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CANCER SOCIETY OF  
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Canterbury-West Coast Division

# Annual Report 2018



## Chairman's Report



*Kate Reid accepted the Excellence in Governance Developmental Award at the Annual Women in Governance Awards in May*

This year has been a successful and rewarding one for the staff and volunteers who give of their best to lessen the impact of cancer in our community. Elizabeth Chesterman and the senior management team across our Division continue to show their commitment to meeting the increasing demands for our services and I thank them all for keeping people and their families at the heart of what we do. Our population is growing and ageing at the same time, along with advances in diagnosing and treating cancer, so our services need to continually evolve. The Executive Committee has the pleasure of supporting this work by ensuring the appropriate resources are available to support the many initiatives and assist with strategic vision.

The Property Committee, under Richard Green's leadership, has been very busy as we investigate options to best suit future needs. Building alterations were undertaken at the Mid Canterbury Centre, and staff at the South Canterbury Centre moved to temporary premises to enable work to begin on their building to meet the growing demands. Our Manchester Street site has been placed on the market to sell, as the Executive investigate options for land on which to relocate our accommodation and community centre on the same site. Following the earthquakes, Manchester Street no longer meets our needs, as a parcel of land was taken for the city rebuild projects, necessitating a rethink of our property's strategic future.

Local researchers and clinicians have been supported through our Grants subcommittee in advancing their knowledge and practice in the cancer field. Dr Mark Jeffery was seconded onto the Grants committee this year, his experience with the Society and continued support is greatly appreciated. Summer studentships are an excellent way to encourage early researchers and we are grateful to our Divisional support groups who generously raise funds to support these scholarships. We also contribute, through levies, to the Cancer Society of New Zealand's national research projects. A review of national projects has been undertaken and a new 5 year strategy 2018-2023 has been developed including an approach to achieving the goals. The Cancer Society Tissue Bank under

its curator, Helen Morrin, continues in its excellent role and reputation both nationally and internationally for research.

My thanks to the Executive Committee who give their time willingly to support the work of the Division. Special acknowledgment must go to Kathy Conlan. Kathy resigned from the Executive Committee at the last Annual General Meeting after 12 years of service. During that time, she was Chairman for three years, chaired the Remuneration subcommittee and has also been our Divisional representative on the National Board. In these roles she invested countless hours of her time, always with great passion and energy and an infectious smile which is greatly missed around the board table. Her partner and young family will now enjoy more of her presence. Alister Argyle has very ably taken over as our Divisional representative to the National Board. We welcomed Sally Wynn-Williams to the Executive at the AGM. Sally's background in human resources and recruitment adds to the skill set around the board table.

I wish to acknowledge the ANZ Bank – principal sponsor of Daffodil Day and major sponsor of the Cancer Society throughout the year. To the committed sponsors of all our events, and our collaborative relationships with other health and community agencies in our Canterbury West Coast Division, I thank you most sincerely, as working in partnership ensures the best health promotion, education, research, cancer care and support is available to everyone.

*Kate Reid  
Chairperson*



*Some of the many highlights from fundraising activities throughout the year*

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## Chief Executive's Review



*Elizabeth Chesterman, chief executive, with Jackie Claridge, coordinator of our Selwyn Centre in Rolleston*

This financial year commenced with investigations, deliberations and in-depth discussions with a wide variety of stakeholders into the future property and location needs of the Cancer Society throughout the Canterbury West-Coast Division. After twelve months, it is fair to say that the Cancer Society is still continuing with its widespread investigations, deliberations and in-depth discussions! While much has been achieved, and a great deal more has been learnt, there is still a long way to go and I anticipate the new financial year will continue to challenge our future directions and property requirements.

On a really positive note, our Mid-Canterbury Centre in

Ashburton has been refurbished and reconfigured to better meet the needs of our staff, volunteers and community. After a temporary relocation to Legal House, through the generosity of Argyle Welsh Finnigan, and with special thanks to the Mackenzie Charitable Foundation and Advance Ashburton, the Cancer Society's Mid-Canterbury Centre is now back functioning and flourishing on its Mona Square site.

Equally as positive, but not before considerable planning, design and due diligence, tenders were called for the extension of our South Canterbury Centre in Timaru and work has now commenced. The Centre has temporarily relocated to 10A Dee Street for the remainder of the year while construction is underway. Whilst this relocation will cause some disruption to the variety of services offered in South Canterbury, I am confident, with the cooperation and tolerance of our staff and volunteers, we can minimise the effects and, hopefully, obtain full understanding and support from our community, clients, referrers and donors.

