



Canterbury- West Coast Division

Annual Report
2022



**Cancer
Society**

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku
o Aotearoa



Kate Reid
Chairperson

Chairperson's Report

This year has been another tiring year with COVID-19 adding to the challenges of diagnosing, treating and supporting people on the cancer journey, and it has continued to interrupt fundraising events and health promoting activities. However, our staff and volunteers have continued to give their very best to meet these challenges, keeping people and their families at the heart of what we do.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you most sincerely. We also extend our appreciation to the clinicians in our DHBs, GPs, district nurse and allied health teams working with significant workforce pressure during this pandemic.

Leadership of our Division is central to achieving our aims. After 20 years of exceptional service, we wished our CEO, Liz Chesterman, a long and happy retirement with Charles and family.

Liz created positive change for how we now operate and had a strong, positive influence nationally. Her networking and relationship building was a catalyst for an innovative partnership with the CDHB to fund the information and learning centre based at Christchurch Hospital. Liz also cemented the future of the Cancer Society Tissue Bank, supporting the excellent internationally renowned work of Helen Moran.

Liz submitted proposals over the years to ensure our regions had local-based support and remains on the building committee to support the completion of our new premises, which we are thankful for.

We welcomed Nicola Coom as our new Chief Executive and with her energy and enthusiasm for the society, our future is looking bright. Nicola came to us from Emerge Aotearoa, one of New Zealand's largest providers of social services, including mental health and addiction, housing services, disability, rehabilitation, wellbeing and employment services. She is also a Board member for the New Zealand Familial Breast and Ovarian Cancer Trust and the Neonatal Trust.

Nicola is passionate about cancer care, improving outcomes and services for families and has had a very positive start in our Division.



Liz Chesterman, former Chief Executive

I wish to acknowledge the death of Dame Aroha Reriti-Crofts (Ngāi Tūāhuriri, Ngāi Tahu) and kaumātua of Tuahiwi Marae. Dame Aroha has had a significant role in our community, being awarded Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2020 for services to Māori and the community, amongst other awards bestowed upon her throughout a lifetime of advocating for women's health, wellbeing and education.

Dame Aroha was supportive of the Cancer Society, featuring personally in our SmokeFree video campaign on the impact of smoking on whānau. She blessed the site of our new building last year before construction began, knowing how much this new facility will positively impact on the lives of people and their families living with cancer. Dame Aroha will be sadly missed but her values will live on.

The building subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Richard Green has enjoyed overseeing the construction of our new Christchurch centre. The excellent working relationship we have with both our project managers, Cequent, and Cook Brothers, our builders, is ensuring that good progress is being made despite the current challenges in the supply chain and workforce disruptions from Covid. We are very appreciative of these professional teams.

The National Board of the Cancer Society of New Zealand is continuing with the structural review of our organisation (Anga Whakamua) and this, along with the Government's reform of the health system, may shape the future strategic and operational direction of our services. The executive and senior leadership team are keeping a watchful eye on the implications of these reforms for people with cancer to ensure we continue to meet the needs of those we serve.

At this year's AGM we farewell and thank Dave McCone who has served on the Executive Committee for 23 years. He has held the role of Treasurer and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, Trustee of the Division's Trust Board and Trustee of the Tissue Bank Research Trust. His financial oversight, sound governance, sense of fun and vision will be sorely missed. David will remain on the property subcommittee to see the new Christchurch centre completed which we are grateful for.

Thank you to the ANZ Bank - principal sponsor of Daffodil Day and major sponsor of the Cancer Society of New Zealand throughout the year. My final thanks goes to our executive members who give their time willingly to support the work of the Division - it is a privilege to work with you all, thank you.

Kate Reid
Chairperson



Dame Aroha Hohipera Reriti-Crofts (28 August 1938 – 20 May 2022), 4th from left, with Smokefree Canterbury members



Dave McCone



Isaac and Finley from Rolleston with their Daffodil Day creations



Nicola Coom
Chief Executive

Chief Executive's Report

It was an honour to accept the role of Chief Executive of the Cancer Society's Canterbury-West Coast Division earlier this year. I would like to recognise the work of the Chief Executives who have gone before me, particularly Elizabeth Chesterman who has retired after 20 tremendous years of service.

I have enjoyed getting out and about and meeting our patients, staff, families, clinicians, donors, and the Trusts and communities that support us to do the great work we do. Thank you to everyone who has made time to share with me what the Cancer Society means to you and your families. The stories have been heartfelt, honest and full of optimism and hope for the future. I would like to acknowledge the staff and over 600 volunteers who have continued operating in trying circumstances. COVID-19 is still impacting our ability to deliver services, recruit volunteers and raise much needed funds. The team have learnt a lot and we are putting this learning into practice to come back even stronger.

