

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



Cancer Society of New Zealand  
Canterbury-West Coast Division



# CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

We started the financial year in lockdown with the Covid-19 pandemic and count our blessings that New Zealand has been very fortunate managing this situation to date. It did, however, impact our community with people compromised by additional delays in receiving diagnosis and treatment for cancer. I wish to acknowledge the extraordinary commitment of the clinicians in our DHBs and our volunteers and staff throughout the Division for their tireless support to limit the anxiety that can be associated with such challenges by continuing to provide the care, connection and support that is so much appreciated throughout the cancer journey. On behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you most sincerely.

Fundraising opportunities have been severely affected by Covid-19 and we are very grateful to the New Zealand Government Shovel Ready Initiative Project Fund for the opportunity to progress with our Christchurch-based centre and accommodation rebuild, due to their generous grant. The land has been purchased, the site blessed and plans are underway for an exciting new future. We have appointed the project management consultancy firm, Cequent Projects to assist with the build. I wish to thank Cequent and all our contractors to date, for their professional assistance to realise our vision of co-locating our Divisional services for improved efficiencies in access and operations.

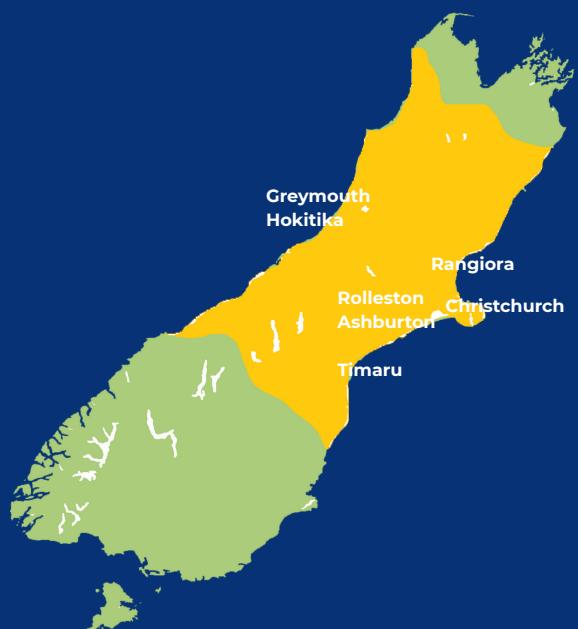
The Executive welcomed Allison (Alli) Copland to the Committee this year. Alli is a Senior Radiation Therapist at St George's Cancer Centre and an excellent advocate for people receiving treatment. It is a privilege to work with our Executive Members, who give their time willingly to support the Division's work - thank you all.

Thank you also to the ANZ Bank - principal sponsor of Daffodil Day and major sponsor of the Cancer Society of New Zealand throughout the year. Acknowledging the fundraising challenges this financial year due to the pandemic, they generously gave additional financial support.

**Kate Reid**  
**Chairperson, Canterbury-West Coast Division**



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# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

This financial year has brought its fair share of challenges, not in the least, the Covid-19 pandemic. I am pleased to advise you that the Cancer Society managed to keep many of its services operating within the lockdown guidelines imposed on us all. We were guided by the District Health Boards within our region regarding our patient accommodation in Christchurch, our volunteer driving service and our supportive care services. We managed to keep our accommodation facilities open, although were required to restrict visitor entry, shut down our common areas and introduce additional cleaning regimes. Our volunteer driving service was discontinued for a period of time, in accordance with the lockdown conditions. However, this service recommenced as soon as we were able, albeit with tight controls around social distancing and hand hygiene, while consideration for both our patients and volunteers remained the ultimate priority.

As we all know, cancer doesn't stop just because of a Covid-19 pandemic, so I was especially proud of our staff and volunteers who stepped up and managed to offer assistance, sometimes by phone or email, but always within the Covid-19 protocols. We have also worked closely with the DHBs to ensure we were able to support them in "catching up" with patient waiting lists. This has resulted in a further extension of the Cancer Society's Shuttle Bus hours to meet Christchurch Hospital's longer hours of radiation treatment and we have worked hard to ensure all patients referred to Christchurch for cancer treatment have been offered a place to stay.

Our fundraising efforts were severely challenged by the pandemic with a number of special events throughout our Canterbury West Coast region postponed, cancelled or modified. Whilst, our fundraising was hit hard, I am delighted to say that our community continued to support us and the losses we predicted were not as severe as anticipated. Daffodil Day 2020 was a special celebration and the community support we received was wonderful. However, I am realistic enough to know that there is still more "fall-out" from this international pandemic, yet to come, and we are taking a cautious and flexible view with all fundraising activity and plans.



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One of the very special “silver linings” to emerge from the Covid crisis was news that our application to the New Zealand Government’s Shovel Ready Project Initiative Fund had been successful. Our proposed new building in Christchurch, to replace the loss of Davidson House and our Manchester Street Centre from the 2010-11 earthquakes, had been put on hold due to financial pressures and the pandemic. Confirmation of the \$6.5 million grant meant we had to spring into action and complete the land purchase and building design to meet the Shovel Ready timeframes and conditions. This grant gave the Cancer Society the confidence and security to commit to this extensive building project, which I am pleased to advise is proceeding well and within the timeframes required by both the Government and Otakaro Limited for completion by February 2023.