The Division's Strategic Plan clearly acknowledges the need to expand our regional presence so that we are visible, reliable and located in the community where we are most needed. The Selwyn District has been identified as a key growth area requiring a Cancer Society presence and, after a comprehensive search of the district, leased premises have been found on Kidman Street in Rolleston with occupancy planned for the middle of the year. This new Centre will complement the sterling work already undertaken by Cancer Society volunteers in our rural Support Groups throughout the region.



*New addition to the  
Mid Canterbury Centre*

The learnings we gain from establishing the Selwyn District centre will be helpful when we embark on our next community project, which is to establish a similar concept in the Waimakariri/North Canterbury region later in the year.

Unfortunately, our plans to develop our Christchurch facilities have taken longer and been more complicated than anticipated. Much of the past year has been taken up in our search for the 'perfect' site on which to build a purpose-built Cancer Society accommodation facility and community centre for all our city services. Considerable efforts have focused on the site, design, planning and funding requirements of a 'one-stop' Cancer Society Centre and whilst, at the time of preparing this report, there is no definitive outcome to announce I am confident that the due diligence carried out to date will hold us in good stead to ultimately make the very best and informed decision on the way to proceed.

Whilst future planning and work on our properties occupied much time and energy, the core work of the Cancer Society throughout the Canterbury and West Coast regions was not neglected

with our Supportive Care, Information, Accommodation, Volunteer, Health Promotion, Research and Fundraising activity responding to ever-increasing demands. You may be interested to know that from 1 April 2017 until 31 March 2018 the Cancer Society undertook the following activities:

### **Supportive Care**

Assistance was provided for the 1192 new referrals which were received for patient and family support; 1780 places were taken by people attending our comprehensive group programmes and 600 welfare grants totalling \$50,000 were offered to people struggling with a cancer diagnosis.

### **Information**

Our 0800CANCER Information Service responded to 1635 telephone calls for assistance and almost 7000 publications and printed resources worth \$24,000 were distributed free of charge.

### **Accommodation Service**

758 people receiving cancer treatment stayed in our accommodation facilities from throughout the South Island, which equated to 12,500 bed nights for the year. Over one third of our patient guests come

from the Nelson/Marlborough region and one quarter come from the West Coast and another quarter from South Canterbury.

### **Volunteer Services**

Cancer Society volunteers transported patients to over 4000 oncology related appointments, driving their own vehicles many tens of thousands of kilometres throughout the year. In addition, the Cancer Society's Daffodil Shuttle undertook 15,000 patient transfers between Christchurch Hospital and Daffodil House and Lodge.

### **Health Promotion**

59% of Canterbury and West Coast schools are now SunSmart Accredited Schools.

More than 60 cafés are now totally Smokefree in Canterbury, with more expected to join our "Fresh Air" project as the Cancer Society helps create the momentum towards a Smokefree Aotearoa by 2025.

All 12 of our local councils have Smokefree outdoor area policies. Eight councils have extended their original policies to promote more smokefree public outdoor spaces, while the remaining four are considering doing so.

Eight of the twelve councils in our





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Tractor Trek in Hokitika



*Partners in the Fresh Air Project celebrate the end of the trial in May 2017*

Division have endorsed the Government's goal of a Smokefree Aotearoa by 2025.

A seminar focused on achieving a Smokefree Aotearoa by 2025 was held in Halswell in November 2017 attracting New Zealand wide participation and promoting a proactive approach to the health of our population.

## Research

The full list of this year's research projects and funding appears elsewhere in the Annual Report. However, it is important to note the exciting work being undertaken by our local research fellow scholarship recipient, Dr Elisabeth Phillips, who has been developing tools to detect protein

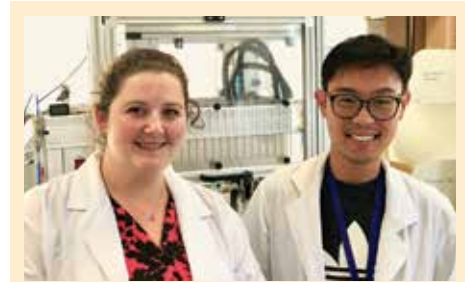
biomarkers that can be used to identify protein in the blood of breast cancer patients who are at risk of poor chemotherapy outcomes.

It is also important to acknowledge the Summer Studentship programme, supported by the Cancer Society. This programme provides a constructive opportunity to encourage students to consider a

cancer-related career, while providing basic research data for future higher level scientific and clinical research projects.

