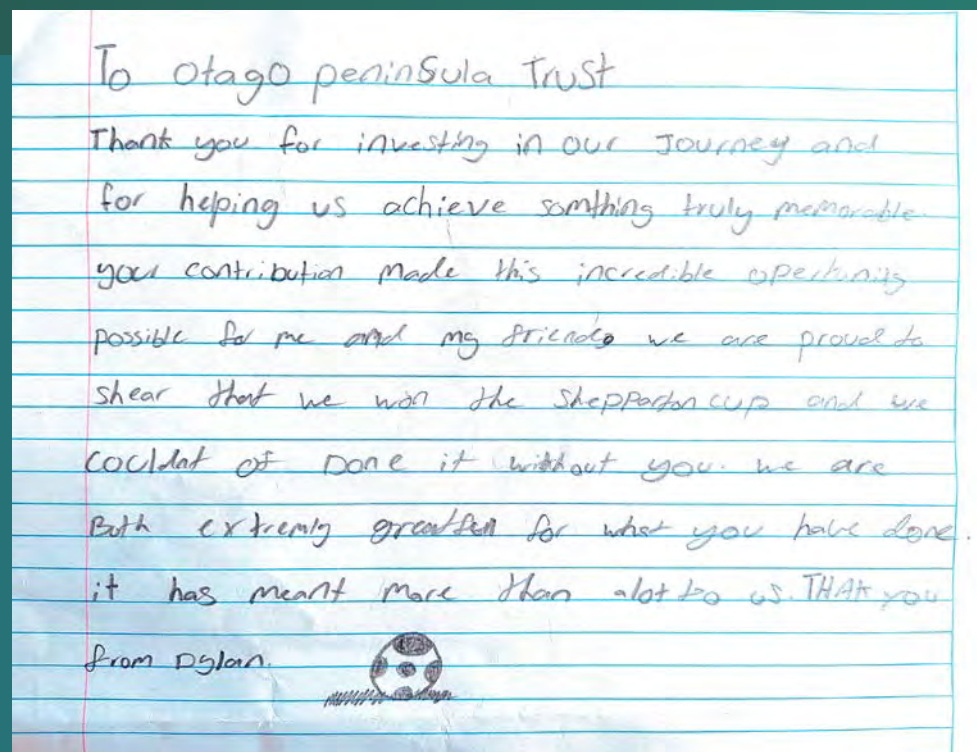
Supporting Local Opportunity and Youth Achievement

As part of the Trust's broader commitment to supporting the wellbeing and engagement of local communities on the Otago Peninsula, we were pleased to help two local boys attend the Shepparton Cup football camp and tournament in Melbourne.

Each student received a contribution of \$1,000 toward travel and participation costs, helping to eliminate financial barriers and ensuring they could participate in this significant development opportunity. Additionally, we sponsored apparel for the boys, which they wore proudly throughout the tournament, representing both their club and our organization.

The experience was highly rewarding. Beyond the personal growth, confidence, and exposure gained from competing at a higher level, the boys' team won the tournament—an outstanding achievement and a testament to their dedication, teamwork, and resilience.

We received a thank-you letter from the boys, which was hand-delivered and felt particularly special.



The judgements that had the most significant effect on the non-financial information presented related to the depth of information disclosed with respect to our operations and the selection of information about what the Trust has done during the period. These decisions were made in consultation between management and Trustees.

