

Cancer Society Annual Report 2017

Cancer Society of New Zealand
Canterbury-West Coast Division



Chairman's Report

The past year has once again been busy and productive for our Divisional staff and volunteers who work tirelessly towards lessening the impact of cancer in our community. The excellent leadership from our Chief Executive, Elizabeth Chesterman, and the senior management team is greatly appreciated. The Executive Committee has the pleasure of supporting this great work by ensuring the appropriate resources are available to support the many initiatives and assist with the strategic vision.

Manchester Street buildings were finally demolished last year and the land is providing some much needed car parking for the central city while the Property Committee, under Richard Green's leadership, investigate options to best suit future needs for that site. The requirements of the South Canterbury Centre in Timaru are also being considered, as demands on the service continue to increase and the Centre must be fit for purpose. The Property Committee has also assessed needs in Mid Canterbury, as well as Daffodil Lodge and House, to ensure those living away from home while having treatment are as comfortable as possible.

The Audit & Risk subcommittee, chaired by Dave McCone, which focuses on the financial oversight of the Division, as well as health and safety requirements, stepped up during the transition period prior to the appointment of the Business Manager. I wish to thank this committee for their prudent oversight of these important aspects of our business.

The Grants subcommittee chaired by Brigit Dijkstra has supported local researchers and clinicians in advancing their knowledge and practice in the cancer field. This is in addition to the Divisional contribution to the national research projects through our levies and the annual financial support of the Cancer Society Tissue Bank under its curator, Helen Morrin. Summer



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studentships are an excellent way to encourage early researchers and we are grateful to our support groups who generously raise funds to support these scholarships. (Refer to Grants distribution list elsewhere in this Report). This year, the Executive Committee awarded the Cancer Society's Local Research Fellowship to Dr Elisabeth Phillips. This three year scholarship will allow Dr Phillips to pursue her work in 'Improving chemotherapy outcomes in obese cancer patients'.

My thanks to the Executive committee who have given their time willingly to support the work of the Division this year, with special acknowledgment to Kathy Conlan, who has been our representative on the National Cancer Society Board. Kathy has contributed a great deal of time supporting national office changes and strategic direction over the past few years and is handing over to Alister Argyle to represent our Divisional views.

Thank you to the ANZ Bank – principal sponsor of Daffodil Day and major sponsor of the Cancer Society throughout the year. Raising enough money to fulfil our roles in the community is a constant challenge and could not be achieved without generous support. Thank you to the gracious sponsors of all our events, and to the collaborative relationships with other health and community agencies in our Canterbury West Coast Division. Working in partnership assists us greatly to ensure the best cancer care, support and health promotion is offered to everyone.

*Kate Reid
Chairperson*



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Chief Executive's Review



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The cancer-related needs of our community continue to increase and I am delighted to report that the staff and volunteers of the Canterbury West Coast Division have continued to step up to the task of meeting these demands.

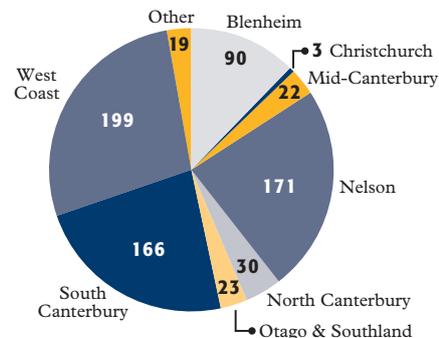
The significant point of difference between the Cancer Society and other cancer-related charities is the broad range of services, including supportive care, patient accommodation, health promotion, education, advocacy, information and research funding, it provides across all types of cancer. This comprehensive delivery of services required funds of around \$5.5 million last financial

year, no small feat when our organization is completely dependent on the support, generosity and goodwill of our community.

The cancer-related needs of our community are many and varied. Requests for our services may range from brief and practical assistance through to complicated, multi-disciplinary support at any stage of the cancer journey from prevention through to end-of-life interventions.

