

## Rob Facer - TCRT

As head of GC Group Management Limited, Rob Facer oversees prominent rural companies operating in Taranaki, including Osflo Fertilisers and FBT.

The English born and raised Facer, who also spent two decades in Australia before finally arriving to work and live in New Zealand, came into contact with the Taranaki Community Rugby Trust once it had been firmly established.

His involvement in providing support has been ongoing ever since.

"I don't know exactly how many years Osflo has actually been involved in helping the trust because it was long before my time," he said.

"But we are a major supporter."

With the company's Mountain Rd base and depot surrounded by a lease farm of the trust, Facer likes to consider they are more than just close neighbours.

"We support them in the sense that we supply them with all the fertiliser for this property and a lot of looking after the place as a contribution or donation for what they do," he said.

The association, according to Facer, provides the company and everyone involved with it with a great deal of satisfaction.

"Between Osflo and FBT, we like to consider ourselves great supporters of TCRT," he said.

"It's right up our alley, really, because a charitable organisation that works around such a broad part of Taranaki in helping to get youngsters into sport and also helps with health and wellbeing is the perfect type of organisation to support."

Facer said the seven-year working relationship he has had with the trust had opened his eyes to the collective way the region works for the betterment of so many communities.

"TCRT's values align so closely with ours, we just love being a partner with them," he said.

Facer said a number of staff also enjoy the hands-on nature of the working relationship and benefit from seeing the work the trust has done in so many areas.

"We obviously have a close connection with rugby in Inglewood and with Coastal rugby so we see that," he said.

"We are out and about in the front end and we also support the Taranaki Rugby Referees' Association which the trust has a key partnership with."

On a personal note, Facer describes the trust and the work it does as "simply fantastic" which continues to benefit more and more people.

"When you get a group of people who are so passionate about something and are prepared to invest their own time and their own efforts to make something work, you are going to have an organisation that produces enthusiasm and that is what you have got with the trust," he said.

"It's all about good people who are passionate for the outcomes of their work and equally passionate about the health and wellbeing of the community.

"Whenever you are dealing with people like that, there's always going to be a good outcome."