

# Kia Honoa

Let's Connect with the Cancer Society  
Canterbury-West Coast Division

Canterbury Cancer Centre Special Edition

Help us raise **\$3.5 million**

If you've been receiving Kia Honoa/Let's Connect for a while, you'll know that work is well underway on our new cancer centre in Langdons Road, Papanui.

The new Canterbury Cancer Centre is due to open its doors in May 2023 and will create a special place where we can welcome and support people with cancer and their whānau from all around the motu.

This **\$22 million** facility will be a local support hub for Cantabrians impacted by cancer and a place to stay for people from around the South Island who need to travel to Christchurch for life-saving cancer treatment.



## The roof is on!

The roof going on is always a major milestone for any building project so when the roof on our new cancer centre was recently completed, we organised a morning tea shout for contractors at the build site.

Hot drinks and food were served from a very impressive coffee cart and it was a great opportunity for Cancer Society staff to visit the build site to see the progress and thank the contractors for all of their mahi on the project.

## Let's go shopping!

Donate a precious item for the new cancer centre.

If you'd like to support the new Canterbury Cancer Centre, you can go to our online Registry to buy a precious item for the new centre.

There's something to suit everyone's budget from a **\$30** glassware/coffee mug set to a **\$2,000** sofa and every donation gets us closer to our **\$3.5 million** fundraising goal.

[www.moreprecious.co.nz](http://www.moreprecious.co.nz)

Connecting over kai?  
A table, more precious than you think.



**MORE PRECIOUS THAN YOU THINK**



# A place to stay

The new Canterbury Cancer Centre will include the largest accommodation facility for South Island patients needing to stay in Ōtautahi Christchurch while they receive cancer treatment. Here are some more details about the accommodation wing of the new centre:

- There will be 50 modern, spacious rooms, including three larger two-bedroom whānau rooms for those who need extended family to accompany them during their stay.
- The ground floor of the building will have accessible rooms specifically designed for those who need mobility aids such as wheelchairs or walkers.
- The centre will have a 'home away from home' feeling with multiple lounge rooms for guests to relax, unwind and socialise with others.
- Each of the centre's three floors will have two communal kitchens where guests can cook and prepare meals and store groceries.



Impression of an accommodation room in the new cancer centre.



Impression of one of the centre's whānau rooms.

## What makes Cancer Society accommodation so precious?

Husband and wife Emani and Betty Soane both work for community organisations in the Nelson region. They have also both had cancer.

Emani told us how precious he and his wife Betty found being able to stay in Cancer Society accommodation when he had to travel to Christchurch for cancer surgery:

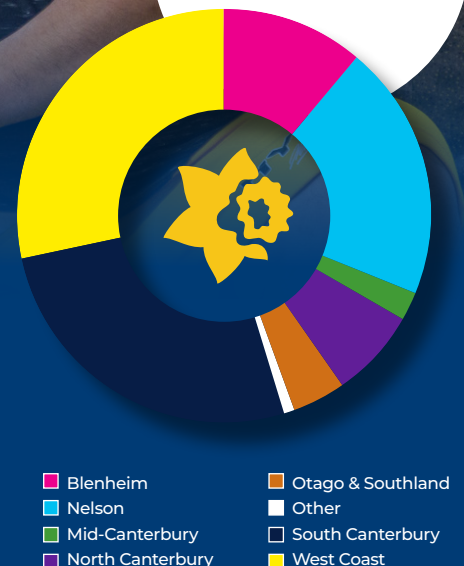
*"Coming down to Christchurch, you know, you've got to think of accommodation, the cost of living, transport to do things, but having Cancer Society accommodation (to stay in) really eased the burden for us,"* Emani says.

*"It's very supportive and nothing's ever an issue – trying to make sure we were comfortable; getting extra blankets in; catering for our families if they visited,"* he says.

*"You go into the lounge and you can mix and mingle with others, and that's therapeutic as well talking with other people that are going through similar situations like yourself,"* Emani says.

*"In my case, I couldn't really walk around much, but it was nice that my wife and my daughter were still able to interact with other people who were going through a similar process, supporting their loved ones through their treatment,"* he says.

## Who will stay in the new cancer centre?



# He Ringa Āwhina

All people. Every cancer.  
We're here to help.



## Meet Hannah Godfrey

Accommodation Manager



### What is your role as Accommodation Manager?

My role involves overseeing our accommodation facilities to ensure our guests are comfortable and have the support they need during their stay.

### What are you most looking forward to about the new centre in Langdons Road?

I am so excited about the new Canterbury Cancer Centre as it will be great for us to have all of our support services together under one roof, and also to have the ability to expand our current services.