On reflection, our work and services offered over the past year continue to highlight the diverse issues people in our region face. The Accommodation Services, delivered through Daffodil House and Daffodil Lodge in Christchurch, are consistently fully booked – with 723 South Island people dealing with cancer staying in our facilities last year.

District of Residence – patients staying in accommodation 2016/17

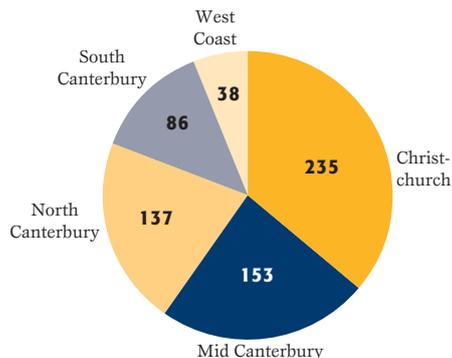




Cancer Society volunteer drivers enabled patients to reach 4356 appointments for cancer treatment this year

649 active volunteers are formally registered with the Cancer Society from throughout the Canterbury West Coast Division. Without these kind and generous people, the Cancer Society could not deliver its free and accessible services to the community.

Total number of active volunteers by area 2016/17



Innovative projects

In November 2016, the Fresh Air Project's Smokefree Outdoor Dining Pilot was launched in Christchurch. This innovative partnership between the Cancer Society and the Canterbury District Health



Board, and supported by the Christchurch City Council, has resulted in New Zealand's first fully-evaluated voluntary pilot involving a group of 18 dining venues all agreeing to go smokefree outdoors and at the same time.

New Zealand's goal to be Smokefree by 2025 is another step closer with projects like the Fresh Air Project and the further strengthening across the region of our Cancer Society partnerships with local councils. From Kaikoura to Waimate and across to Westland, councils are now embracing their role to help New Zealand be smokefree by 2025. Seven councils have now endorsed this goal. The Health Promotion smokefree team has been active in their support for smokefree outdoor dining in Ashburton, creating more smokefree public spaces in Christchurch's new CBD and surveying businesses in Hanmer Springs on their attitudes to smokefree outdoor areas.

Creativity and innovation are key words associated with many of ways people support the Cancer Society to raise the funds necessary to deliver our cancer services. It is humbling to be so generously supported by such a wide range of individuals and

businesses across our Division, enabling us to offer a comprehensive range of quirky, fun, moving and inspirational events to meet (almost) everyone's needs.

Jayne and Mike Rattray represent this group of truly amazing Cancer Society supporters. In September the biennial Tranz Alpine Scooter Safari, once again, challenged 250 young, and not-so-young, scooter enthusiasts to travel the eight hour journey across the Southern Alps to raise a phenomenal \$191,000.

Other initiatives included:

- A Right Royal High Tea to celebrate the 90th birthday of our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
- Jump for Cancer in Ashburton in November
- Gardens Galore held in February in Greymouth saw 250 people purchase tickets to visit 10 gardens
- Blackball's Chilly dip
- Shantytown Fashion Extravaganza in May
- A Recycle Boutique in Greymouth in July
- Shit Box rally – a national event to



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raise funds for cancer research in New Zealand

- Junk Free June
- Get The Tools – an online resource to help Kiwi blokes get to the nuts and bolts of men’s health. Getthetools.org.nz

Tried and True

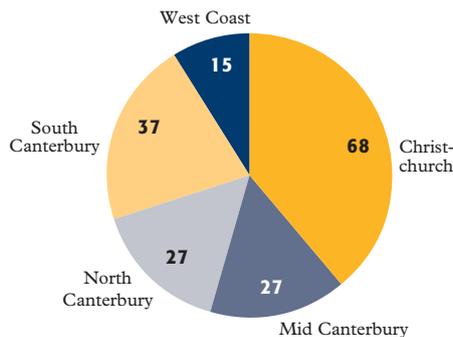
While it is important to be constantly on the look-out for new and innovative ideas, it is also vitally important we maintain and deliver on our core activities. Last year, our Information & Supportive Care team answered almost 2000 calls on our 0800CANCER free phone line Any Cancer- Any Question and 10,494 patient information resources were distributed free of charge.

