

2023 Annual Report

Cancer Society of New Zealand

Hawke's Bay Centre





President's Report



The year just gone in the life of a Hawke's Bay organisation and indeed a Hawke's Bay resident, has been the most challenging since the 1931 earthquakes. Within that our team at the Cancer Society have had to overcome their own personal losses from Cyclone Gabriele while still ensuring that the Hawke's bay Cancer Society fulfils its mission in supporting our clients and caregivers. I have the upmost respect for our fabulous team as they navigated through the post Cyclone Gabriele period to maintain as much normality for our clients as could be possible.

From the AGM of 2022 some familiar faces returned to the board room to join myself, Jacqui Hartley Smith Mike Wong and Paul Sanders. Paul Davies, Mike Madden and Nicky Skerman rounded off a talented and experienced board to govern the Cancer Society of Hawke's Bay.

The national office led initiative to change the Cancer Society of New Zealand structure, the project named Anga Whakamua, has not won the vote from the board and we have strongly opposed it in order to protect our patch, our assets and ensure that we serve our clients in the best possible way considering the environment we have here in the Hawke's Bay region.

The board determined eight guiding principles in order to use for decision making and this was shared with our members at a members afternoon tea.

The new location Centre has settled well and the necessary alterations have been completed. The residential house converted to office space has a great ambiance and the team are really enjoying working within it.

David Trim
President





Centre Report

This year saw the purchase of our new building! A beautiful house complete with a separate Supportive Care space, fernery, and a large double-garage providing much needed storage space. The sunny, spacious kitchen opening completely onto substantial decking gives the Centre all the space we need. We have settled in well and love our new premises.



We thank both the Rodney Green Foundation and Royston Health Trust who contributed to the purchase. Their support means we have a Cancer Care Centre embedded in our community.

The feedback from clients has been great!

“It’s so quiet and peaceful”

“The decking area and gardens are so lovely”

“Listening to the tuis in the tree whilst having a massage was so relaxing”

Clients have also commented how easy we are to find now, with Cancer Society yellow signs placed prominently on main roads.

We are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated volunteers keeping the pretty gardens maintained to the highest standard.

We have also been fortunate this year to upgrade one of our existing vehicles. A new Kia Stonic in a vibrant yellow was chosen, which really relates well to our Cancer Society Daffodil. The purchase of the Stonic was made possible through a kind bequest.



Sadly this year, due to cancer, we lost past-President and Life Member Graeme Black. Graeme’s contribution to the Cancer Society Hawke’s Bay Centre Executive and Central Districts was tireless. He remained interested in our Centre and all of our happenings up until his last weeks. We are fortunate to still have Margaret, his wife, as an active Life Member and regular visitor.

Our staff remain unchanged. They continue to provide a high standard of service to the people of Hawke’s Bay who have had a cancer experience.

Supportive Care

Supportive Care services have continued to be well sought-after, with Rebecca providing support to clients, both at home and through office visits. Our assistance ranges from emotional support for individuals and their families, including advocating with other agencies (eg Work and Income) on their behalf as they navigate their cancer journeys, through to assessing for local drives and the Shuttle Service, and providing access to counselling. We continue to provide financial assistance where needed, mostly in terms of petrol vouchers to help with travel to out-of-town treatment.

Our massage clinic continues to be a popular and valued service. We sadly said good bye to Mandy Heeger, who had been our massage therapist for a number of years. In her place, we are pleased to welcome Lydie Tournier. Lydie is a very experienced massage therapist who is trained in lymphatic drainage.

Our Coffee and Chat group is now back up and running, and is incredibly well-attended. This is facilitated by Rebecca once a month and gives clients the opportunity to support and encourage each other, finding value in talking with others who can relate with their experiences.

We have also provided over 450 Information and Care Packs to the Specialist Nurse Practitioners at Hastings and Royston Hospitals, and to Villa 6. These packs contain information on various topics and also introduces the Cancer Society and the services we offer.

