



**SELWYN  
CREATIVE  
NETWORK**

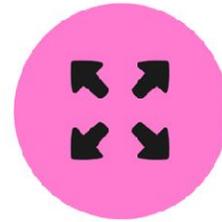


# First, let's point out some highlights of 2019...



## **SUPPORT - helping others flourish**

We provided one on one support & advice to **46** individual artists, **38** groups & creative organisations in Selwyn



## **GROW - opportunities, resources, info**

We submitted to **3** key national consultations, advocated at a local government level, connected with **29** organisations from other sectors & collaborated with creatives to deliver projects that promoted the wellbeing, imagination, skills and kinship of community



## **PROMOTE - putting in the hours**

We provided over **420** volunteer hours to promote the arts in our district via social media resulting in an average weekly reach of over **5,500** people & **150%** increase in followers



## **ENHANCE -improving participation**

We provided creative resources, info & support so that people could participate at 5 district wide events reaching over **7,600** people of all ages, ethnicity, gender.

# How about our other achievements?

## Art Travels Workshops

We collaborated with My Honeyland to deliver workshops that promoted the Wellbeing, Imagination, Skills & Kinship of community.

**85%** of participants reported an increase in wellbeing **75%** increased sense of belonging



## Behind the scenes

We assisted galleries, organisations and creative groups in Selwyn behind the scenes on **22 projects** that benefited the wider community



## #Advocacy #campaigns

We promoted 5 major public awareness campaigns highlighting national issues/trends

- **#vote2019**
- **#wellbeing&arts**
- **#creativespaces**
- **#artsmatter**
- **#artsmoonthNZ**

