

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019





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ADVANCE ASHBURTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

At the Foundation we connect generous people that care with causes that matter most to them in the Ashburton District.

We deliver on our donors' wishes. We make giving easy, flexible and effective. We offer expertise and advice, working with you to match your interests with community needs: offering ways for you to make a greater impact with your giving.

Through our knowledge of the community and through a considered and strategic approach, the simple act of giving goes a long way.

OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR DONORS

+ COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE AND INSIGHT:

A deep understanding of local needs and opportunities

+ PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORY SERVICE:

Build on your values and vision to create an enriching journey of giving

+ EFFECTIVE GRANT MAKING:

A trusted steward of assets, providing grant expertise and administrative support

+ PROTECTION:

Your donation is inflation-proofed so will grow and as we are a low-cost organisation your donation is not eroded by unnecessary costs and fees

TRUSTEES & PATRON



Back Row: Sandi Wood (Executive Officer), Jo Taylor, Chris Wylie, Gary Fail, Jack Allan, Donna Favel (Mayor)

Front Row: Elizabeth Ashford, Roger Bonifant (Patron), Trevor Croy (Chair), Mary Ross (Deputy Chair), Nicki Webster



We welcome
new Trustee
David Keeley

STAFF



Left to right: Fiona Tait (Grants Administrator), Sandi Wood (Executive Officer), Shona McGrath (Finance Manager)

COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP

GRANTS COMMITTEE:

Mary Ross (Chair), Jack Allan (Deputy Chair), Chris Wylie, Nicki Webster, David Keeley, Mark Scammell, Thelma Bell

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

Trevor Croy (Chair), Nicki Webster, Don Church, Alan Bean, Grant Boniface, Graham Kennedy, Andrew Withers (Forsyth Barr Advisor)

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

Elizabeth Ashford (Chair), Jo Taylor (Deputy Chair), Angela Cushnie

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE:

Gary Fail (Chair), Chris Wylie, Nicki Webster, Tim Silva, Ross Gibson

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Trevor Croy (Chair), Mary Ross, Elizabeth Ashford, Jack Allan, Roger Bonifant

THE YEAR IN A SNAPSHOT

\$11,738,352
FUNDS INVESTED

\$35,215,000
PROMISE IN WILLS

\$587,915
GRANTED TO THE COMMUNITY

88
GRANTS MADE

22
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

1.75
FULL TIME STAFF



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Our goal is connecting generous people that care with causes that matter in the Ashburton District. This year we have continued our ongoing support of the BOOST Child Literacy programme, The Rural Health Academic Centre at Ashburton Hospital, the Kohanga at Ashburton College, Seabrook McKenzie and many other community causes. In total, through local generosity the Foundation has distributed \$587,915 during the financial year. This includes our scholarships valued at \$73,500 which supported 31 young people with their academic and personal development. For the first time we introduced our Leaders' Scholarship that was awarded to Fleur Mulligan, a young lady who is making a noticeable contribution in our community.

Our financial performance for the year ended 31 March 2019 has been strong. We received new donations of \$374,061 and our investment portfolio continued to perform well. After making our grants of \$587,915 our total accumulated funds at 31 March 2019 were \$11,738,352. In addition, we are aware of some \$35,215,000 of bequests that are promised to us in the future.

The returns on our portfolio amounted to 14.2% If you would like to see our detailed Annual Financial Statements they are available from our office or on the Charities Commission website www.charities.govt.nz.

Through the support of the Ashburton District our ongoing projects will make this community a better place, forever. We are very grateful and privileged to have people, groups and businesses in the community that support us. We simply could not do the work we do without the dedication of our Patron, Trustees, co-opted specialists, supporters and staff, who (apart from our staff) support us with no remuneration.

Thank you.

TREVOR CROY

Chairman



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I am proud to be a part of an organisation that is committed to creating a way for local generosity to deliver lasting and effective impact to our district. It is my privilege to work with local generous people, offering advice and guidance as to how their generosity will benefit their chosen causes and create solutions for our community.