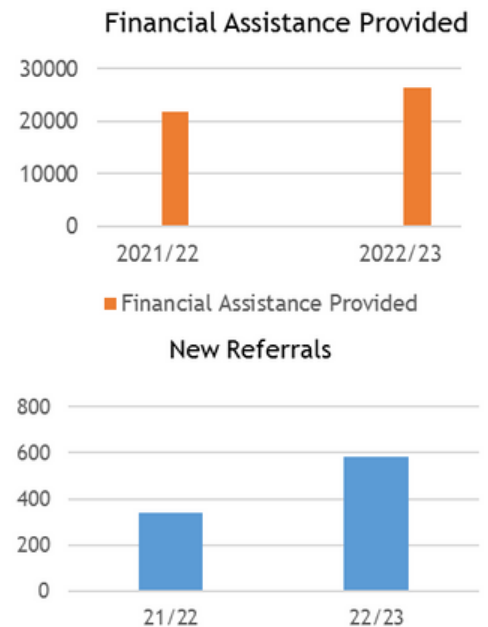
We are well-settled in our new building. It is such a peaceful space to meet with clients, who often comment on what lovely premises we have. We have also noticed an increased number of people walking in off the street, as we now seem to be much easier for people to find.

Health Promotion

The past year has been a time of significant growth and opportunity in health promotion, with immense support from our councils and community groups. We acknowledge both the Hastings District and Napier City Councils for their comprehensive Joint Smokefree and Vapefree Policy made effective this year. There is also much local community action to realise the Smokefree 2025 goal. Along with Te Whatu Ora-Hawke's Bay, Ministry of Education, NZ Police, EIT and other not-for-profit health providers in Hawke's Bay, we collectively pushed for making nicotine-containing vape products prescription-only, and reducing the appeal of vapes in parliament last year.

As part of Safer Hastings, Safer Napier and the Joint Alcohol Strategy Coalition, we collaborated with the councils and over 40 organisations and community groups to reassess the cities' action plans, including alcohol harms. The reassessment ensures that plans remain relevant and respond to new or emerging addiction-related issues. We, too, work collaboratively to support the proposed Sale and Supply of Alcohol Amendment legislation by the NZ Government, with additional considerations to improve community well-being.

In the vaccination and early detection space, we continuously advocate for the National Screening Programme and HPV immunisation, and encourage those eligible to participate. Participation in the SunSmart Schools Accreditation Programme has reduced since the cyclone, with 22% of schools currently



accredited. The drop in participation rates is not isolated to Hawke's Bay, and ongoing National strategic planning is in place. Nonetheless, Hawke's Bay's sunscreen pole and gazebo loan scheme were highly-sought for months following the cyclone.

Volunteering

Volunteering for the Hawke's Bay Cancer Society continues to go from strength to strength:

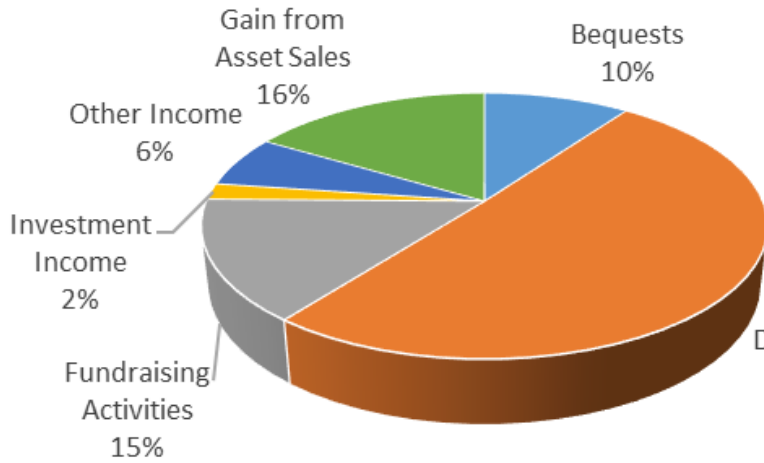
- We now have 20 regular volunteer drivers taking our clients to their appointments, with 521 hours and 15,719 kilometres clocked up during the year. This is an increase on 332 hours and 9,535 kilometres the previous year.
- Daffodil Day 2022 was a major highlight, with 419 hours dedicated by volunteers to the various activities associated with this event.
- Other activities carried out by our volunteers include serving on the Executive Committee, helping with fundraising, reception duties, maintaining stocks of resources at the hospital, preparing Care Bags for new clients, and many others.
- Our volunteers also majorly contributed in the move to our new premises in Francis Hicks Avenue by organizing and physically assisting with the purchase and necessary upgrades, assisting with the move itself, and maintaining the gardens.
- We held a very successful Christmas Garden Party to celebrate and thank our volunteers, with 45 attending for a sit-down lunch, games and prizes.





