

2023 Annual Report

Cancer Society of New Zealand

Manawatū Centre

Incorporated





Chairperson's Report

A Time for Renewing our Connections With Our People

Our annual general meetings achieve two things, the first is to meet our formal obligations as a charity to report to our members our activities over the past year and approve the minutes of the 2022 AGM. At the 2022 AGM we received and approved the nomination of Margaret and Gerald Gregory as life members. It is wonderful to offer life memberships to two wonderfully kind and generous people, our people.

There is more, at our AGM we continue to reacquaint ourselves with our friends and colleagues who are drawn to the society to help people affected by cancer. In doing so we are also renewing and building relationships and connections, remembering those people no longer with us and renewing our purpose so we can continue the fight back. These are the themes of the Relay For Life. When I add to the Relay's themes the ideals that underpinned the evolution of the Central Districts Division of the Cancer Society, outlined with He Anga Whakamau, we will proceed into our next year wiser, renewed and ready to ease impact of cancer on our communities.

Reconnecting, remembering and preparing for the next year are celebrated during Matariki. As I reflect on some of the gifts the Manawatū Centre has received, I recall the gift from the Lions to Bob James and family in recognition of Faye James' service to the Lions and to our community. Faye also brought much energy and innovation to the Cancer Society. Faye, a champion for the Relay For Life and Daffodil Day, was honored by the Queen as a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2019. The gifts Bob and his family gave to the society include their support of Faye's service and a precious Lions' Azalea now gracing our gardens at Addis House. Both part of a very generous legacy for the Cancer Society. Sadly, on the same day that marked the end of Faye's life, we also mourned for Clare Crawley's family. Clare had retired early from the key position of Chief Executive Officer of the Central Districts Division (CDD). Claire led with Dr Gary Forgeson and a very capable Executive Committee, the changes that now provide CDD with comprehensive Cancer Society services and support for the communities on the East Coast (Tairāwhiti), Hawkes Bay, Manawatū, Horowhenua, Whanganui and Taranaki. Without Claire's clear vision and leadership, the changes we now benefit from may have taken much longer to realise.

There are many others whose gifts of their time have supported the Cancer Society with their energy and commitment. I would like to draw your attention to the Cancer Society volunteers and workers in Levin at Winchester House, who are supporting cancer clients and whānau from Te Horo Beach to Himatangi Beach. At Winchester House people can access supportive care from our staff who have a background in Social Work or Nursing. Winchester House also assist 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).

As with many rural communities, access to healthcare is made more difficult by the tyranny of distance. Support from places like Winchester House makes getting to and from Cancer Treatment easier for those unable to drive, and those looking for support a bit closer to home in the Horowhenua. It is credit to the volunteers and staff who keep Winchester open for their community's benefit.

Finally I wish to acknowledge two volunteers who will leave the Manawatu Center's Executive Committee, Richard Anderson and Roger Twentyman. Richard Anderson (Deputy Chair, Manawatū Executive Committee) who joined the Relay For Life Committee on its inception in 2001 and after becoming Chair of the Relay For Life Committee, Richard joined the Manawatu Executive Committee in 2021. We welcome Tania Rosvall who will take on chairing the Relay For Life Committee. Roger Twentyman (past chair of Finance Sub-committee and member of CDD Finance Committee), and welcome Ashley Shearer to join the Manawatu Executive Committee. Roger has supported the Cancer Society for many years, as Manager of the Manawatu Centre and more recently supporting both the Manawatu as a member of the Executive Committee and representing the Manawatu Centre on the Central Districts Finance Committee.

The year since our last annual general meeting has been a challenge as we emerge from the pandemic. Business as usual is a tougher challenge now as we rebuild disrupted connections and partnerships. Cancer can do the same to our communities, therefore we will meet that same challenge.

Thankyou your support. It is an honour to have this opportunity to serve our community with the support of a very able, talented and committed executive committee.

Dr John Waldon
Chairperson



Centre Report

This year, I have been focusing on ensuring our staff and volunteers remember the mission of the Cancer Society. Our mission is clear and easy to understand: “To reduce the incidence and impact of cancer in Aotearoa New Zealand”.

To achieve this mission requires help from our staff and volunteers.

I want to express gratitude to the many volunteers who help the Cancer Society to achieve what it does. Volunteers help the Manawatu Centre in many roles, including being members of the Executive Committee that helps with governance of the Centre, and as drivers and support volunteers who have face-to-face contact with patients. The Oncology hosts are based in the hospital and provide practical help and support to patients navigating the hospital system. Volunteers help us on reception and are often the first people to say “hello” to a visitor to Addis House or Winchester House in Levin. A huge amount of work is done by volunteers in the various fundraising events and activities undertaken by the Manawatu Centre. We could not do what we do without them. So to all the volunteers, I give my sincere thanks and gratitude to you, all 378 of you.

