

Young Zion, son of a friend of a Cancer Society staff member, holds out his Daffodil Day daffodil.

Annual Report

2020/21

Cancer Society of New Zealand
Auckland Northland Division Inc.

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

It is my great pleasure to present my first report as President Cancer Society Auckland Northland Board.

It has been a fulfilling and fascinating year and I want to extend my thanks to everyone who has made me feel so welcome. As a cancer survivor myself, I feel a deep personal connection with our cause, and an unwavering belief in the importance of the work we do.

CSAN is here to ensure no one faces cancer alone. This year has seen significant changes to our board, with a focus on how we can serve the needs of Auckland Northland in 2021 and beyond. I'm proud to chair a group of people so diverse in talent, experience, gender, ethnicity and age. While it's impossible to cover all their accomplishments here, let me (briefly) introduce you to my team:

Julian Grennell (Ngai Tahu) – deputy president of CSAN Board, an economist and management consultant, and member of Cancer Trials NZ Advisory Group.

Mary Carthew – a nurse and educator who has been a committee member and volunteer for 16 years; she is also Chair Northland Cancer Society Regional Committee.

Dr Peter Browett – a Consultant Haematologist and Professor of Pathology who Chairs the Department of Molecular Medicine and Pathology at University of Auckland. He has Chaired the Medical Advisory Committee of CSAN since 2000.

Ziena Jalil – a business and public sector leader with a specialty in the Asian market, who runs a consultancy focused on international marketing and business development, diversity and inclusion.

Dr Ben Lawrence – a medical oncologist specialising in gut cancers and senior clinical research Fellow at University of Auckland.

Ken Lotu-liga – a barrister and solicitor with a long career in the construction business. An experienced director, he's also on the board of Auckland Grammar School.

Dr Jason Gurney (Ngapuhi Ngati Hine) – an epidemiologist, Maori health researcher, and board member of Hei Ahuru Mowai (National Maori Cancer Leadership Group).

Sally Hughes – Senior Health Advisor at Auckland Regional Public Health Service, and has been involved in public health for over 30 years.

Tame Hauraki (Ngati Whatua, Ngapuhi, Ngati Whanaunga) – Kaumatua for the Waitemata and Auckland DHBs. He is assisting with the implementation of our equity plan and in the development of a true partnership with mana whenua.

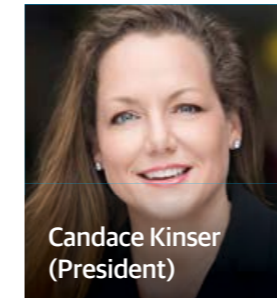
We've also appointed **Craig Stobo**, a professional director and business owner, as Chairman of the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee.

I'm sure you'll agree that the depth and breadth of knowledge here is an enormous asset to CSAN as we steer the organisation through a time of change in the health sector. The past year included the introduction of the Cancer Control Agency (CCA/Te Aho o Te Kahu) which was strongly endorsed by the Cancer Society. We work closely with both Ministry of Health and CAA and share their ethos that we're here for 'every person, every time'. We also continue to navigate COVID-19, and I want to acknowledge the work done by all of CSAN to adapt. We will continue to ask ourselves how we best serve the needs of our diverse communities across Auckland and Northland and seize the opportunities to reduce the impact and incidence of cancer.

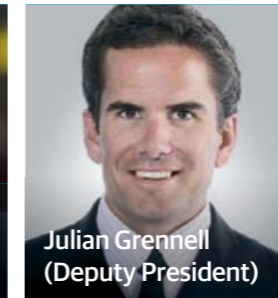
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President / Cancer Society Auckland Northland



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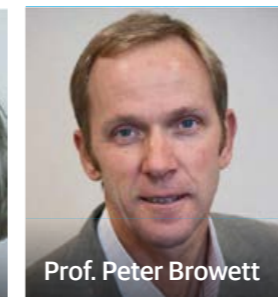
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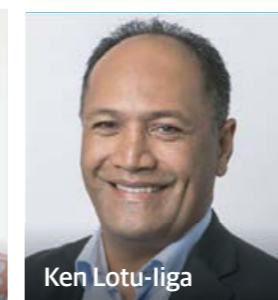
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The Anga Whakamua / Forward Together Project is how the Cancer Society will ensure its structure and decision-making processes support the five-year strategic plan. The project started with the formation of the Ohū Kokiri / Working Group led by External Governance Expert Maria Clarke.