During the year, the Cancer Society was delighted to learn that Helen Morrin, the Curator of the Cancer Society Tissue Bank, received international recognition with an ISBER Special Services Award 2018 for her long term contribution to the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER). This award acknowledged Helen's efforts on the Science Policy Committee and in the updating of webpage material.

Two public seminars, entitled *'What's New in Cancer Research? Genes & Lifestyle'*



*Research Fellow Dr Elisabeth Phillips and Dr Khoon Lim*

## Cancer Society Local Research Fellowship

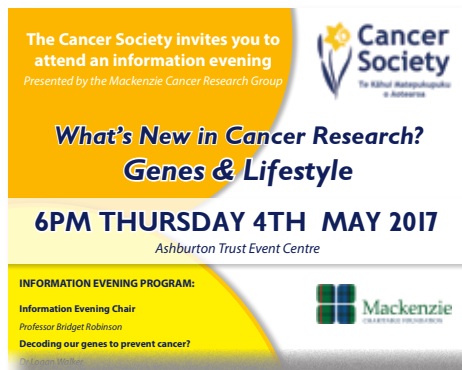
Dr Phillips reports that her team is continuing to investigate the way cancer cells and fat cells interact with each other in breast cancer. They have found that cancer cells are more invasive and resistant to therapy when grown with fat cells. Dr Phillips, Dr Lim and PhD student, Jessika Wise, are continuing to test assembly methods for their 3D breast cancer fat model, including 3D printing.

In July, Dr Phillips will travel to Europe to present some of this work at the European Association of Cancer Research Congress in Amsterdam and to the British Society of Proteome Research meeting in the UK.





*Tempted? A salmon and vegetable salad is one of many delicious offerings in The Food Connection recipe book*




The Cancer Society invites you to attend an information evening  
Presented by the Mackenzie Cancer Research Group

**What's New in Cancer Research?  
Genes & Lifestyle**

**6PM THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2017**  
*Ashburton Trust Event Centre*

INFORMATION EVENING PROGRAM:  
Information Evening Chair  
Professor Bridget Robinson  
Decoding our genes to prevent cancer?



focused on local cancer research, attracted large numbers of interested members of the public in both Ashburton and Christchurch. The seminars provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase some of the ground-breaking research, currently underway in our own region, with financial support from the Cancer Society.

### Christchurch Centre

Food connects our lives, our loves, our family, our friends, our community and our work at the Cancer Society, which is why the creation of a recipe book fundraising project was so compatible with our mission. *The Food Connection* recipes were chosen from an amazing selection offered by Cancer



**'Living well with cancer and beyond'  
Workshop**

*Practical Tips and Advice for living with a cancer diagnosis*

**Thursday 9th November 9.30am– 1pm**  
**The South Canterbury Community Lounge,  
Caroline Bay, Timaru**



**Guest Speakers:**

*Twenty-five people attended a 'Living Well with Cancer' workshop in our South Canterbury Centre in November*

Society friends, volunteers, supporters, family and patients from throughout our Canterbury and West Coast region. This project, supported by the expertise of many generous people, celebrates the significance of food in our lives, and not in the least here at the Cancer Society, where preparing, sharing, enjoying, gifting and loving food is part of coping and healing from cancer.

### Fundraising

None of the comprehensive range of services provided by the Cancer Society could occur without the support and generosity of our community. From the enthusiasm for vintage car rallies, golf tournaments and raffle days to volunteering and donating

to our annual Daffodil Day and Relay For Life events, our Canterbury and West Coast communities continue to generously support our work. Without these donations, gifts, bequests, grants, volunteer contributions and participation in fundraising events, the Cancer Society of New Zealand/Canterbury West-Coast Division could not find the almost \$5.5

million dollars required each year to ensure the maintenance of our core cancer services, resources and support.

Next year, if our building development programme receives a green light, we will be searching for more funds, more innovative income development and significant additional help from our community. I am buoyed by the fact that our mission remains as relevant as ever as we work to reduce both the incidence and impact of cancer on our communities and *'with your help, there will always be hope'*.

*Thank you.*  
*Elizabeth Chesterman*  
*Chief Executive*





*David McCone (Treasurer) and son William participated in the 2018 Tranz Alpine Scooter Safari*



## Treasurer's Report

For the year ended 31 March 2018

The March 2018 year has been an extremely strong year for the Division, recording an operating surplus of \$1.3 million. The Trust Board recorded an operating surplus of \$413,000.

The strong result for the Division arose primarily through bequests and legacies of just over \$2.9 million received during the year. This compares to \$1.3 million in the previous year.

