

ANNUAL REPORT

2018/9

Cancer Society of New Zealand
Auckland Northland Division Inc.



Creating a future with less cancer

President's Report



It is a pleasure to present this 89th Annual Report of the Cancer Society of Auckland Northland (CSAN) to our staff, our members and our donors. The past 12 months have been exceptionally busy for the Society and a period of significant positive change. The board has engaged in an extensive review process of composition and function culminating in the adoption of a new constitution at a Special General Meeting in April of this year. By undergoing this process the board hopes to be fit for purpose to meet the challenges facing the Society in the next decade. Currently new appointments for the board are being interviewed and will join at least four existing board members. The future Board composition will be clearer by the Annual General Meeting on September 12 and will better reflect our communities and the people we serve. The board has also spent more time considering and developing strategy than previously and will meet more frequently in order to maintain the organisation's progress.

With the departure of John Loof, our previous CEO, in 2018 the management team was led by Alistair Burry while a search for a new CEO

was convened. John Loof was the CEO of CSAN for 14 years and cemented us as a sound and well regarded organisation. Alistair Burry provided temporary cover as acting CEO and continued to drive improvements. With the appointment of Andrew Young as our new CEO we believe that we have a dynamic and visionary CEO to lead CSAN in meeting the challenges we face now, and in the future. In terms of service provision CSAN has continued to increase community funding for Northland and is committed to working with the Northland community in addressing disparities in cancer care. CSAN has begun to review its approach to inequity in cancer care and treatment in our region with the appointment of a specialist Māori consulting team and will develop a comprehensive plan to address this. CSAN is an active participant in the Ernst and Young review of the Cancer Society of New Zealand and will work to optimise the functioning and reputation of the Cancer Society as a national entity. At a grass roots level, in the last 12 months, there have been 219 support group and education sessions attended by 1195 patients, 1843 one-to-one counselling sessions undertaken, 5520 community nurse visits, 4870 drives by community volunteers and 19,324 patient accommodation nights at Domain Lodge for patients and whānau. This year the Auckland Cancer Society Research Centre has registered 12 new Masters and PhD candidates and

published over 30 papers in international peer reviewed literature. Clinical Trials NZ are currently running at least 6 clinical trials in cancer.

I would like to formally acknowledge our staff and our 500 plus volunteers who work daily to maintain this level of care for our communities and the clinicians and scientists who work to optimise cancer treatment in New Zealand. I would also like to acknowledge the Davis Carr Endowment Trust and its trustees who provide us with the financial stability to undertake this work and to plan for the future, and our donors without whom we could not function effectively. Finally I want to acknowledge my fellow board members who have worked tirelessly to prepare us for the exciting new era that awaits.

Jonathan Koea
President - Cancer Society
Auckland Northland



CEO's Report

I step into my new role at the Cancer Society feeling so full of energy for what we can achieve with supporters like you coupled with a refreshed board. My upbeat optimism may seem odd given 63 people on average each day are told they have cancer, which equates to one in three New Zealanders being affected by this dreaded disease.

But as a 'glass half full' guy, I feel the power of support from every single one of us who wants to beat cancer. I hate cancer – it took my mother; it took one of my university friends; it took my cousin. But it's my deep emotion around cancer that fuels my commitment to beat it. Hopefully my background

in management, fundraising and philanthropy over the past 20 years will enable me to lead and succeed in our aim to reduce the impact and incidence of cancer. There is still much work to do to support those with cancer as well as trying to prevent people getting cancer in the first place - but we can only do more if we have enough funding. Developing new ideas to raise funds and finding ways to engage with everyday Kiwis is what I love doing, because it'll take everyone's help for us to progress.

Like many of you, I will always be indebted to the Cancer Society for the care, support and compassion from its community nurses and driver



volunteers. My mother took comfort from their dedication. The Society is such a vital organisation, aided by the warmest of hearts, and it's a privilege to be part of it. I go forward with the deepest gratitude for your support.

Andrew Young
CEO - Cancer Society
Auckland Northland

Highlights



Cancer Research Week

Cancer Research Week 2018 had a focus on effective policies to address three key risk factors for cancer: tobacco, alcohol and obesity. The health promotion team held four successful events including a VIP breakfast *Best Buys for Cancer Prevention*; a full day Symposium *Stop Cancer Before it Starts - saving lives with effective tobacco, alcohol and obesity policies*; plus two workshops, *Addressing Inequities in Childhood Obesity* and *Reducing the Exposure of Alcohol Marketing to Young People*. The events had an excellent line up of speakers including 2 renowned international speakers and 16 New Zealand experts, many of whom are global leaders in their field. Extensive media coverage was obtained highlighting effective polices to prevent the 30-50% of cancers caused by tobacco, alcohol and obesity.

