

# 2024 Annual Report

## Cancer Society of New Zealand

### Manawatū Centre

### Incorporated







# Chairperson's Report

## Resourceful Volunteers Building the Support Our People Need

This year's annual general meeting (AGM) celebrates a successful year. We have enjoyed a busy year and now face new challenges as the newly elected government will provide more support for those who need cancer therapies funded by Pharmac. Patient Voice Aotearoa Chair, Dr Malcolm Mulholland, has led much of the patient advocacy for the benefit of cancer patients as a volunteer. The provision of more funding is a big hand up for people whose cancer has meant enormous demands on their families and whānau. We will be asking how we can make sure that those in need benefit from these newly funded therapies. The Cancer Society provides support to those affected by cancer. However, it is not always the case because we support those who are able to ask for our help. While we cannot provide all the support people with cancer need, to have a Cancer Society volunteer alongside lightens their cancer load. We encourage people with cancer to get the help they need in partnership with Ozanam House.

The AGM is also about meeting our formal obligations as a charity to report to our members our activities over the past year and approve the minutes of the 2023 AGM held in Palmerston North. Since the 2022 AGM we awarded Margaret and Gerald Gregory their life membership. It is wonderful to recognize the service of two wonderfully kind and generous people, our people.

There is more, this year we continued to provide support alongside our friends and colleagues drawn to help people affected by cancer. We will meet in Levin for this year's AGM and take the time to recognize the wonderful support the community of Levin is able to offer for those living in the Horowhenua. Terry and Edna Kelly have been the glue that has helped volunteers give their time and energy to ensure Winchester House remains the centre for cancer support in the Horowhenua. Winchester House hosts cancer clients, family and whānau from Te Horo Beach to Himatangi Beach. At Winchester House, their volunteers also take a great deal of pride in their fund raising throughout the year alongside assisting with transport to treatment, counselling, one to one support, Life After Cancer workshops, peer support groups, information booklets, community social services, as well as massage post treatment (with a massage therapist).

The dedication of our staff and volunteers is reflected in the themes of the Relay For Life (Te Ara Toiora) in te reo Māori, 'whakanui, maumaharatia me tū atu'. As supporters of the Cancer Society we come together and give much to those affected by cancer. When I add to the Relay's themes the ideals that continue to underpin the evolution of the Cancer Society, we better understand the Relay's themes, to Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back. This was the sense of companionship I heard from the Tararua Men's Support group when I met them for lunch in April and learnt of their change in leadership with outgoing coordinator Peter Nobel-Campbell (life member) supporting Vince Payne as the new organiser of this well-established men's support group.

As with many rural communities, access to healthcare is made more difficult by the tyranny of distance. Support from places like Dannevirke and the Tararua makes getting to and from the Regional Cancer Treatment at Palmerston North hospital easier for those unable to drive, and those looking for support a bit closer to home. It is credit to the volunteers and staff who keep this men's group running for their community's benefit.

We welcome Ashley Shearer and Jo Dean who joined the Manawatū Executive Committee. Ashley recently



joined the staff of UCOL from her previous position as project manager for the Central Region Hub of Te Aho o Te Kahu, Cancer Control Agency. Jo Dean brings to the Cancer Society a strong interest in early childhood education and research. Peter Griffin has taken on the role of deputy chair of the Manawatū chair and will continue was one of our two representatives on the board of Ozanam House, a role he shares with Penny O’Leary.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the volunteers who retired during the year from the Manawatū Centre’s Executive Committee, Richard Anderson and Roger Twentyman. Robin Benton will retire at this year’s AGM.

Robin served as our representative on the Central District Committee and kept the volunteers in Levin up to date with events as they have unfolded since November, 2017. Richard Anderson (Deputy Chair, Manawatū Executive Committee) brought his logistics skills to Relay For Life when he joined the Relay For Life Committee 2001. Richard oversaw this year’s very successful and rewarding Relay For Life, his last as Chair of the Relay For Life Committee. We also farewelled Roger Twentyman. Roger has supported the Cancer Society for many years, as Manager of the Manawatū Centre and more recently supporting both the Manawatū as a member of the Executive Committee and representing the Manawatū Centre on the Central Districts Finance Committee.