**Daffodil Day 2020 in Selwyn**



**Our SunSmart caravan funded by Harcourts Grenadier**

Our Health Promotion team has worked hard to ensure that tobacco control remains on the public agenda, especially in regards to the proliferation of vaping within our community. SunSmart education and advocacy also continues to be a priority and the generous sponsorship from Harcourts Grenadier enabled the purchase of our You Can for Cancer mobile caravan. With the support of our Cancer Society Health Promotion interns and volunteers, this Daffodil coloured vehicle has been out every weekend over the summer, and into winter, at various community events and public gatherings to promote the work of the Cancer Society and SunSmart behaviour.

Without the generous help from our community we could not continue to do the work we do across our Canterbury and West Coast region. Our special and enduring relationship with the ANZ Bank continues and, this year, their generous additional financial assistance, in recognition of the Covid-19 Daffodil Day challenges, was very gratefully received. Thank you so much ANZ.

**Elizabeth Chesterman  
Chief Executive**



# ANGA WHAKAMUA

Anga Whakamua / Forward Together began in earnest in 2021 with the formation of the Ohū Kokiri / Working Group led by external governance expert Maria Clarke. The aim of the project is to ensure the Cancer Society's structure and procedures supports our five-year strategic plan.

The first step was the creation of the Ko Wai Mātou? / Who are we? Report, which comprehensively explored the current state of the Federation. It provides, for the first time in recent history, an holistic picture of the Federation including the fact that the Federation consists of 23 separate legal entities, yet many people think we are one. This report is available at

**<https://www.cancer.org.nz/forwardtogether/what-is-anga-whakamua-forward-together/>**.

Following on from the report, the Ohu Kōkiri conducted a survey of individuals, Divisions, and Centres within the Federation which provided an opportunity for views on our current decision-making processes and structures to be expressed – what is working, and what could be working better. Sincere thanks to all those who took the time to provide their valuable insights.

The Ohu Kōkiri's work in 2021 leads in to the 2022 work: the Governance Forum held on 3 July 2021, and then a subsequent roadshow around the country (July to September), giving opportunities for people at every level to provide input into the possible options for the Federation going forward. On behalf of the National Board, the Ohu Kōkiri looks forward to working with you in 2022 to further progress this kōrero.

**Alister Argyle**  
**CSNZ President**



## **Anga Whakamua Website**

You can access this at:

**<http://www.cancer.org.nz/forwardtogether>**

At this address, it will prompt you to log in to view the information, as we have not made this publicly available. To log in, enter the details below:

Username: forwardtogether@cancer.org.nz

Password: GoForwardTogether2021

\* Please note that the password is case sensitive



# TREASURER'S REPORT

The year to 31 March 2021 started as we were in Level 4 lockdown with COVID-19. The Division had a deficit for the year. Fortunately, we have sufficient reserves within the Trust Board to cover us in these circumstances. With some careful stewardship of our expenses and the ongoing generosity of our many donors and fundraisers the Division managed to continue to deliver our various services as in the past.

The community continues to support the Division financially and in-kind. Without this ongoing support we would not be able to provide the range of services we offer. To all those people who have helped during the year – thank you.

We were very fortunate to be awarded \$6.5 million from the Government's Shovel Ready Fund to assist with the redevelopment of our Accommodation and Community facilities building. This project is now underway and will be operational in early 2023. In addition to the Shovel Ready funding, the building project will require significant investment from our reserves, including the insurance proceeds received from Davidson House and the Christchurch Centre buildings on Manchester Street.



***Building project - concept design drawing***

Due to the building project requiring significant investment, the Trust Board and Division have maintained a higher-than-normal level of liquid investments, in preparation for funding the project. For the balance of our reserves, once the building project is completed, the ongoing challenge will be the very low returns on investments. This is something we are likely to have to live with for some years.

**David McCone, Treasurer**



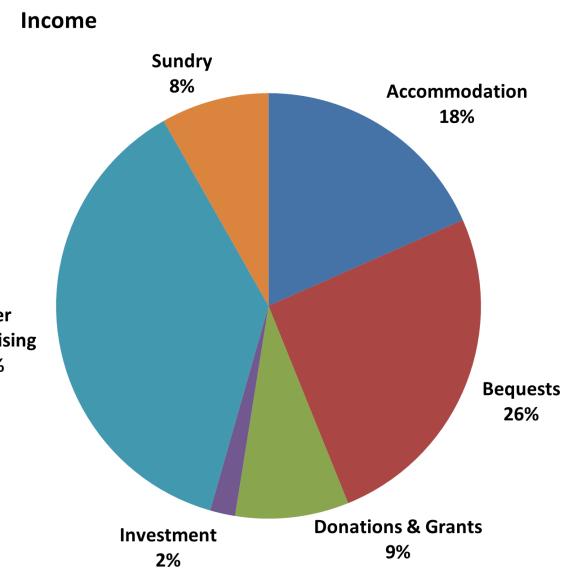
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (AS AT 31 MARCH 2021)