Relay For Life and Walking Stars

Record numbers of participants took part in the Relay For Life and Walking Stars fundraising events this financial year. Relay For Life, an overnight team relay, showcased the rich diversity and generosity of our Auckland community, bringing together people affected by cancer and those wanting to show their support. Walking Stars, a night time half marathon, had over 4000 people walking through the night to raise money and support the work of the Cancer Society.

Northland

By July 2018, the expanded Supportive Care service was in place, with an additional 1.4 FTE nurses employed. These new roles were fulfilled by three new part-time Cancer Support Nurse Specialists sited within Māori providers, in a partnership model. Additionally, a new community support worker role was established to support the nurses in two communities, focussing on the development of support group activities. The intention of these new partnerships was to increase access for Māori to Cancer Society services. As a result, the percentage of Māori patients has increased from 24% of total patients to 32%.

Three Supportive Care focus groups have been facilitated as part of a quality improvement initiative. The aim is to hear and document the voices of services users with a view to reviewing our current processes and making changes in line with patient need.

Fundraising activities continue to be very successful thanks to the generous support of the community and the commitment of our loyal volunteers. Over the last year, we have increased our volunteer recognition

programme to demonstrate the value we place on our volunteers.

We have a new Health Promoter in the team, Rebecca Gilbert, who continues to work towards Smokefree 2025 with Councils. She is also contributing to national work on a Kaupapa Māori 'Shade' model based on tikanga practices of Te Ao Māori.

Daffodil House has had a coat of bright yellow paint, so it is looking fresh and bright and easy to find so we can better serve those in need of our care.



The Divisional Board



Jonathan Koea
(President)



Peter Browett



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John Whittaker



2018/19

Supportive Care

In 2018-2019 the Cancer Society conducted a formal evaluation of its Auckland community nursing service. Results showed patients, whānau and referring health care professionals overwhelmingly valued the community nursing services. The service was found to be well aligned with the DHB cancer

service. Going forward, further resource will be added to maintain demand and to offer the highest quality of nursing care. An opportunity was identified to improve equitable access to the service. The Cancer Society is actioning this with a focus on Māori.



3793 calls answered by experienced nurses on the Cancer Information Helpline



1,843 psychology sessions provided to patients and whānau/family



5520 home visits made by Cancer Society nurses to patients



1,195 people attended Cancer Society group support sessions



17,481 Cancer Society information booklets distributed



34,332 phone calls made by cancer patients to Cancer Society nurses

Volunteers

Cancer Society Auckland Northland is an organisation that delivers its many services thanks to the goodwill of volunteers from the community.

For every paid staff member there are 20 volunteers who help the Cancer Society connect to and support our communities. These volunteers have provided over 32,000 hours of service in the last financial year, a 15% increase on the previous year. This has included over 5000 journeys taking patients to their treatment appointments.

We celebrate the contribution of our volunteers every day with extra attention during National Volunteer Week and International Volunteer Day.



Domain Lodge

Domain Lodge offers a home away from home for those patients who need to travel long distances for their treatment. Patients are able to stay here with a support person for as long as their treatment lasts. During their stay patients have access to Cancer Society services such as nurses, psychologists and the library.



6 Weeks average stay at Domain Lodge



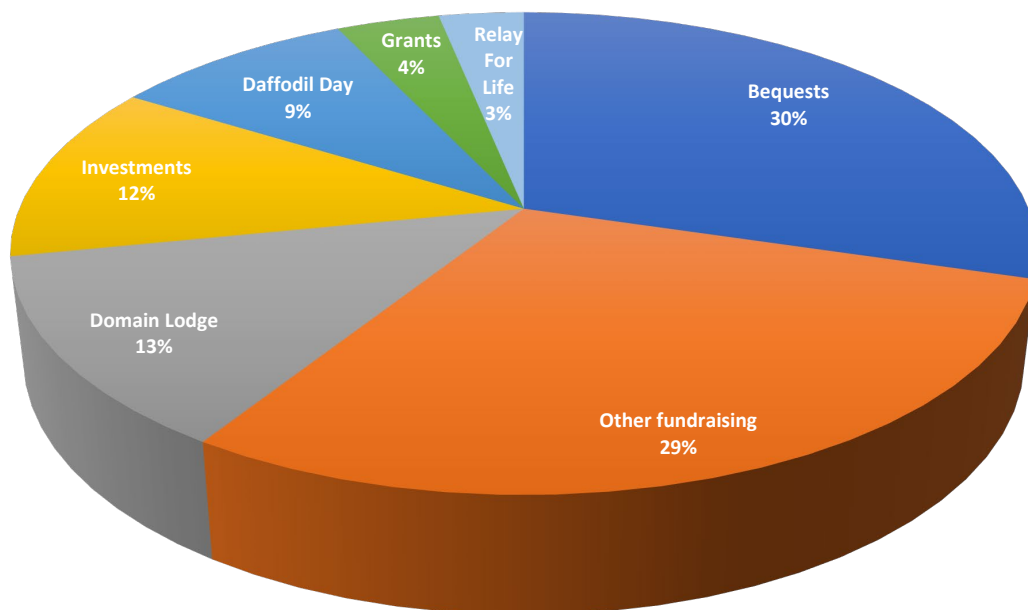
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Financial Summary