Financially we have continued to be impacted by Covid and investment income was affected by low interest rates. We were however well supported by bequest income which accounted for around a third of our income for the year. We are very grateful to those who choose to include the Cancer Society in their will, leaving a legacy that will support our ongoing work across the community. We are working hard to diversify our funding streams to ensure we are well positioned to respond to increased demand for our services and adverse external factors.



Progress on our new building in Langdons Rd

A significant milestone this financial year was the turning of the soil and commencement of our new building in Langdons Road, Papanui. This has created a great opportunity for us to engage with families about their needs and design for this. This isn't simply about us relocating, it's much more than that, it is about us being responsive and preparing for the growing demand for cancer services that is increasing year on year. The building will accommodate 50 patients and their families, as well as our support teams and new services that we are preparing to offer.

A very important piece of work that we did with our colleagues around the country this year was to look at how we support more whānau. Our teams worked with whānau to understand what, how and when they would like to receive support from us. With this information we co-designed a new Model of Care that will improve how whānau find out about and access our services in a timelier way. It will increase the ways people can access information and support and connect with others living with cancer. We are now starting to plan for the implementation of this new Model of Care.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and am optimistic about the opportunities that it will bring for the Cancer Society and families impacted by cancer.

Ko ngā pae tawhiti whāia kia tata, Ko ngā pae tata whakamaua kia tina. The potential for tomorrow depends on what we do today.

Nicola Coom
Chief Executive

OUR MAHI Supportive Care



Supportive Care team member Catherine Dwan with client Chris Parata

Supportive care continues to go from strength to strength across the division. The multi-disciplinary backgrounds of all our kaimahi (staff) across supportive care, our driving service, and our accommodation adds to the strengths of this organisation and the support available to our patients and their whānau.

I would like to mihi (acknowledge) the mahi that the team has put into transitioning our driving service from a manual spreadsheet to a database system. This change helps with our scheduling of drives and drivers to match our patient appointment times.

Over the last year the supportive care managers from each division have been working together to develop a Model of Care for support services.

This kaupapa has been developed with a view to providing a more consistent support service across the federation, to address any inequities in the cancer support space and to ensure that the Cancer Society support our clients receive will be very similar, if not the same, regardless of where they reside.

Tēnā rawa atu koutou, Kindest regards to you all.

Anita Albert



Anita Albert
Supportive Care Manager

Supportive Care Snapshot for the year

958

new referrals to our client support services

12,400

bed nights provided in our accommodation facilities

1,470

calls to our 0800 Cancer Information phoneline

9,200

information booklets given out free of charge

500+

attendees to our programmes and workshops

5,000

volunteer drives to appointments

\$70,000

in grocery and petrol vouchers provided to our clients





Promoting SunSmart behaviour at the Teddy Bear's Picnic

Health Promotion

It there is one word that describes the activity of the Health Promotion Team in the last year it is partnership. Building our relationships with key providers in the community, local councils, and allied health agencies, who (despite the disruption of Covid) all recognise that the long-term goal of health and wellbeing for all takes time and trust.

Specifically, 2021 will be remembered for the launch of the Government's Smokefree Action Plan and its commitment to addressing the inequities in our communities brought about by tobacco. In the process of participating in the consultation around this plan our team was directly or indirectly involved in 114 submissions. Notably we have forged a strong partnership with Te Puawaitanga Ki Otautahi Trust which is proving invaluable in our commitment to widening our reach to Māori.

We are delighted to see our regional authorities not only leading the way in promoting smokefree outdoor environments, with some of the most comprehensive policies in the country, but also expressing a strong commitment to introducing vape-free policies. Eight out of twelve have or are considering introducing such policies in response to increasing concerns around the growing presence of vaping in our communities.

Our health promotion team has also been involved in wider advocacy and awareness programmes including supporting a case for more public shade and contributing to emerging work around the Cancer Society's role in advice around the cancer risks associated with both alcohol and fast food.

A key publication this year that will guide our future mahi was Pūrongo Ārai Mate Pukupuku Cancer Prevention Report which focusses on recommendations for addressing risk factors including tobacco; alcohol; poor nutrition and excess body weight; a lack of physical activity; excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation and chronic infections. The report states that up to half of all cancer diagnoses could be prevented through early intervention so the role we have to play in helping to shape healthier communities of the future is clear.