Since our last annual general meeting there have been disruptions with several cycles of new variants of Covid-19 and the early arrival of winter ills. This has made giving support to those with cancer more of a challenge. Therefore cancer remains a big challenge to many families and whānau, and for our communities. With your help and support we will continue to meet this challenge.

Thank you for your support. It remains an honour to serve our community with the very able, resourceful, talented, and committed Executive Committee.

Dr John Waldon  
**Chairperson**







# Centre Report

Our mission of reducing the impact and incidence of cancer in our community remains our focus. Even in harder times, this vision is the light that guides our decisions and thinking to ensure we stay on the path our cancer patients need us too. The help we provide, and the work we do couldn't be done without the dedication of the staff and volunteers in the great organisations. I am continually impressed by the work ethic and commitment made by each person. It is truly appreciated.



While we have not achieved the financial result we would have liked, the need for our services has continued to increase. We had 282 new cancer patients this year, up by 50 from the year before. This adds to the existing patients that we already support through their cancer journey.

## Fundraising and Events

**Daffodil Day** - the success and strength of the appeal in the Manawatū comes from the significant support received from volunteers across the greater Manawatū, Horowhenua and Tararua areas. The team worked hard to make Daffodil Day a success throughout the month of August, organising pre-sales deliveries, school activities and community fundraising, making a total of \$152k. The highlight for the centre was the auction of a donated Morris Minor. The auction campaign saw awesome community engagement with almost 1,200 people placing it on their watchlist and 43,800 views on Trade Me, plus a feature on Seven Sharp. Other local events for the year made \$89,609

**Relay For Life** - the 24th Manawatū Relay, held on the 23rd and 24th of March, was blessed with the most amazing weather which put the over 100 teams in a great mood ready to relay. We had over 20 new teams this year who all got into the spirit of Relay with costumes and enthusiasm. The total raised was close to \$328k. The efforts of all the teams are too many to mention but Manawatū Fonterra, a new team this year, did outstanding fundraising over \$18K. Without the sponsorship provided by Property Brokers, Fitzherbert Rowe, GJ Gardner, FMG and Ozanam House, the Cancer Society would never be able to fund this event. A big thank you to the organising committee, sponsors and teams that get behind this iconic event. The retirement of our RFL Chairman, Richard Anderson, will leave big shoes to fill, but such an iconic well-loved event attracts amazing people.

Thank you to our major sponsor ANZ bank for their continued support and help of the Cancer Society.

## Horowhenua Region

In the last financial year, we have had over 400 people attend our cancer support groups across Horowhenua - based in Otaki, Levin and Foxton. One of the regulars who attends our Foxton support group says - "it's a wonderful group that I look forward to attending each month - they have been my rock throughout my cancer journey".

In September 2023, it was with great delight to be able to offer a massage service once again in Levin. One day a week, we have Mariette based at Winchester House, who is able to provide specialised oncology or lymphatic massage. We also have a Reiki therapist available for 30-45 minute sessions based at Winchester House during usual business hours. All bookings are made through Brylee, Supportive Care Coordinator.



## Tararua Region

The Cancer Society office in Dannevirke is well utilised by the men's and women's cancer support groups, Purebreast, volunteer coordinator and other staff of Cancer Society Manawatū who may require to do mahi in Dannevirke.

The men's and women's cancer groups meet once a month and are very well-supported. These groups have guest speakers that come in to speak on various topics that are organised by their coordinators. Also, the groups do day trips in and out of the Dannevirke area.

We would like to thank Peter Noble-Campbell, the Men's Cancer Group coordinator and Women's Cancer group coordinators, Judy Coley and Jinny Kean for their support of the groups. We would also like to thank the volunteers and volunteer drivers. We are grateful for your willingness to give of your time, energy and talents to support Cancer Society Manawatū. Your contribution enables us to continue achieving our goals to assist people in our communities.