The first step was the creation of the Ko Wai Mātou? / Who are we? Report, which comprehensively explored the current state of the Cancer Society Federation. It provides an overview of the Federation's wide-ranging services and the many parts that make up the whole - including that the Federation consists of 23 separate legal entities, yet many people think we are one.

Following on from the report, the Ohū Kōkiri conducted a survey of individuals, Cancer Society Divisions, and Cancer Society Centres within the Federation which provided an opportunity for views on our current processes to be expressed - what is working, and what could be working better?

The Ohū Kōkiri's work continues with the Governance Forum and then a subsequent roadshow around the country (July to September 2021), providing opportunities for people at every level of the Cancer Society to provide input into the possible options for the Cancer Society Federation going forward.

Alister Argyle
Cancer Society New Zealand President

Imagine a world without cigarettes. Refreshing isn't it.

On May 31 – World No Tobacco Day – Cancer Society Auckland Northland hit 'send' on a document that was the culmination of an enormous amount of work by our health promotion team. That document is the Cancer Society submission on the Government's Proposed Smokefree Action Plan; a submission that skilfully brings together research and community voices to support Smokefree 2025.

This plan is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to stand up to the tobacco industry and support real change. I'm so proud that our CSAN team led the organisation on this vital work. That mahi included running a petition to reduce the number of shops able to sell tobacco, and an accompanying campaign to educate the public about the impact strong Government measures will have on the health of our communities. The petition was signed by nearly 8000 New Zealanders and accepted by Labour MP Dr Liz Craig, a former medical practitioner and public health expert and Chair of the Health Select Committee.



Andrew signing the petition to reduce the number of shops selling tobacco

Why's this so important? Smoking remains the biggest cause of cancer and preventable deaths in New Zealand. It kills around 13 people a day and prevents many others from being able to live their lives to the fullest. While 12% of adults in this country smoke daily, that figure rises to 29% for Maori. Advocating for a strong Smokefree 2025 plan is a key part of closing the gap in health outcomes between Maori and non-Maori, as we have committed to in our Equity Charter.

The Government's proposed Smokefree plan also includes reducing nicotine levels in cigarettes and raising the age of purchase every year to create a 'smokefree generation' who are never old enough to purchase tobacco.

It was vital that we rallied support for the plan because the tobacco industry won't go quietly. This submission, which included the voices of New Zealanders who share our vision, is one step in the process. This work was only possible because of the continued support of our donors and business partners, and for that we sincerely thank you. CSAN will continue to engage in the consultation stage with Government as we work to make Smokefree 2025 a reality in Aotearoa.

Andrew Young
CEO / Cancer Society Auckland Northland



Students at Relay For Life showing their support for Smokefree 2025



The Golden Girls Team enjoying Relay for Life 2021. The Golden Girls have supported every Relay for Life in Whangarei. Each year they are within the top 3 fundraising teams, and always have the top 2 individual fundraisers. Our heroes!

The Northland team, alongside the Division, have prioritised Equity work. Key Maori staff have expanded their roles and taken on more senior positions, while the wider team have undergone equity training with Henare Kani, Te Hau Angiangi.

We have participated in training for the cancer programme being offered to communities called Ki a Ora E Te iwi, with the first programme taking place in July in Dargaville with Te Ha Oranga o Ngati Whatua. The Kahui Maori continues to support and advise the team.

Our nursing model of care, which has been in place for three years, was evaluated and has received the go-ahead to continue. The model has been found to be positive in terms of partnership and collaboration, and the quality of service provided to whanau. It will require a long-term investment to reduce inequalities with this service, but it has the potential to do so.

The Northland team continue to work closely with the DHB and NGOs in Northland, including Maori providers, to have a collective voice to influence cancer prevention policy at local, regional and national levels of government.

Like all of CSAN, Northland has been challenged by the unsettling year that was 2020, and the need to support our patients through the Covid pandemic. However, the Northland community has continued to loyally support Cancer Society, and we have had two successful Relay For Life events in 2021. Te Rarawa managed a community-led Relay for Life event for the first time in 2021 and it was a very successful event. We have also been privileged to be the recipients of the life's work of Kerikeri artist Valerie Hunton and had a colourful and successful silent auction in Kerikeri to celebrate her amazing talent.