Martin Witt
Manager Health Promotion

Fundraising



Heather Locke
Manager - Fundraising, Communications and Relationships

During the 2021-2022 financial year Covid once again dictated the timing and format of our fundraising events. We had a number of events that were not able to go ahead such as our annual Daffodil Day street appeal and Gala Dinner. However, our team pulled out all the stops and moved both of these events online, with Harcourts Grenadier supporting our online auction.

In April 2021 we hosted a very successful Relay For Life at Dudley Park in Rangiora. The local community came out in force to support this event, which raised over **\$100,000**. Our Mid Canterbury Relay For Life was held as a virtual event for the very first time. Once again fantastic support from the local community resulted in a fundraising total of almost **\$160,000**.

We were frequently amazed by the lengths our community fundraisers were prepared to go to in raising funds to support our mahi. We had 71 people sign up to complete the Longest Day Golf Challenge during December and January and between them they managed to raise over **\$90,000**. Blair Struthers of South Canterbury completed an incredible **144** holes of golf (8 rounds) in one day, double the usual Longest Day Golf Challenge of playing 72 holes!

In addition to the inspirational efforts of our community fundraisers, we were fortunate to secure a number of grants during the financial year, including a **\$30,000** grant from the Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury to help fund the costs of providing our services in these communities.



Blair Struthers



At Relay For Life, North Canterbury



Holly Chapman of Mid Canterbury with her Daffodil Day poster

Business Services



Ali Leatherland
Business Services Manager

This year was again challenging due to the ongoing uncertainties around COVID-19. We have invested further in technology and staff have continued to embrace this to keep connected with each other and the people and whānau we support. The Division recorded a deficit for the year and the Trust Board has made a distribution to the Division to assist with meeting the costs of delivering services across the Canterbury-West Coast region, which we are grateful for.

During the year, the Trust Board provided a loan to the Division to support the financing of the Christchurch Building Project, which is also receiving up to \$6.5M of funding from the Government's Shovel Ready Project Fund.

The Division has faced additional costs for providing services during the year due to the pandemic. Additional costs included providing alternative transport to treatment due to reduced capacity on our shuttle which runs between Daffodil House, Daffodil Lodge and Christchurch Hospital; additional cleaning across our accommodation and centres; and increased demands on client welfare largely due to the rising cost of living.

We are grateful to all our supporters who have helped to fund the increased costs of operating.

Di's story



Di Hone

Di Hone was diagnosed with an aggressive type of Stage 3 breast cancer in November 2020. "The tumour was the size of a golf ball," she says. "I thought to myself 'how's this happened'?"

Di's treatment consisted of chemotherapy first to shrink the tumour and then a double mastectomy, followed by 5 weeks of radiation. Di's surgeon referred her to the Cancer Society's Canterbury West-Coast Division and let her know about the Cancer Society's Christchurch accommodation facilities, Daffodil House and Daffodil Lodge.

Di, who lives in Hanmer Springs, stayed at Daffodil House while she was having chemotherapy and at Daffodil Lodge following her surgery and while having radiation. "I can't say enough about Daffodil House," Di says. "It's amazing!" "It really is a home away from home," she says. Di says meeting other people at Daffodil House with all kinds of cancer also helped her put things into perspective.

"I was angry for about three weeks," she says. "Then I met so many other cancer patients young and old with greater issues than me and I was blown away." "I thought to myself my journey is nothing compared to all these people."

Di felt that she had been given so much support through her cancer experience that she wanted to give back. She has done this through her involvement in two separate fundraising events for the Cancer Society's Canterbury-West Coast Division, including a head shave with her sister-in-law and two friends, which raised **\$5,000** and a fundraising breakfast which also raised **\$5,000**.

Di's latest scan showed no sign of cancer cells and she is delighted to be in remission.

"I've been really lucky," she says. "I feel blessed."

Grants

During the 2021-2022 financial year, the Cancer Society's Canterbury-West Coast Division and our support groups distributed a variety of grants to facilitate cancer related research.

Jessica Allan is carrying out a feasibility study into the potential for exercise to mitigate some of the side effects of cancer treatments. Jessica is a recipient of the Cancer Society Canterbury-West Coast Division's Local Research Fellowship Grant, which means that she receives **\$25,000** per year for three years to enable her to carry out this research.



Jessica Allan



Marion Pannett

Our Volunteers

Marion Pannett from Ashburton has been a Cancer Society volunteer for 23 years. She says the changes she has seen within the Cancer Society within that time have been "exciting". After losing her husband five years after his diagnosis with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, Marion decided that she wanted to get involved with the Cancer Society to try to help others.

"I have absolutely loved the contact with people that I may otherwise not have met, including families that moved here from overseas," Marion says.

"It is inspirational being part of people's journeys and seeing how they have coped."