We provide Reflexology to clients, this service can be done in client's own homes or at the reflexology office. We also provide counselling, and workshops via Zoom or attend in person at Addis House.

## Community Health and Prevention

Within the health promotion space, the team have been busy educating SunSmart behaviours in schools and in the community. In the last year 32 more schools were SunSmart accredited, bringing our accreditation rate to 51.89%. Over the past year the team attended more than 25 community events providing advocacy and information in the areas of smokefree/vapefree, UV Protection, alcohol harm, nutrition and physical activity and, screening and prevention. The team is continuing their advocacy within local council and providing support around healthy public policy implementation. With help from the SunSmart grant, the team was able to support three schools in upgrading their available shade, protecting tamariki (children) from harsh UV rays.

## Transport & Volunteers

The transport to treatment service has again been well utilised, with the 61 volunteer drivers travelling an impressive 117,663km over the course of the year. There were 1,716 volunteer drives this year (637 from Horowhenua and 156 from Tararua areas) and of those, 39 trips were to Wellington hospitals. In total, we transported 529 cancer patients to their medical appointments. Well done to our wonderful group of volunteers who dedicate their time (4,076 hours of it!) to ensuring our clients get to their treatments.

We can't do anything without our lovely and dedicated volunteers. A total of 9,231 hours were completed from all volunteers in the past year. Our Volunteer Drivers have completed 4,415, our Administration Volunteers completed 2,699 and, our Volunteer Oncology Hosts completed 1,068 of those hours. The rest have been completed from our event, fundraising, and health promotion volunteers.

Our volunteers have helped and assisted with over 25 events across the year, helping out with Relay For Life, Daffodil Day and many community events. We had the honour of welcoming 46 new volunteers into the Centre in the past year.