The Cancer Society endeavours to meet the Supportive Care needs of people from throughout the Division. Sometimes this is best delivered face-to-face, at other times through home visits, by telephone or attendance at one of our many group programmes. This year, our inaugural ‘Living with and beyond Cancer’ programme helped participants navigate through their cancer experience, moving the focus from cancer as an acute illness

to a greater focus on recovery, health and wellbeing after treatment.

The Health Promotion SunSmart team are proud to report that 173 primary and intermediate schools in our region, 62 % of total schools, are SunSmart Accredited. This is an excellent result compared to the 35 % of primary schools who have achieved accreditation nationally across New Zealand.

SunSmart Schools by area



Daffodil Day 2016 was, once again, a key event during the year – a time when we celebrate the arrival of spring and ask our community to support us – with your help there will be hope. We are grateful for the generous sponsorship offered by the ANZ Bank, including organizing the

annual Christchurch Golf tournament held last year, just after Daffodil Day, on 2 September.

Three Relay For Life events were held this year and, despite dreadful weather, all were enjoyable and successful community events.

The Harcourts Cancer Society Ball held on 18 June 2016 hosted 860 guests at Airforce World in Christchurch, while in Ashburton the Pretty in Pink Ball and the 15th annual Charity Golf Classic also raised funds for the Cancer Society.

Relationships with other health and community agencies continue to be very important and ensure we make the most of limited resources to meet our community’s needs. A significant partnership this year was with the Department of Otolaryngology at Christchurch Hospital to support and promote World Head and Neck Cancer Day on 27 July. A new series of leaflets, aimed at raising awareness of head and neck cancers, were produced.



Some goodbyes

In an organization as large as the Cancer Society there will inevitably be staff and



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volunteer turnovers. This year has been no different, with several key staff and volunteers moving on. At the risk of missing someone out, I will not individually identify each, however this in no way diminishes their valued contributions. We have been blessed to be able recruit a high calibre of personnel to replace those leaving, which is a great sign of a healthy organization.

Memorial services in Ashburton and Westport have been held to remember those who have lost their battle with cancer.

A decision to exit from our Christchurch based Breast Prosthesis Fitting Service in late September was not one taken lightly. However, the circumstances which had led to the creation of this service many years ago have changed over time and, given the excellent variety of services which are now offered in the community, it made sense for the Cancer Society to put its resources elsewhere. The volunteer-led Cancer Society service is still offered from Greymouth, due to limited options for women on the West Coast.

This past year saw a sad farewell to the last of our inner city properties, with the demolition in July of the Centre at 246 Manchester Street. Whilst it is now

more than six years since the Christchurch earthquakes, the effects still linger and impact on future decision making. We now look forward to some exciting years ahead as our accommodation needs for the future are considered by the Executive committee.

Future Proofing

Unless we constantly consider the future and plan accordingly, then we run the risk of falling behind and not meeting the future cancer needs of our community. A very special aspect of the Cancer Society's work is the encouragement of aspiring medical researchers, clinicians and scientists. By supporting the University of Otago's Summer Studentship Programme, we are going some way to encourage innovation and interest in the field of oncology. Four Summer Studentships were awarded this year and were partly funded by generous contributions from a number of our Division's Cancer Support Groups.

As noted earlier, the Executive Committee is investigating the future property requirements for the Division. This includes our Christchurch based Administration Centre, Patient Accommodation facilities in Christchurch, the expansion of the South Canterbury

Centre in Timaru and alterations to our Mid Canterbury Centre in Ashburton. These are major tasks and, undoubtedly, will occupy much time and attention over the next 12 months by the Executive Committee and senior staff members.