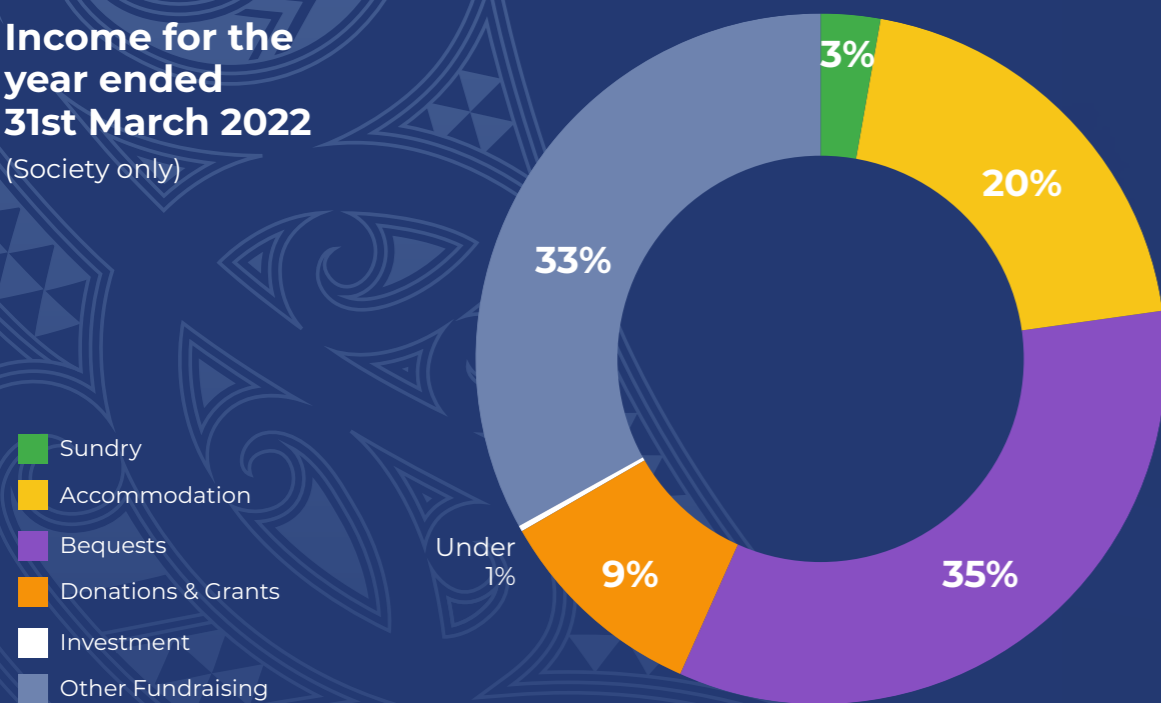
Marion has done a huge variety of things as a Cancer Society volunteer including filling in at the Mid-Canterbury Centre, being a volunteer driver, preparing lunches for Look Good, Feel Better sessions and delivering Christmas baking. She also helps with fundraising when needed and has been a Daffodil Day collector for 20 years.

Last year our volunteers drove 812,894 kilometres and contributed over 80,000 hours.