In summary 2020/21, with its challenges and highlights, will never be a year that is forgotten, but Northland is in great heart!

He aha te mea nui o te ao He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

What is the most important thing in the world?
It is the people, it is the people, it is the people



After a year with severely affected public fundraising events, three very happy participants from Glenfield College at Relay For Life, Auckland Central



Daffodil Day Street appeal was sadly cancelled in Auckland, but we were able to collect much needed funds throughout Northland



Rebecca, one of our Auckland Marathon fundraising heroes



Long Bay College celebrating, remembering, and fighting back against cancer at Relay for Life Auckland Central



Jatin, life member and donor of Cancer Society having just jumped out of a plane for Cancer Society



Team Smash Fit just loving Relay for Life, Auckland Central



Christmas lunch and a quiz for patients and guests at Domain Lodge courtesy of BDO

5031

Total number of face-to-face patient contacts made by Cancer Society staff.

56,597

Total number of support calls to people impacted by cancer.

21,767

Total number of nights stayed at Cancer Society's Domain Lodge accommodation.

106,198km

The approximate number of KMs travelled by Cancer Society volunteer drivers taking patients to treatment.

None of the above activities and services are possible without your generosity – thank you for your support

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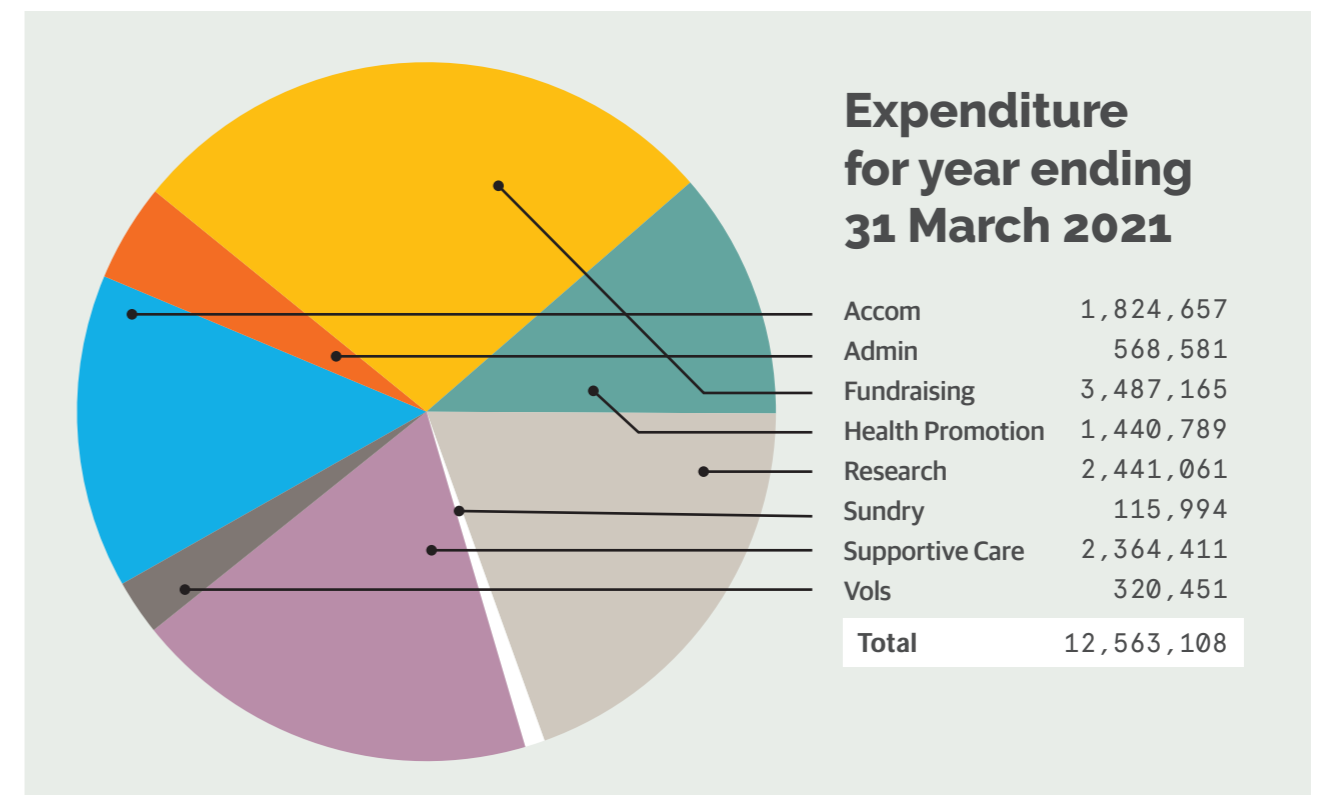
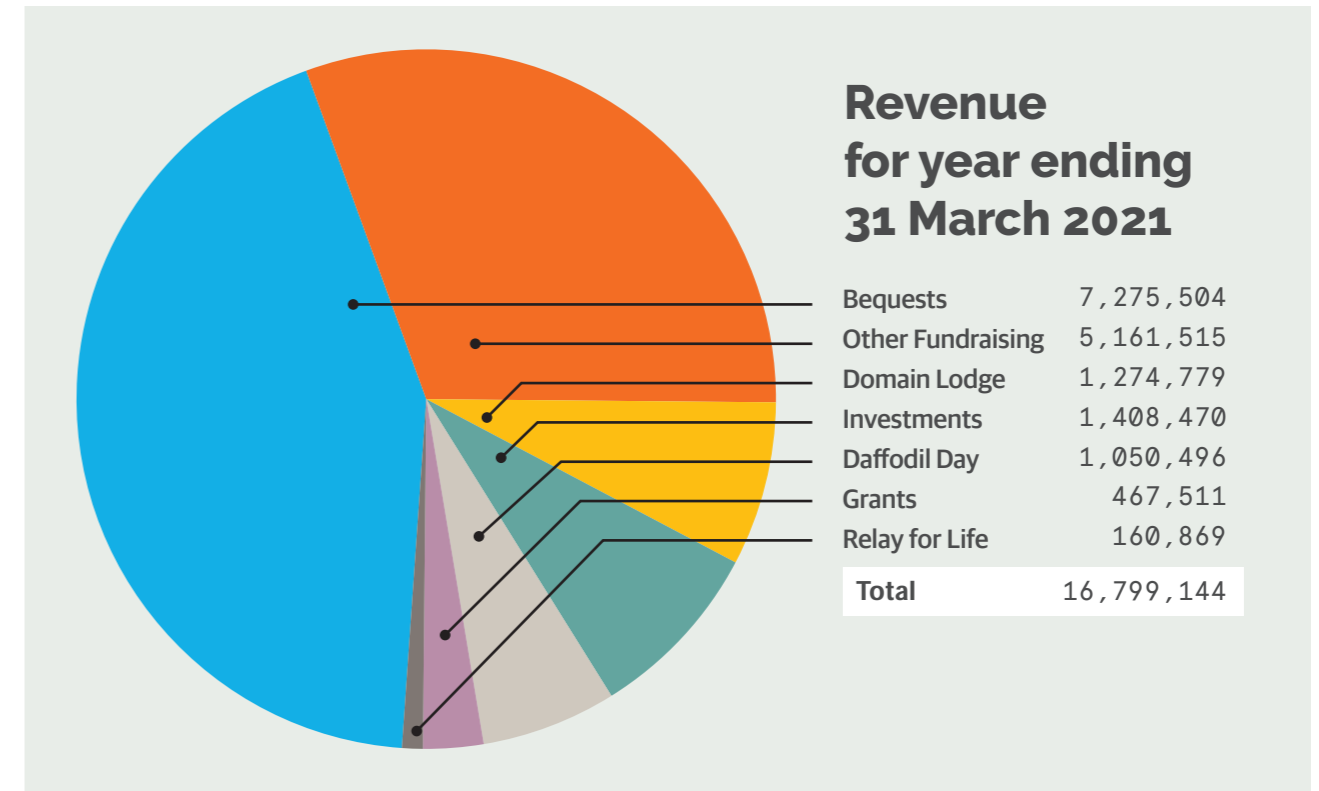
Total number of psychosocial support sessions provided for individuals with cancer and their whānau.

842

Total number of attendees at Cancer Society supportive care workshops and programmes.

\$2,000,000

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precious contribution to support
people with cancer and help protect
future generations through the
funding of ground-breaking research.

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Your kindness and generosity helps the Cancer Society Auckland Northland be there alongside those going through cancer. It funds world-leading research and advocates for cancer prevention.

We cannot thank you enough.



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