In conclusion, I would like to offer my special thanks to the staff, volunteers and the Executive Committee for their ongoing commitment to the Cancer Society. Without their support, generosity and belief in the Cancer Society, the Canterbury West Coast Division could not continue to provide the exceptional level of cancer services, support and funding to our community that is currently offered.

As we look forward to the year ahead, there is much to be done and many challenges. We are ever more reliant on the generosity and support of the people in our region to volunteer, donate, support, sponsor and endorse our work. As recorded in this year's Annual Report, the Cancer Society still has an integral role in ensuring our community's well-being is maintained through both the reduction of the incidence and impact of cancer.

*Elizabeth Chesterman
Chief Executive*



Treasurer's Report

For the year ended 31 March 2017

The year to 31 March 2017 has been a year of consolidation. The Division recorded a deficit of \$145,295 while the Trust Board recorded a surplus of \$31,375.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting standards that are applicable to Public Benefit Entities.

The Division and the Trust Board have had a focus during the current financial year on our property investments and are working through a project investigating our future requirements. The catalyst for this

work was the demolition of the Manchester Street property during the year and ongoing challenges to meet the ever-increasing demands on our Cancer Society services.

The generous financial support from our community which enables us to continue providing our services throughout the region is, as always, very humbling. During the year we raised funds from many sources, including successful Relay For Life events, the annual Ball, the Tranz Alpine Scooter Safari and a significant amount from bequests and legacies. This is on top of our ongoing envelope appeals and Daffodil Day street appeal. This is a credit to all those involved – the management and staff of the Division, volunteers and the many donors who give so generously. Thank you.

During the year our Business Manager, Stephen Roach, resigned from the Division to pursue the next chapter in his career. I would like to personally acknowledge Stephen's contribution over the eight years he worked for the Division. He was of considerable assistance to me as the Treasurer.

We have appointed a new Business Manager, Alison Leatherland, who started in November 2016. I look forward to working with Alison.

Both the Division and the Trust Board are in a strong financial position. This will enable us to continue providing our services to those who require them.

David McCone
Treasurer



Funds raised at the Pretty in Pink Ball were presented to our Mid Canterbury Centre

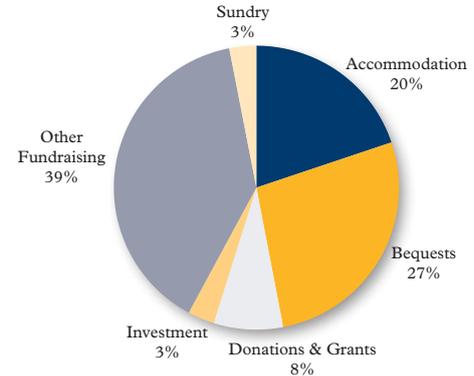
The summary statement of financial performance for the reporting entity Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Division Inc ("the Society") is presented on the opposite page. The full financial statements comprising the Society and its controlled entities, The Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Division Trust Board ("the Trust Board") and The Tissue Bank Research Trust ("the Trust"), together "the Group", are available upon request and can be viewed at our centres in Christchurch, Ashburton, Timaru and Greymouth. The statements can also be accessed for the Group and the controlled entities via the Charities Services website, www.charities.govt.nz.

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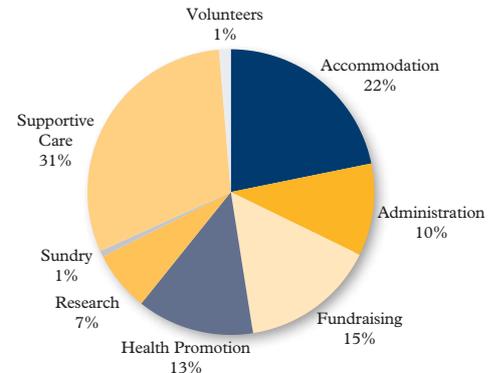
Income analysis for the year ended 31/3/17 (Society only)	\$	%
Accommodation	961,524	19.8%
Bequests	1,316,057	27.1%
Donations & Grants	381,285	7.9%
Investment	146,353	3.0%
Other Fundraising	1,895,058	39.1%
Sundry	147,878	3.1%
	4,848,155	100.0%
Distribution from the Trust Board	530,000	
TOTAL INCOME	5,378,155	