Income and Expenses

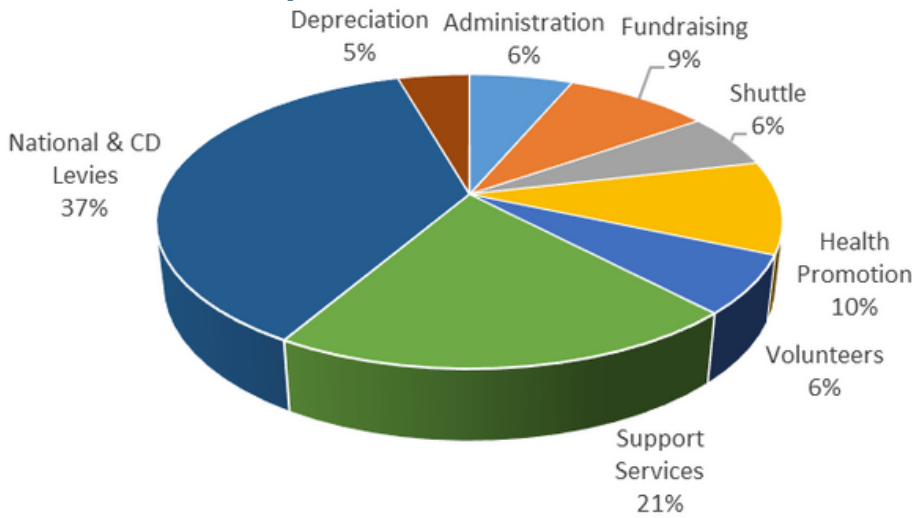
Income - \$1,545,026



Bequests	\$153,823
Donations & Grants	\$781,199
Fundraising Activities	\$227,632
Investment Income	\$30,443
Other Income	\$97,027
Gain from Asset Sales	\$254,902

Total Income \$1,545,026

Expenses - \$852,567



Administration	\$54,373
Health Promotion	\$86,892
Support Services	\$174,765
Fundraising	\$76,373
Shuttle	\$51,023
Volunteers	\$54,706
National & CD Levies	\$316,750
Depreciation	\$37,685

Total Expenses \$852,567
Net Surplus \$692,459





Bequests and Grants Received

Grants

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

- Eastern & Central Community Trust
- First Light
- Hawke's Bay Foundation
- Lottery Grants Board
- Napier City Council
- Public Trust - D Georgetti
- Public Trust - Dowdall Trust
- Public Trust - R Petty Trust
- Rodney Green Foundation
- Royston Health Trust
- Trust House

Grand Total: \$725,302.02

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:

- George Malcolm Crook
- Gladys McKay
- KC Tuohy
- Laurence Mervyn Wilkins

Total bequests: \$153,822.70

Executive

President:

David Trim

Members:

Mike Madden (from October 2022)

Mike Wong

Paul Sanders

Paul Davies (from October 2022)

Jacqui Hartley-Smith

Staff

Centre Liaison:

Pauline Farquhar

Supportive Care Coordinator:

Rebecca Sheppard

Jenny Schaw (Central Hawke's Bay)

Gae Redshaw (Wairoa)

Health Promoter:

Crystal Lau

Centre Administrator:

Justine Fisher

Volunteer Coordinator:

Anne Redgrave

Shuttle Driver:

Dave Henderson

Dennis Higham

Event Coordinator:

Pip Taylor (To April 2022)





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