

Annual Report 2021/22

Report

Cancer Society of New Zealand
Auckland Northland Division Inc.



Staff members Isabelle and Ashleigh holding out their Daffodil Day daffodils.



Cancer Society

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa

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Reducing the incidence and impact of cancer in Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland) and Te Tai Tokerau (Northland)

While the past year at Cancer Society Auckland Northland (CSAN) has presented a range of challenges due to Covid, it has also proved to be incredibly rewarding to see what we have achieved

I have the privilege of chairing the CSAN board, which is comprised of individuals that bring a wide range of vision, talent and experience. I am very proud that CSAN has navigated the challenges of the past year and continued to provide exemplary support to those affected by cancer and their whānau. On behalf of the board, I want to thank everyone who stood by those with cancer in 2021, including dedicated staff, selfless volunteers, and our wonderful donors.

With the cancellation of our Daffodil Street Appeal for the second year in a row, we successfully utilised digital fundraising channels to make sure we could still raise crucial funds for those affected by cancer. I am proud of our adaptability and thankful to those who rallied around our cause. In addition, we are very grateful to regular givers who provide us with consistent support so that we can plan ahead. I am also truly moved to see the extraordinary individuals who choose to create a legacy through a gift in their will – these unforgettable acts of support are inspirational.

Zooming out to the larger picture, we have made great strides in cancer prevention. After 10 years of strong advocacy work from the Cancer Society, we saw the release of a strong and bold Smokefree Action Plan that includes every evidence-based measure we recommended. We can now look forward to a Smokefree future for our tamariki and finally being able to tackle the biggest cause of cancer death in Aotearoa.

Looking to the future, we introduced the FRAC (Finance, Risk and Audit Committee) in May 2021 to give appropriate oversight to our investments and ensure we are planning forward with appropriate consideration. Craig Stobo is our Independent Chairman. This committee also has oversight of the The Davis Carr Cancer Society Endowment Trust, a trust that aims to create a long-term fund capable of providing additional income for Domain Lodge and patient services. Essentially these improvements allow us to have the best opportunity for management of our assets and funds.

It is important that we keep patients at the centre of everything we do and never lose sight of their needs. To that end, this year, we introduced AskNicely a software platform owned by a Kiwi company, to ensure we are delivering our services to our clients at a high level. This technology gives people the ability to provide feedback to help us continuously improve. It is heartening to hear that Domain Lodge is a 'home away from home' for so many New Zealanders who are travelling for treatment.

It cannot be stressed enough that all of the individuals and businesses who gave to CSAN allowed us to quickly adapt ways of working so that Domain Lodge remained open and psychological and nursing support services moved to online platforms.

I am looking forward to this year and also the chance to reconnect with our community face to face. It is a privilege to be a part of a CSAN as we work to better support those with cancer while reducing the incidence of cancer in Aotearoa.

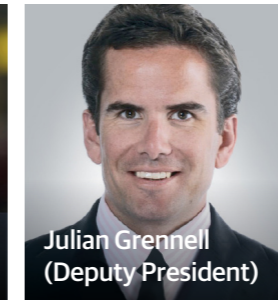
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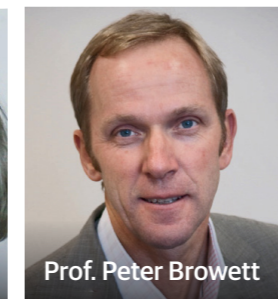
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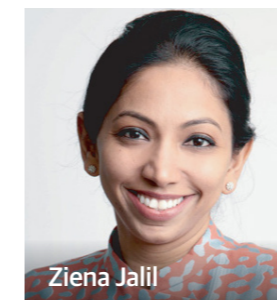
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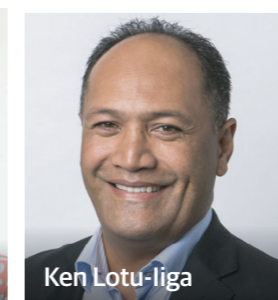
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As most of you would have felt in your own lives, it has been another daunting year dealing with the impacts of Covid.