Once again the primary focus of the Division throughout the year has been on our ongoing property needs and how the requirement for capital surrounding this might impact on our Trust Board investments. The major pieces of work we have focused on in this respect are as follows:

- A review of the Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives (SIPO)
- Undertaking significant repair work at Daffodil House on Papanui Road
- Committing to remodelling and expanding the Division's facilities in Timaru
- Placing the Manchester Street site on the market
- Undertaking a feasibility study with regards to opening a centre in the Selwyn District

- Significant work in assessing the ongoing needs of the Division with regards to our patient accommodation and community facilities in Christchurch

Fortunately, the Division has a very strong balance sheet to enable these projects to be undertaken. The project assessing the future needs of the Division with regards to our accommodation and community services requirements has occupied a significant amount of our time and energy during the year and will be ongoing. No firm commitments have yet been made.

As noted above, our strong financial performance for the year was in a large part due to some significant bequests being received during the year. This, along with the ongoing financial support from our many donors and supporters of our other fundraising initiatives, has been outstanding – thank you to all those who have given so generously.

I, along with my son William, recently rode in the bi-annual Tranz-Alpine Scooter Safari and had an incredible, if not challenging, day. The Scooter Safari to date has raised approximately \$330,000 this year and in excess of \$1.1 million over six events. It would not be possible without considerable work from the Scooter Safari organisers, Mike and Jayne Rattray – thank you.

The Division continues to see increased demands for its services, all of which require increasing human and financial resources. It is comforting to know that the many initiatives taken each year to raise the money to provide these services continue to be well supported by our community. We have some challenges ahead as we continue to assess our needs for the future, but I believe we are well placed to ensure that this work is completed as required.

*David McCone*  
Treasurer

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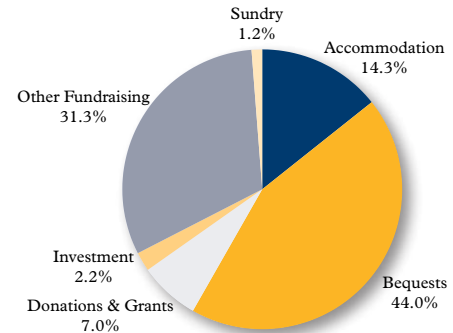
*The summary statement of financial performance for the reporting entity Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Division Inc ("the Society") is presented on the opposite page. The full financial statements comprising the Society and its controlled entities, The Cancer Society of New Zealand 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, Greymouth and Rolleston. The statements can also be accessed for the Group and the controlled entities via the Charities Services website, [www.charities.govt.nz](http://www.charities.govt.nz).*

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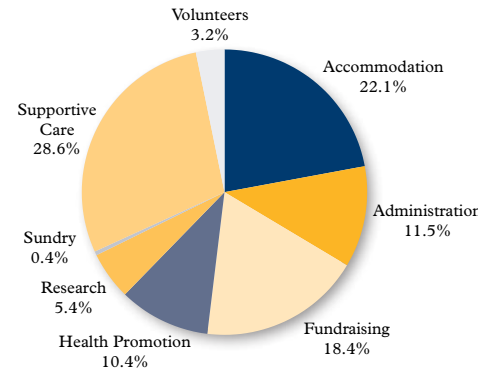
Income analysis for the year ended 31/3/18 (Society only)	\$	%
Accommodation	950,220	14.3 %
Bequests	2,921,759	44.0 %
Donations & Grants	463,731	7.0 %
Investment	147,238	2.2 %
Other Fundraising	2,081,356	31.3 %
Sundry	81,835	1.2 %
	<b>6,646,139</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>
Distribution from Trust	—	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6,646,139</b>	

Expense analysis for the year ended 31/3/18 (Society only)	\$	%
Accommodation	1,169,389	22.1 %
Administration	609,063	11.5 %
Fundraising	972,245	18.4 %
Health Promotion	548,808	10.4 %
Research	288,112	5.4 %
Sundry	23,230	0.4 %
Supportive Care	1,515,692	28.6 %
Volunteers	170,784	3.2 %
	<b>5,297,323</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>
Distribution to Trust Board	1,000,000	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>6,297,323</b>	
<b>Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>348,817</b>	

Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Division Inc  
Income Breakdown for the year ended 31 March 2018  
(Society only)



Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury-West Coast Division Inc  
Expenditure Breakdown for the year ended 31 March 2018  
(Society only)





*Helen Morrin, Curator of the Cancer Society Tissue Bank accepted the ISBER 2018 Special Services Award in Dallas, Texas*