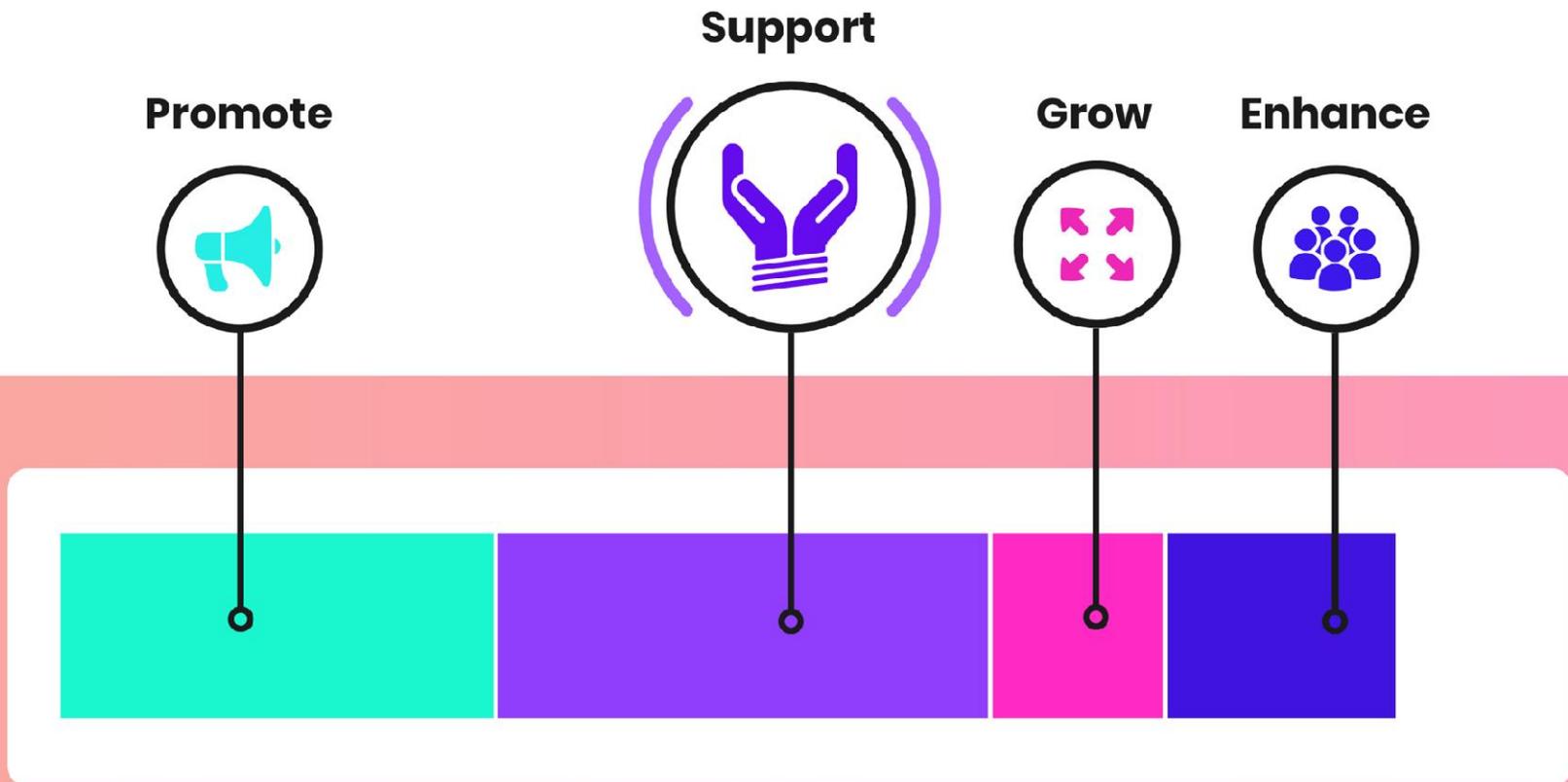


# It's important to know what keeps the wheel turning.

A look at money coming in and money going out in 2019



# Which areas we worked the most in.



**The Selwyn Creative Network Trust** was successfully incorporated as a registered New Zealand Charity in October 2018. Its purpose - *To provide a sustainable non-for-profit trust that uses the arts to serve the social and mental wellbeing of community*

The trust has set out to enhance, grow, promote and support the creative expressions of community so that opportunities to belong can flourish and grow.

We believe in the value of creating opportunities for creative people to contribute to the wider community in a healthy way, our work is not limited to supporting creative people, we also work with the whole community as we believe that everyone is capable of creative expression, by just sharing their voice. Creating environments where this can flourish is vital in the path to belonging.

The network was fortunate to be awarded 2 funding grants this year to establish the work that we are doing in the district. This has enabled us to establish our strategic plan and further strengthen our partnerships with community organisations such as the Selwyn Parenting Network.

This year we focused heavily on building a strong network of creative partners and ensuring that the arts had a presence within

community initiatives such as the SWELL - ageing successfully expo.

Early 2019, We delivered a series of workshops in collaboration with a local creative facilitator, My Honeyland, that were designed to benefit the social and mental well-being of the wider community especially those people experiencing social isolation, through location, health or socio-economic restrictions.

We worked in behind the scenes to support existing creative organisations in delivering 22 projects to the Selwyn community. We also advocated and supported the West Melton resident's association to establish public art in the area.

The youth sector is growing in Selwyn and we were honoured to be involved in 3 talent shows and deliver a creative hub at the Selwyn Parenting family fun day.

Advocating at a local political level has been an important part of the work we have done to increase support to the sector. Our #vote2019 social media campaign saw an increased support from the candidates for the arts in Selwyn.

2019 has seen a strong advocacy from the sector for the arts to be considered as vital to the cultural wellbeing of New Zealanders. As a

result of the new living standards framework released by the government, Creative NZ has released findings on a profile of creative professionals 2019, sustainable careers, youth wellbeing in NZ and ageing population strategy.

Selwyn creative network has been actively working towards aligning action planning to address key issues and trends at a grass roots level.

This year we attended 14 networking meetings from across the social sector in Selwyn and continued to connect with industry groups such as Te Ora Aua Ha Wellbeing Alliance Nz, Arts Access Aotearoa.

In June we attended the living with a creative mind symposium and discussed with peers the importance of creating affirming cultures in creative workplaces and how the creative mind works.

The Selwyn arts scene is growing fast and there is a continual need for promotion and support to the districts creative people and initiatives. The network will continue to support this growth in 2020.

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