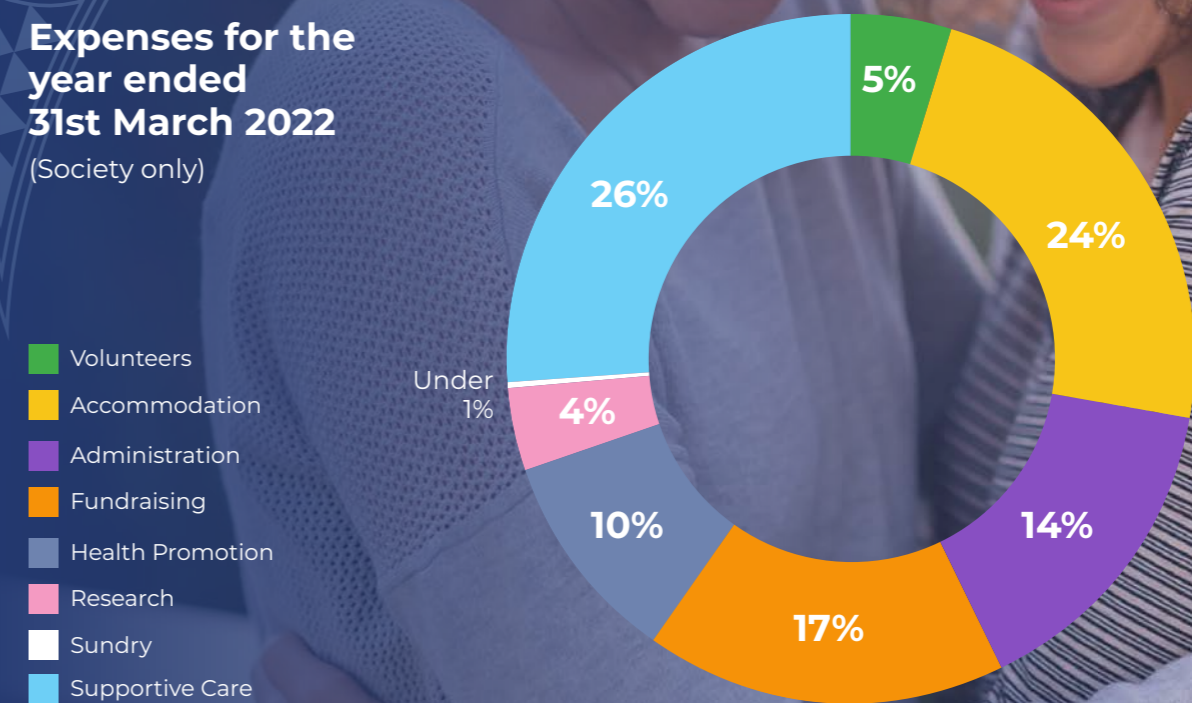
National Levy to the Cancer Society of New Zealand			
	Scientific Cancer Research	\$198,319	
	Operating Research	\$368,289	
Cancer Society Tissue Bank			
Annual contribution from The Tissue Bank Research Trust	Operational costs of the Christchurch Hospital-based Cancer Society Tissue Bank	\$69,000	
Cancer Society Tissue Bank			
Jessica Allan	A feasibility study investigating the potential of individualised exercise prescription to improve outcomes for cancer patients from diagnosis through to end-of treatment phase	\$25,000 per year for 3 years	
Summer Studentships			
Ben Topham	Characterising the role of peroxidase in breast cancer cell invasion	\$5,000	Cancer Society Diamond Harbour & Cheviot Groups and Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Division
Millie Taylor	Investigating immune cell Vitamin C concentrations in melanoma patients undergoing immunotherapy	\$5,000	Cancer Society Hokitika Group & Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Division
Connor Kennedy	Investigating the correlation of Vitamin C levels in plasma of patients with advanced melanoma and patient response to immunotherapy	\$5,000	Cancer Society Malvern Group
Samantha Meredith	Are there protein amyloids in cancer?	\$5,000	Cancer Society Ellesmere & Oxford Groups and Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Division

Our Finances

Income for the year ended 31st March 2022
(Society only)



Expenses for the year ended 31st March 2022
(Society only)



Income analysis for the year ending 31st March 2022
(Society only)

	\$'000	%
Accommodation	1,018	20.3%
Bequests	1,745	34.8%
Donations & Grants	439	8.7%
Investment	19	0.4%
Other Fundraising	1,670	33.3%
Sundry	126	2.5%
Distribution from Trust Board	622	
	5,639	100.0%

Other Grants received/Donations over \$4,000 received from Trusts and Foundations	
Blackadder Trust Grant	\$3,000
Coates-McKay Charitable Trust	\$4,500
Lois McFarlane Charitable Trust	\$10,000
The J.I. Urquhart Family Trust	\$50,000
Jones Foundation	\$10,000
The Ken Waterman Charitable Trust	\$5,000
P.A. Blackmore Trust	\$500
Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury	\$30,000
West Coast Community Trust	\$3,257

Thanks to Mediaworks Foundation and Harcourts Foundation for their support during the year.

Expense analysis for the year ended 31st March 2022
(Society only)

	\$'000	%
Accommodation	1,360	24%
Administration	842	14.6%
Fundraising	973	16.8%
Health Promotion	582	10.1%
Research	248	4.3%
Sundry	8	0.1%
Supportive Care	1,495	25.9%
Volunteers	266	4.6%
	5,774	100.0%

The summary statement of financial performance for the reporting entity Cancer Society of New Zealand, Canterbury-West Coast Division Inc ("The Society") is presented above. Due to audit resourcing constraints arising from Covid-19, the Charities Services have granted a filing extension to the Society and its controlled entities until 31/1/2023.

Once audited, the full financial statements of the Society and its controlled entities, The Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Trust Board ("The Trust Board") and The Tissue Bank Research Trust ("The Trust"), together known as "The Group", are available on request and can also be accessed via the Charities Service website, www.charities.govt.nz (Charities Commission No. CC10981).



Our Centres

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Mid Canterbury Centre

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West Coast Centre

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