Expense analysis for the year ended 31/3/17 (Society only)	\$	%
Accommodation	1,203,618	21.8%
Administration	577,023	10.4%
Fundraising	844,457	15.3%
Health Promotion	729,943	13.2%
Research	375,549	6.8%
Sundry	36,968	0.7%
Supportive Care	1,682,736	30.5%
Volunteers	73,156	1.3%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,523,450	100.0%
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(145,295)	

Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Division Inc
Income Breakdown for the year ended
31 March 2017



Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Division Inc
Expense Breakdown for the year ended
31 March 2017



Grants distributed by the Division

1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

National levy to the Cancer Society of New Zealand

Scientific Research	\$339,049
Operating costs	\$170,587

Grants to Research

Dr Elisabeth Phillips, Local Research Fellowship Grant (\$25,000 per year for 3 years) – \$25,000

Dr Anthony Raizis, Epigenetic analysis of a retroposon (PPP1R2) promoter region, and determination of its mechanism of interaction with the retinoblastoma, gene (RB1) promoter – \$4000

Dr Logan Walker, Nanopore sequencing of RNZ from breast/ovarian cancer susceptibility genes – \$5000

Associate Professor Gabi Dachs, Modification of the tumour physiology using physical activity – \$2500

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 of \$55,000 per annum for three years

University of Otago – Christchurch

Summer Studentships, 4 Research Projects @ \$5000 each

‘Analysis of POR gene mutations in patients with atypical drug responses’ **Student: Lucy de Jong** (Funded by Cancer Society of New Zealand, Canterbury-West Coast Division & Cancer Society Kaikoura, Oxford, Westport & Hokitika Groups)

‘Influence of the level of sacrectomy and internal iliac node resection on survival patients with recurrent colorectal cancer’ **Student: Kieran Jongerius** (Funded by Cancer Society Ashburton, Diamond Harbour, Rangiora, & Greymouth Groups)

‘Investigation of Epstein-Barr virus in breast tumour cells’ **Student: Rosie Burn** (Funded by Cancer Society Amberley, Kaikoura, Diamond Harbour, Rangiora & Ellesmere Groups)

‘Optimizing the structure of 3D printed titanium scaffolds for bone repair’ (Funded by Cancer Society of New Zealand, Canterbury-West Coast Division & Cancer Society Hurunui, Rangiora & Ellesmere Groups)

Grants for Professional Development and Education

Dr Rachel Purcell, American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) Conference, Vancouver, Canada – \$2142

James Eagle, 2016 Engineering & Physical Sciences in Medicine Conference, Sydney, Australia – \$2000

Grants received from Trusts and Foundations 2016-2017

Bidwell Trust Foundation	\$20,000
Coates-McKay Charitable Trust	\$8000
Eric Sides Foundation	\$1000
Garden City Charitable Trust	\$2000
Jean Stanbury Family Trust	\$1500
Jones Foundation	\$15,000
Perpetual Guardian (Mr & Mrs Geoffrey Wood)	\$2620
Perpetual Guardian (Elma Strath Ward Charitable Trust)	\$1260
Phyllis Campion Charitable Trust	\$2000
The J.I. Urquhart Family Trust	\$30,000
The Ken Waterman Charitable Trust	\$5000
The Lady Tait Charitable Trust	\$1500



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31 March 2017

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	Birgit Dijkstra
	Richard Green
	Bridget Robinson
	David Rowland
	Annabel Ahuriri-Driscoll

Ex Officio Member: Elizabeth Chesterman
Chief Executive

* Kathy Conlan –
Divisional Delegate to CSNZ National Board

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