CONTACT US

Early intervention can reduce issues before they become unmanageable. If you or someone you know in the rural community needs help contact the Trust Administrator or one of our Coordinators:

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PAT MACAULAY

Pat was brought up on a sheep farm in the hills of West Otago. After leaving school Pat assisted her father on the farm, her role was the running of the family home. She later went to work for an advertising agency in Dunedin and moved into media planning. Marriage in the early 70's led her to the Strath Taieri on a sheep and beef property where farming in drought was a regular occurrence. With her background, in the agriculture industry and many varied experiences along with a National Diploma in Agribusiness Management, Pat is very well placed to assist and support Rural families where needed.

LINDSAY PURVIS

Lindsay was brought up on a coastal North Otago farm. After completing his plumbing apprenticeship, marriage to Bev saw them complete the obligatory 5 years as a married couple in South Canterbury. The opportunity to purchase their own farm presented itself in 1979, which they converted to deer.
Dry land farming throughout the 80's proved character building and the decision to sell and move on came in 1993 with the purchase of their Tourist Complex in Omarama, which they have sold after 24 years.
Lindsay's farming background and life skills gained by his ability to change his direction see him well qualified to help other families make some important decisions for the way forward.

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When circumstances beyond your control lead to a rural business crisis–be it financial, climatic or personal–the Otago Rural Support Trust is ready to assist.

The Trust Coordinators are rural people with local knowledge and experience.

otago.rural-support.org.nz

ABOUT US

The Otago Rural Support Trust is part of a nationwide network of Rural Support Trusts that can assist rural individuals and communities during and after extreme weather and other declared adverse events. They are able to access Government adverse event funding and utilise support from many Government agencies to help rural individuals and communities get back on their feet.

The Trust members are local rural people with a wide range of experience and knowledge in dealing with challenging rural situations. The Trust has two coordinators who are specially trained. The coordinators travel to where they are needed, contact is one-on-one at a place that suits you, and services are free and confidential.

The unique challenges of rural life can only be truly understood by rural people who share the same challenges.

HOW WE CAN HELP

First and foremost the Otago Rural Support Trust is about rural people helping rural individuals and communities to cope during difficult times.

The Trust and its coordinators are skilled in assisting rural people through adverse events such as flooding, drought, snowstorms, and also financial, animal welfare, and personal crises. The Trust is well connected with rural networks, Civil Defence, local and central government agencies, making the Trust well placed to get things done that might be difficult for individuals.

MORE SPECIFICALLY THE TRUST:

- **Can help during and following an adverse weather event:** The Trust is directly linked into local civil defence and can provide you with information and assist you in getting emergency or on going help. This may include movement of stock, financial support, labour or other needs during or following an adverse event.
- **Can help facilitate and advocate:** The Trusts coordinators can help by facilitating assistance from financial organisations, government agencies, and farm management consultancies.
- **Support during personal, environmental, and/or financial difficulties:** The coordinators are trained to help find ways to manage these types of rural challenges. Often all that's needed is someone to talk to and listen to your problems. They may assist with referrals to appropriate professional help for stress management, mentoring, financial and farm management counselling.

Services are free and confidential.