I also couldn't go past the dedication and sacrifice of the Cancer Society staff. Many staff go beyond the expectations to ensure the Centre runs well, and the mission is being achieved.

This year we were deeply saddened by the passing of Rose Fitchett in July 2022. Rose was our transport coordinator, and was the link between the volunteer drivers and the patients needing transport. Her loss was greatly felt by staff and volunteers alike. She is sadly missed.

After 5 years in the Horowhenua supportive care role, we said goodbye to Jennie Wylie, who wanted to spend more time with her family. Lydia Pei-Pereira, our volunteer coordinator also left after almost three years in the role. We wish both of them all the best for their future endeavors.

After 18 years with the Cancer Society, we said farewell to Kerry Hocquard from the health promotion role that she had done exceedingly well in. The mana Kerry has was very evident when we had the Palmerston North Mayor come to the farewell event for her. We also had councilors and a member of parliament attend. Kerry had had a positive impact on many lives and is sadly missed, but we know we will see her as she continues to advocate for change.

We also welcomed new staff into the Centre this year. Rahel Boon has taken up the health promotion role, and Brylee Knowles is filling the Horowhenua supportive care role. Sharon Feekes is the new transport coordinator and Hayley Puketapu is the new volunteer coordinator. We wish them well in their respective roles, and look forward to what they bring to help achieve the mission of the Cancer Society.



Levin Women's Support Group



Daffodil Day in Dannevirke



Smear Your Mea 2023

The lingering effects of the Covid lockdowns seem to be disappearing and the Centre is able to plan events with a little more certainty. We are aware of the current economic situation many people in our communities are feeling, and this is likely to lead to an increased need for the services we provide.

Relay For Life this year was a great success, especially when you consider the impacts of Covid-19 in previous years. The total raised was close to \$300K. A big thank you to the organizing committee, sponsors and teams that get behind this iconic event.

We are also grateful for our supporters who remember the Cancer Society in their wills. This year we received over \$370K in bequest income, which we use to provide services to cancer patients and their family. It also helps the Centre to build up some reserves which we may need given the likely economic headwinds the community is facing.



Cook Street Nursing Care Centre Knitting Relay!

The transport to treatment service was well used this year, with the 56 volunteer drivers travelling an impressive 110,621km. There were 21 trips to Wellington hospitals this year, and in total we transported 401 cancer patients to their medical appointments. Well done to a group of volunteers who dedicate their time (3,790 hours of it) to helping people in need.

Our supportive care staff are busy looking after a growing number of cancer patients. This year there were 232 new cancer patients supported. Some patients require quite intensive and prolonged support to help them through the trials they face. Having three staff members covering the Manawatu, Horowhenua and Taranaki areas ensures we have backup when needed and no patient is without support. The massage service continues to be very popular with patients, with 192 performed this year.

From the health advocacy field, we were pleased to see the passing of the Smokefree Environment Amendments and Regulated Products Bill. This bill limits the number of retail outlets for tobacco products, reduced the amount of nicotine allowed in them, and prohibits anyone from selling or supplying smoked tobacco products to people born on or after 1 January 2009. Thank you to all who helped provide submissions and other support to help pass this bill. The health promotion team continue to educate community groups and work with their counterparts to promote messages and practices that lower the risk of developing cancer. Sunsmart messaging to Primary, Intermediate schools and Early Education Centers will continue to be a focus, so our younger generations will have the knowledge and tools to stay protected from UV radiation.

Thank you to the many businesses, community organisations and individuals that have supported the Cancer Society Manawatu Centre this year. Your support is appreciated and we are grateful for it.

Financially, the Centre had a good year, achieving a surplus of \$140K. This is a very good result when considering the impact of Covid-19 and the tightening financial situation experienced by many in the community. The Centre is in a strong financial position, with reserves available to keep the work programs going if the Centre experiences a struggle with its income in the next few years.

Lastly, but by no means least, we acknowledge ANZ Bank for its continued and generous support of the work the Cancer Society undertakes. Our team enjoys working with the branch staff and values the relationships we have with them.