Being able to offer both our guests and local clients additional ways to improve their wellbeing, whether that's having a specialised oncology massage or being able to access advice on nutrition during treatment, will be hugely beneficial.

One of the other special features of the new building will be its landscaped garden and surrounding wetlands, which will give patients, whānau and visitors the opportunity to connect with nature.

### What difference do you think the new centre will make for people with cancer in our region?

Both our local clients and those staying in our accommodation will be able to participate in specialised day programmes and support groups so there will be lots more opportunities for people to connect with us in a way that suits them.

Instead of one shuttle, we will have two shuttles running from the new centre to take people to and from their hospital appointments. The new centre will have 80 parking spaces on site which will be free for guests and visitors to use. This means we'll be able to offer a 'park and ride' service for those needing easy access to cancer treatment.

## Be a Canterbury Cancer Centre Sponsor



We have room sponsorship packages available now starting from **\$8,350** per year. By sponsoring a room, you help us to create a home away from home for patients going through treatment.

### Be a Partner

Supporting the Canterbury Cancer Centre as a partner is a great opportunity for businesses, philanthropists, and organisations to have a positive and far-reaching impact on our communities within Canterbury and across the South Island. You may choose to make an annual donation, sponsor a room, or donate your expertise. We would be delighted to work with you to tailor a package that suits.

Please contact our Partnership Manager Janice Porter-Hoare on **021 228 3542** or email [janice@cancercwc.org.nz](mailto:janice@cancercwc.org.nz) for a copy of our prospectus.



**Janice Porter-Hoare**  
Partnership Manager

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# Bringing cancer organisations together

One of our intentions for the new cancer centre is that it will function as a base for not only the Cancer Society but for other organisations providing specialised cancer services.

A great example of this happened recently in Ashburton when the Child Cancer Foundation used our Mid Canterbury centre for a school holiday pizza lunch and ice cream sundae making event for local children with cancer.

Organiser Sue Green and some of the children subsequently presented the Mid Canterbury Cancer Society team with a framed certificate and a beautiful bunch of flowers as a thank you.

During their visit, the neighbour's cat (who has been given the nickname of "Smudge") conveniently made himself available for cuddles!



## MediaWorks supports the new Canterbury Cancer Centre

If you listen to The Breeze, More FM, or one of MediaWorks' other radio stations you may have heard an advertisement letting people know about how they can support the new Canterbury Cancer Centre. We're thrilled that MediaWorks has come on board as our official media partner for the project and especially grateful for their generous support through their MediaWorks Foundation community supporter programme.

*"The MediaWorks team understand the huge value of this project to the wider Canterbury-West Coast region so we are thrilled to be working with them across their radio network and other channels to let our communities know how they can get involved and support this fantastic facility,"* the Chief Executive of the Cancer Society's Canterbury-West Coast Division, Nicola Coom says.

Rob McDonald, General Manager of MediaWorks Canterbury and Regional Manager Southern, agreed the Canterbury Cancer Centre was *"an inspiring, important project that MediaWorks was proud to get behind."* *"The centre will have a lasting impact for generations to come and will support so many members of our communities as they navigate a cancer journey,"* McDonald says.

*"We will use our MediaWorks platforms to ensure Cantabrians understand the significance of this centre and how they too, can get behind it."*

Not only are the MediaWorks Canterbury team helping to promote the "More Precious" fundraising campaign, but they have generously donated 50 clock radios for the new centre from our online Registry at [www.moreprecious.co.nz](http://www.moreprecious.co.nz).



## Canterbury Cancer Centre facts and figures!



The structure of the new cancer centre is made up of 136 pre-cast panels. The largest panel weighs over 26 tonnes!

The centre also contains:

**28** kilometres of electrical cable

**3,100+** sheets of GIB plasterboard

**120** internal doors and 80 external windows and doors



## Your local Cancer Society Centres

**Christchurch Centre**  
97 Fitzgerald Avenue, PO Box 13450, Christchurch 8141  
P: 03 379 5835 E: [contact@cancercwc.org.nz](mailto:contact@cancercwc.org.nz)

**North Canterbury Centre**  
143 Percival Street, Rangiora 7400  
P: 0800 226 695 E: [northcanty@cancercwc.org.nz](mailto:northcanty@cancercwc.org.nz)

**South Canterbury Centre**  
32 Memorial Avenue, PO Box 682, Timaru 7940  
P: 03 688 0124 E: [southcanty@cancercwc.org.nz](mailto:southcanty@cancercwc.org.nz)

**Mid Canterbury Centre**  
122 Kermode Street, PO Box 296, Ashburton 7740  
P: 03 307 7691 E: [midcanty@cancercwc.org.nz](mailto:midcanty@cancercwc.org.nz)

**West Coast Centre**  
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**Selwyn Centre**  
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