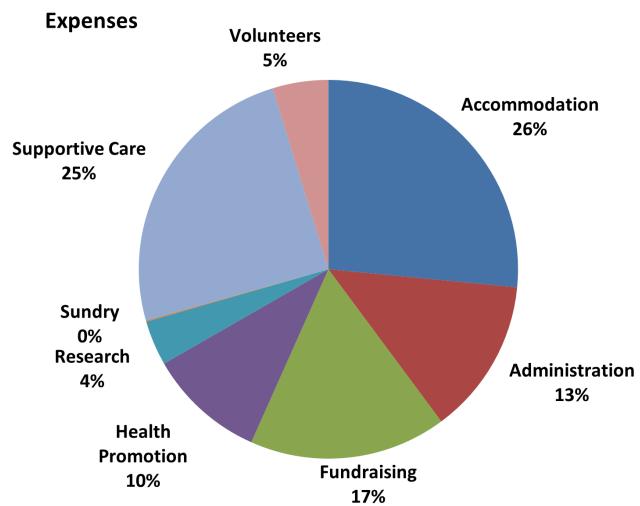
<b>Chair</b>	Kate Reid
<b>Treasurer</b>	David McCone
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Alister Argyle
<b>Members</b>	Richard Green Bridget Robinson Annabel Ahuriri-Driscoll Sally Wynn-Williams Ruth Gerring Allison Copeland
<b>Ex Officio Member</b>	Elizabeth Chesterman
<b>Co-Opted Members</b>	
<b>Grants Committee</b>	Mark Jeffery Anne Richardson Birgit Dijkstra
<b>Divisional Delegate to CSNZ National Board</b>	Kate Reid
<b>Co-opted Members PCG Group (New Building)</b>	Jack Harris

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Income analysis for the year ending 31/03/2021 (Society only)		
	\$	%
Accommodation	928,868	18.4
Bequests	1,288,536	25.5
Donations & Grants	436,494	8.6
Investment	96,322	1.9
Other Fundraising	1,886,849	37.4
Sundry	415,446	8.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,052,515</b>	<b>100</b>



Expenditure analysis for the year ending 31/03/2021 (Society only)		
	\$	%
Accommodation	1,398,455	26.6
Administration	702,338	13.3
Fundraising	886,496	16.8
Health Promotion	528,470	10.0
Research	202,261	3.8
Sundry	5,200	0.1
Supportive Care	1,297,706	24.6
Volunteers	250,478	4.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,271,404</b>	<b>100</b>



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. The full financial statement 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 be viewed at our centres in Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru, Greymouth, Rolleston and Rangiora. The statements can also be accessed via the Charities Service website, [www.charities.govt.nz](http://www.charities.govt.nz) (Charities Commission No. CC10981).

# GRANTS

## Grants distributed by the Division 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

### National Levy to the Cancer Society of New Zealand

Scientific Cancer Research	\$162,261
Operating Research	\$260,475

### Cancer Society Tissue Bank

Annual contribution from The Tissue Bank Research Trust for operational costs of the Christchurch Hospital-based Cancer Society Tissue Bank	\$69,000
Special salary contribution from the Division	\$13,750

### Grants to Research

#### Jessica Allan, Local research Fellowship Grant

(\$25,000/year for 3 years)

- A feasibility study investigating the potential of individualised exercise prescription to improve outcomes for cancer patients from diagnosis through to end-of-treatment phase. \$6,250

**Dr Mak Sarwar**, Investigation of Src/P13K co-inhibition for the treatment of chemo-resistant high-grade serious ovarian cancer \$5,000

### Summer Studentships - University of Otago, Christchurch

(3 Students @ \$5,000 each)

**Millie Taylor** - "Can we improve cancer research priorities and cancer immunotherapy in Christchurch?"  
(Funded by Cancer Society Ellesmere and Malvern Groups)

**Maddison Hill** - "Studying a 3D model of breast cancer to investigate protein changes driven by a fat-rich environment" (Funded by Cancer Society Diamond Harbour, Rangiora and Amberley Groups)

**Jessica Permain** - "Role of bacterial LPS in colorectal cancer" (Funded by Cancer Society Malvern and Ellesmere Groups)

### Grants/Donations received from Trusts & Foundations

Coates-McKay Charitable Trust	\$4,500
J A Macpherson Charitable Trust	\$8,000
Jean Stanbury Family Trust	\$1,000
Jones Foundation	\$10,000
Lois McFarlane Charitable Trust	\$8,000
P A Blackmore Charitable Trust	\$906
The J.I. Urquhart Family Trust	\$50,000
The Ken Waterman Charitable Trust	\$5,000
Ministry of Social Development (Covid-19 grant)	\$5,000
Harcourts Foundation	\$38,829
Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury	\$7,500
Waimakariri District Council	\$639
Aoraki Foundation	\$4,690
West Coast Community Trust	\$5,100



**Cancer doesn't stop, so we won't either**