A tremendous highlight was an independent evaluation we commissioned to gauge the success of the Auckland Cancer Society Research Centre (ACSRC). CSAN has provided the centre ongoing funding for 65 years. The results of the report were exceedingly positive, identifying ACSRC as a world-class research centre that has made a wide-spanning impact, through our consistent funding, on cancer research worldwide.

It is difficult to bring cancer drugs to market and ACSRC punches well above its weight in this space with a success rate that is approximately three times higher than the industry standard for cancer research centres globally. Yet another example of New Zealand defying expectations and being a world leader and we are incredibly honoured to be a part of this success. It is essential that research that can lower the impact and incidence of cancer does not go on the back burner.

Ultimately none of this would be possible without the many donors and businesses who so generously support us. As we move into another year, your support is even more crucial - more New Zealanders will be diagnosed with cancer than ever before and the demand for our services has never been higher. With your help, we can be there to support those with cancer and their whānau when they need us the most.

Andrew Young
CEO / Cancer Society Auckland Northland



Andrew with Black Caps captain Kane Williamson and AM show presenter William Wairua at Takutai Square



Andrew with colleagues, Michelle, Kane and Sudha at the Maori Cancer Community Hui



It has been a challenging year for Northland, because of the interruptions of Covid. Our nurses have been supporting Northland patients with additional stresses due to border restrictions, vaccine passes, RAT tests and all of the additional complexity of navigation.

Planned fundraising and other community events were either cancelled or modified and illness and gaps in staffing have impacted on the achievements significantly. Despite this, our community has come through, as generous as ever, see the photograph above of Maungakaramea school's response to Daffodil Day.

During the year we have put in place two new roles, a social worker and a nurse coordinator. More of the team work flexibly at home. Our partnerships with Te Hiku Hauora, ki a ora Ngatiwai and te Ha Oranga o Ngāti Whātua remain strong and mutually beneficial.

We held our first Kia Ora E Te Iwi community education and support programme in Dargaville in July 2021. This was very well received, and we look forward to delivering many more. The programme is intended to build relationships and trust with Māori communities so they can better access our services.

There has been a major upgrade of our Zoom capability with two large screens being installed in our Rangimarie room.

The Northland team has hosted weekly Te Reo and Waiata sessions for the division online over the last year, with good feedback from staff.

Impact Story

Leanne has spent a lifetime serving and supporting others. But when cancer crashed into her life, she urgently needed someone to turn to. With the support of our donors, Cancer Society was there for Leanne every step of her journey.

Just weeks after becoming pregnant with her longed-for second child, Leanne got the devastating news that she had cancer.

As they so often do, her diagnosis came totally out of the blue:

"I spent 12 years in the military and I'm now a paramedic, so I've always looked after my health and fitness. I'm a runner, so when my knee began to hurt, I did all the right exercises to stretch and roll it. But the pain kept getting worse.

I was due for a scan for the baby, and they said they could check my knee at the same time. The baby scan went well, but the scan of my knee lit up like a Christmas tree. I knew right away I was in serious trouble."

Sadly, Leanne was right – she had a very rare and aggressive form of sarcoma. Overnight, her life was plunged into turmoil.

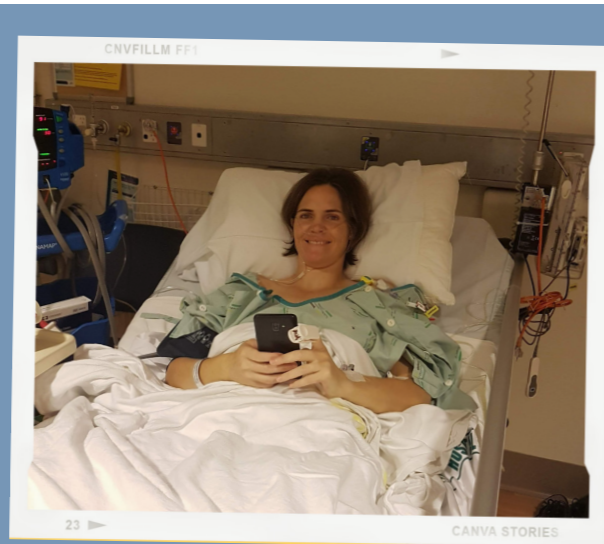
As she was preparing for surgery she found out that the cancer had spread to her lungs and beyond.