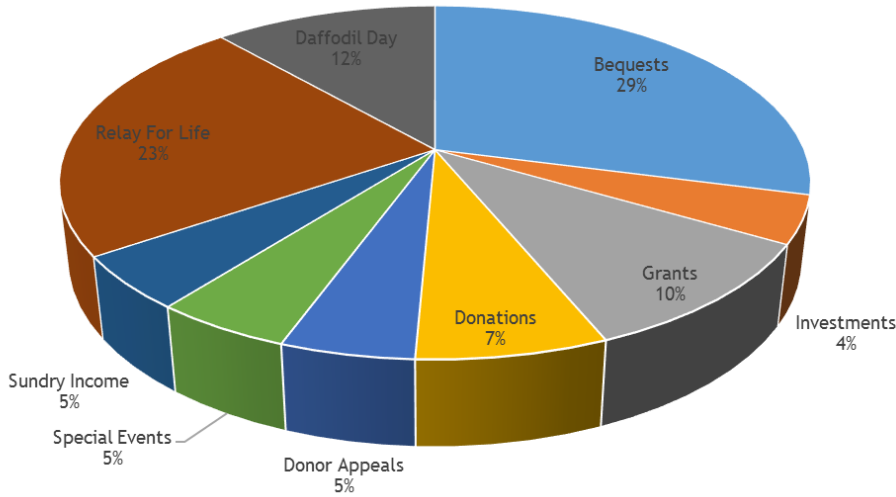






Income and Expenses

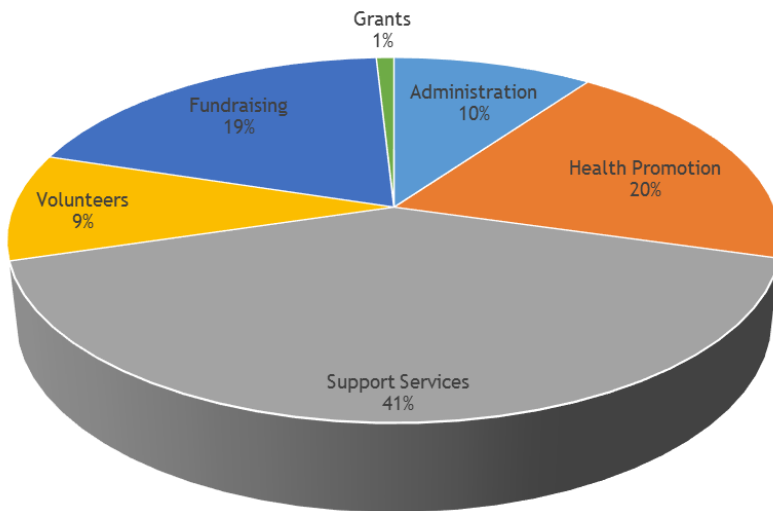
Income - \$1,282,752



Bequests	\$372,800
Investments	\$55,806
Grants	\$132,513
Donations	\$89,239
Donor Appeals	\$62,614
Special Events	\$64,280
Sundry Income	\$62,762
Relay For Life	\$295,465
Daffodil Day	\$147,273

Total Income \$1,282,752

Expenses - \$1,142,460



Administration	\$113,175
Health Promotion	\$223,150
Support Services	\$467,173
Volunteers	\$108,672
Fundraising	\$220,290
Grants	\$10,000

Total Expenses \$1,142,460

Net Surplus \$140,292





Bequests and Grants Received

Grants

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

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

Grand Total: \$132,513

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:

Est C B Greenbank

Est A M P Kerrigan

Est M D Evans

Estate R Appleby

Est J E Pierard (Kynaston Charitable Trust)

Est A Steedman

Aylene Hobson Memorial Trust

Total bequests: \$372,800

Executive

Chairperson:

Dr John Waldon

Committee Members:

Aaron Phillips from March 2023

Penny O'Leary

Peter Griffin

Robin Benton

Roger Twentyman

Dr Simon Allan to September 2022

Staff

Centre Liason:

Chris Franklyn

Supportive Care Coordinator:

Jennie Wylie to July 2022

Graham Black

Cherie Risetto

Brylee Knowles from August 2022

Fundraising Administration:

Savannah Pearson from May 2022

Health Promoter:

Kerry Hocquard to November 2022

Rahel Boon from August 2022

Office Administrator:

Fran Harvey

Volunteer Coordinator:

Lydia Pei-Pereira to November 2022

Hayley Puketapu from January 2023

Transport Coordinator:

Rose Fitchett to July 2022

Sharon Feekes from October 2022

Event Coordinator:

Sophie Westcott to October 2022

Karena Dennis from January 2023



Major Sponsor



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