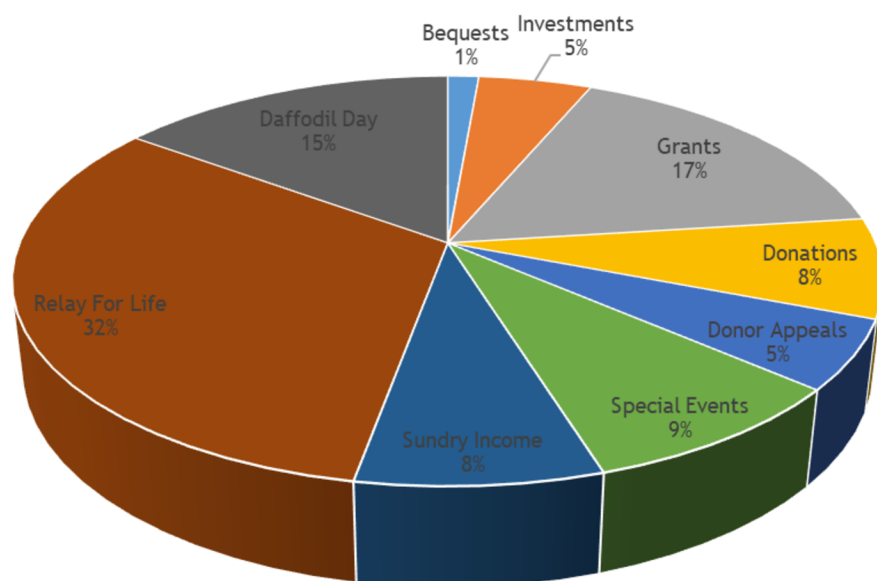






# Income and Expenses

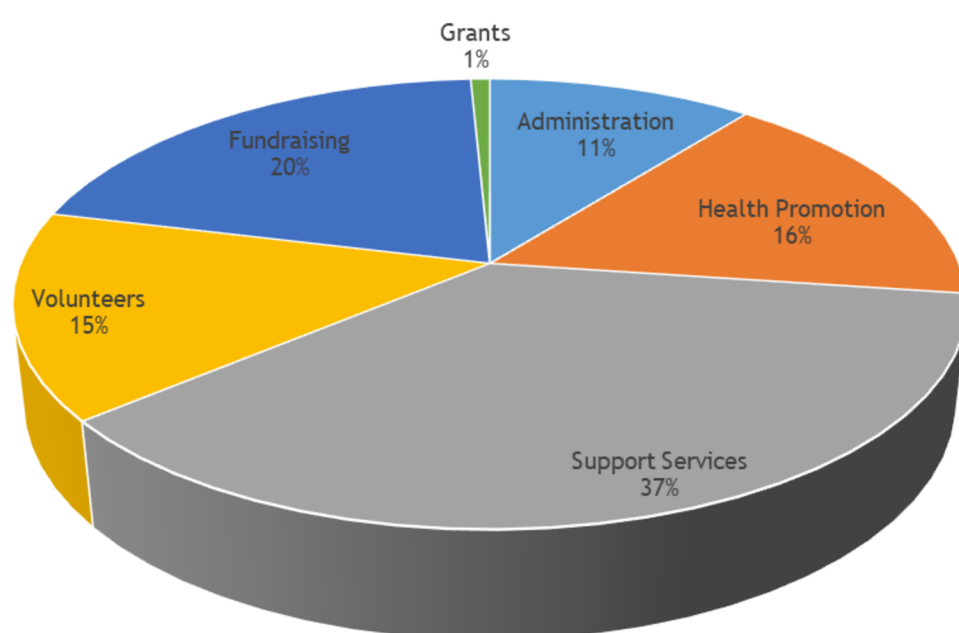
**Income - \$1,016,578**



Bequests	\$13,922
Investments	\$50,878
Grants	\$168,608
Donations	\$79,833
Donor Appeals	\$55,328
Special Events	\$89,609
Sundry Income	\$78,351
Relay For Life	\$327,824
Daffodil Day	\$152,225

**Total Income \$1,016,578**

**Expenses - \$1,299,720**



Administration	\$138,922
Health Promotion	\$213,876
Support Services	\$478,029
Volunteers	\$193,338
Fundraising	\$265,556
Grants	\$10,000

**Total Expenses \$1,299,720**

**Net Deficit \$283,143**

Riders Against Cancer (RAC) supporting the Cancer Society!







# Bequests and Grants Received

## Grants

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

- Aotearoa Gaming Trust
- Community Organisation Grant Scheme (COGS)
- Eastern & Central Community Trust
- Grassroots Trust
- Mainland Foundation
- Monty Fairbrother Trust
- NZ Community Trust
- NZ Lottery Grants Board
- One Foundation
- Palmerston North City Council
- Pelorus Trust
- Trust House Foundation
- The Lion Foundation

**Grand Total: \$168,608**

## Bequests

We are sincerely grateful to those who have left bequests. We thank those individuals and families for their generosity.

We acknowledge the estates of:

C B Greenbank

J E Pierard (Kynaston Charitable Trust)

**Total bequests: \$13,922**

## Executive

**Chairperson:**

Dr John Waldon

**Committee Members:**

Aaron Phillips (from August 2023)

Ashley Shearer (from August 2023)

Jo Dean (From November 2023)

Penny O'Leary

Peter Griffin

Richard Anderson (Deputy Chair, until November 2023)

Robin Benton

Roger Twentyman (until August 2023)

## Staff

**Centre Liaison:**

Chris Franklyn

**Supportive Care Coordinators:**

Graham Black

Cherie Risetto

Brylee Knowles

**Fundraising Administration:**

Savannah Pearson

**Health Promoter:**

Rahel Boon (until September 2023)

Jose Gutry (from July 2023)

**Office Administrator:**

Fran Harvey

**Volunteer Coordinator:**

Hayley Puketapu

**Transport Coordinator:**

Sharon Feekes (until March 2024)

**Event Coordinator:**

Karensa Dennis (until July 2023)

Jo O'Neil (from October 2023)



**Major Sponsor**



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