"All I could think was, 'I have a little boy who needs me and a baby coming.'"

Given the prognosis, her pregnancy and the risks of her only treatment option, Leanne and her husband faced some extremely difficult decisions.

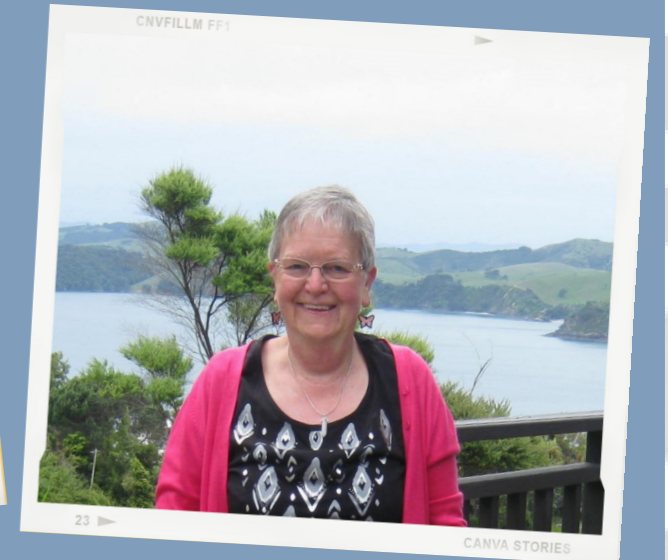
With her life in tatters, Leanne urgently needed someone to turn to. Thankfully she was able to talk to Brenda, one of our Cancer Society's caring and experienced counsellors:

"We were still in lockdown, so we spoke over the phone. She was the perfect person to talk to.



Cancer doesn't stop, so we wont either.

Legacy Story



Sue's connection with Cancer Society goes back many years to her first cancer diagnosis.

Sue was diagnosed with uterine cancer and given a 50% chance of survival. She needed five weeks of radiotherapy treatment at Auckland Hospital.

That's where she first encountered the Cancer Society. Sue stayed with us at Domain Lodge. The Lodge provides accommodation for those undergoing lifesaving treatment far from home. She told us:

"Staying at Cancer Society's Lodge was something I will never forget and will always be very grateful for. The staff there were so welcoming and supportive, and it was lovely to mix with other cancer patients staying there, sharing our stories, and supporting each other."

Just a few years later, she faced a sudden, personal tragedy:

"My husband, Keith, was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus, which had also spread to his liver, and very sadly, Keith passed away just two weeks after being diagnosed - it was a terrible shock."

It was a huge loss for Sue who has also lost her mum, sister, and friends to cancer - "Cancer effects so many people, so I really feel the Cancer Society is a very worthwhile charity."

Then, only months after losing Keith, Sue was sadly diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

"It was good to know that I always had someone from the Cancer Society I could contact if I needed to." – Sue shared.

Sue is now recovered and enjoying her life on Waiheke Island. She is taking the time to honour the memory of her husband and create new memories with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Sue's experience at Cancer Society's Lodge and her personal cancer experiences inspired the decision to leave a gift in her Will to Cancer Society:

"My gift will help the amazing research that goes on to save people like me, for which I am eternally grateful. I am now 74 and am very grateful for all the extra years I have had."

We are so grateful to Sue for choosing to make a difference for generations to come.

Cancer Society is honoured by the kindness of every supporter, like Sue, who gives a gift in their will.