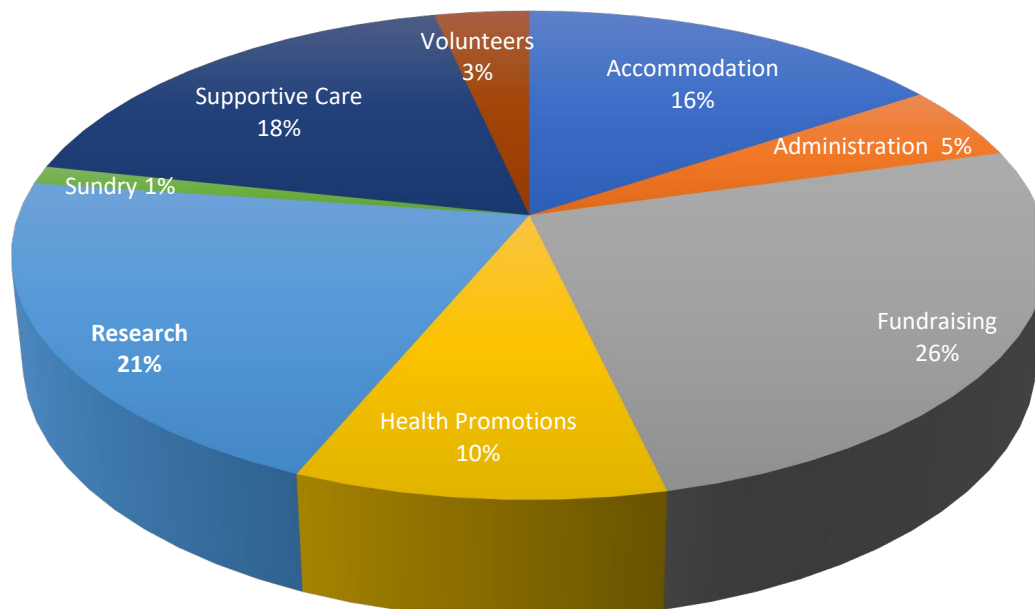
In 2019, the Society had total income of \$12.48m and a surplus for the year of \$488k. Full financial statements for the year are available on the Society's website.

The generosity of our supporters enables the Cancer Society to support those living with cancer, fund research and advocate for cancer prevention.

Revenue for year ending March 2019



Expenditure for year ending March 2019



Acknowledgements

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Davis Carr Cancer Society Endowment Trust

The Davis Carr Cancer Society Endowment Trust is named after two visionary beneficiaries: Sir Ernest Davis Chairman of Cancer Society Auckland (1935 - 1948) and his daughter Mollie Carr and her husband Ted. Through their estates a joint lead gift was made to establish the trust.

Gifts received for the specific purpose of the Davis Carr Cancer Society Endowment Trust are not spent, but instead invested prudently by the Society in perpetuity and the Davis Carr Domain Lodge Endowment Trust. In years that the Cancer Society needs additional income

for Domain Lodge and its core patient services (other than funds raised for annual budget), the Society will apply to the Trustees of the Endowment Trust for a percentage of the net income derived from this enduring fund.

Trustees: Mr. Brian W. Stevenson, Mr. D. E. Murray MacCormick, Mrs. Leah Watson, Mr. Chris Blincoe, Mr. G. Nigel K. Brown & Mr. Steve Bootten.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Davis Carr Cancer Society Endowment Trust in the last financial year.

Cancer Society Auckland Northland gratefully acknowledges those who left a gift in their will during the last financial year. Their legacy helps create a better future for our community.

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