## Grants distributed by the Division

1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

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

Scientific Research	\$155,862
Operating costs	\$208,042

### Grants to Research

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

**Dr Dhiraj Kumar**, Size, concentration, time and cell type dependent uptake of gold nanoparticles by ovarian cancer cells – \$2000

**Prof Mark Hampton**, Peroxiredoxins and breast cancer – \$5000

**Dr Dhiraj Kumar**, Quantification of gold nanoparticles uptake in ovarian mouse model using Inductively Coupled Plasma unit of Mass Spectroscopy (ICP-M) – \$3000

### 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

Additional grant for Helen Morrin, ISBER 2017 Meeting, Canada – \$5600

Special salary contribution from the Division of \$55,000 per year for 3 years

### University of Otago – Christchurch Summer Studentships, 6 Research Projects @ \$5000 each

‘Does Vitamin C interact with chemotherapy in cancer treatment in vivo?’  
**Student: Eleanor Burgess** (Funded by Cancer Society of New Zealand,

Canterbury-West Coast Division & Cancer Society Hokitika & Ellesmere Groups)

‘Does diet switch a bacterial commensal to a colon carcinogen?’ **Student: James Swan** (Funded by Cancer Society of New Zealand, Canterbury-West Coast Division Inc. & Cancer Society Diamond Harbour, Oxford & Ellesmere Groups)

‘Comparing the colorectal cancer microbiome of stool and tissue samples’  
**Student: William Taylor** (Funded by Cancer Society of New Zealand, Canterbury-West Coast Division & Cancer Society Hurunui & Greymouth Groups)

‘What are the patterns of referral and uptake of BRCA testing of eligible women with ovarian cancer in New Zealand?’ **Student: Katherine Fraser** (Funded by Cancer Society of New Zealand, Canterbury-West Coast Division & Cancer Society Cheviot & Westport Groups)

‘Trends in diagnosis of high grade cervical abnormalities in young women in the post vaccination era’ **Student: Avnish Goyani** (Funded by Cancer Society of New Zealand, Canterbury-West Coast Division & Cancer Society Ashburton & Ellesmere Groups)

‘Investigation of signalling pathways activated in breast cancer cell lines after adipocyte co-culture’ **Student: Leah Butt** (Funded by Cancer Society of New Zealand, Canterbury-West Coast Division & Cancer Society Rangiora Group)

### University of Canterbury Summer Studentship, \$2500

‘Project 101 Whole Slide Image Analysis Algorithm for Automatic Identification of Breast Cancer Susceptibility Genes in Tissue Micro Arrays’ **Student: Amanda Deacon** (Funded by Cancer Society of New Zealand, Canterbury-West Coast Division)

### Grants for Professional Development and Education

Dr Vanessa Lattimore, ENIGMA, Santiago, Spain – \$2500

Samantha Dudley, Gordon Research Conference & Seminar, Newry, Maine USA – \$1500



Dr Stephanie Bozonet, European Cell Death Conference 2017, Leuven, Belgium – \$1000

Dr Gabi Dachs, Keystone Symposia – Therapeutic Targeting of Hypoxia-Sensitive Pathways, Oxford, UK – \$2500

Chiara Lowe, Society of Biomaterials 2018 Annual Meeting & Exposition, Atlanta – \$1000

Dr Andrew Das, Keystone Symposia – Therapeutic Targeting of Hypoxia-Sensitive Pathways, Oxford, UK – \$1250

### Grants received from Trusts and Foundations 2017–18

Coates-McKay Charitable Trust – \$1000

Lois McFarlane Charitable Trust – \$6000

J A Macpherson Charitable Trust – \$7805

P A Blackmore Charitable Trust – \$2000

Von Burns Charitable Trust – \$3000

The J.I. Urquhart Family Trust – \$40,000

The Ken Waterman Charitable Trust – \$5000

Bidwell Trust Hospital – \$20,000

Phyllis Campion Charitable Trust – \$20,000

Margaret Hutchings Charitable Trust – \$1000

Perpetual Guardian (Mr & Mrs Geoffrey Wood) – \$2475

Perpetual Guardian (Elma Strath Ward Charitable Trust) – \$1380

Jones Foundation – \$15,000

The Lady Tait Charitable Trust – \$1500

J A Macpherson Charitable Trust – \$8000



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Executive Committee as at

31 March 2018

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	Richard Green
	Bridget Robinson
	David Rowland
	Annabel Ahuriri-Driscoll
	Sally Wynn Williams

**Ex Officio Member** Elizabeth Chesterman  
*Chief Executive*

Divisional Delegate to CSNZ National Board  
Alister Argyle

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