This year we were overwhelmed by the support we received in this special way. We are thankful to the wonderful people whose legacies made it possible to fund life-saving cancer research and provide specialist support for cancer patients.

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A Year of Pictures



Staff member, Teresa receiving her 10 year service milestone



Anne Sinclair receiving her Long Service award at the Volunteer awards with Sudha



Erica and Jenny in their virtual Walking Stars outfits

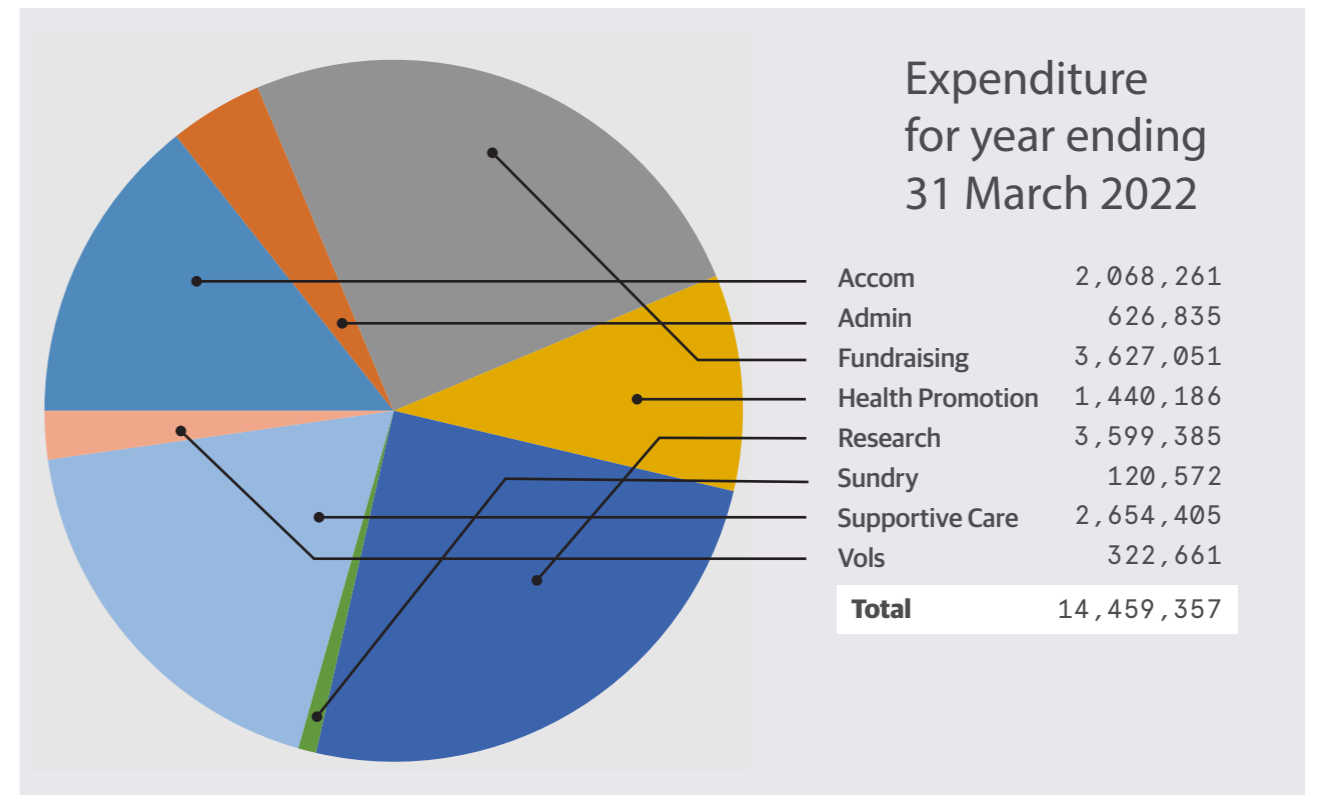
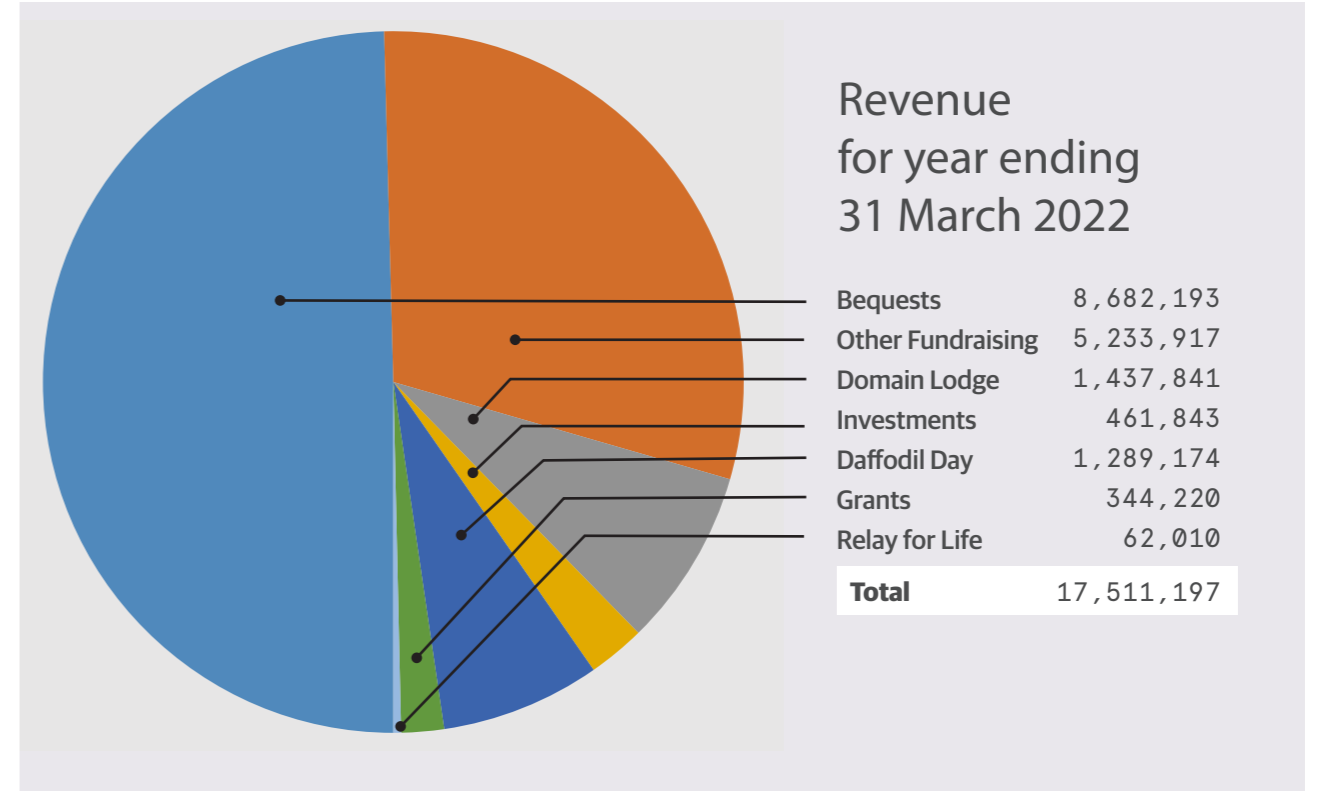


Shane in his Relay for Life your way attire



Fundraisers the Gameday golfers at Windross clubhouse

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her husband Ted. Through their
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to establish the trust. Gifts received
by the Davis Carr Cancer Society
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prudently, with the aim of creating a
long-term fund capable of providing
additional income for Domain
Lodge and patient services. We
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contributors interested in supporting
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work of the Society.

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G. Nigel K. Brown, and Harry White.





Swing into Spring at Kings Stonefields



Andrew Young and Kings Plant Barn GM Chris Hall on the 'Swing into Spring' activation to raise funds for Daffodil Day

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