More and more people are preferring to take a strategic approach with their generosity: choosing to create a permanent fund for our District, one that will continue to positively impact our community, and the causes that hold great meaning for the donor. This year we have seen a steady rise in organisations creating funds with the Foundation. We provide a way of protecting the organisation's assets, ensuring compliance is kept up to date and protecting the assets that have been raised here to forever stay here.

We have an unrelenting focus on delivering on our donors' wishes. We also spend a significant amount of time understanding the current needs of our community. This allows us to make informed decisions and guide our donors' funds in the most effective way.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our donors, your enthusiasm to want to make a difference is what inspires us to do what we do. I also extend my thanks to our supporters, Patron, Board, committee members and staff, who all continually go above and beyond with unwavering dedication to provide a way to not only honour our donors' wishes but also provide a way to create positive impact to the Ashburton District.

SANDI WOOD

Executive Officer



RURAL HEALTH ACADEMIC CENTRE - ASHBURTON (RHACA)

In 2016 the Foundation received a proposal from the Otago University and the Canterbury District Health Board to fund the establishment of a centre for rural innovation, research and learning at the Ashburton Hospital.

A Memorandum of Understanding covering the funding arrangements, milestones, academic positions in medicine, nursing and research was signed and the Rural Health Academic Centre - Ashburton (RHACA) commenced in May 2017.

Through the generosity of the Sinclair family, RHACA received two simulation mannequins. The third was subsequently received from the benevolence of the Johnston Brothers, Bob and Alan. Funding has also come from the Frampton Fund, established by the late Miss Frampton, of Wakanui.

The simulators are interactive, completely mobile and lifelike and enable health professionals to practise detecting and stabilising rapidly deteriorating adult and child patients in realistic scenarios. To date over 100 health professionals from New Zealand rural hospitals have participated in trauma training courses using the mannequins. These three to five day courses have been held at Ashburton Hospital. The RiSC (Rural Interprofessional Simulation Course) enables rural nursing and medical teams – based in Ashburton and from other rural centres - to gain valuable training by providing inter-professional team-based simulation trauma training and addressing the disparity in experience and training for our rural hospital teams providing emergency and trauma care.

Additionally, the simulation training is used often for Ashburton Hospital nursing and medical staff in preparing for emergency situations with confidence and good teamwork.

At the Centre, in 2017 and 2018, on a summer scholarship, Isobel Ferguson undertook research on self-harm in young people in our district, recently published in the Journal of Primary Health Care. Other research undertaken has included the outcomes of stroke care, an oncology review, papers highlighting rural health disparities, and an editorial in the New Zealand Medical Journal on the 'Matthew Effect' in rural health care – where well-resourced staff and centres tend to attract more resources – in urban areas, while the reverse happens in rural health facilities. Underway is research into the nursing workforce needs of the Ashburton District.

RHACA is filling a real gap in rural health education and research.

Discussions have commenced with Otago University and CDHB to develop the Centre, at the completion of its initial three-year trial period, into an academic chair in rural health medicine. "There is real momentum and a sense of optimism about new opportunities for understanding the health needs of rural communities and developing a stronger rural health workforce to meet them as a direct result of RHACA, and its impact is being felt throughout rural New Zealand," says Dr Steve Withington, RHACA senior clinical lecturer and rural hospital medicine specialist.

BACKGROUND TO THE CHILD LITERACY PROJECT - BOOST

In 2013 donations were made to Advance Ashburton Community Foundation to be used to improve literacy in our local primary school children.

The Foundation was then tasked with finding the most appropriate way to deliver on these wishes.

The team at the Ashburton Learning Centre embraced this new project, and after consulting with a number of experienced educators to identify the best programme to deliver, the BOOST child literacy project was developed.

The project, using educational best practices is designed to meet both the individual needs of the students together with the needs of the wider school community. The literacy programme focuses on the reading growth for children who need extra support between the ages of 7-9 years old. Children work one-on-one with volunteer tutors twice a week over a thirty-week period.

The programme was trialled at three schools (Allenton, Netherby, and Tinwald) and the results were impressive: the children made an average gain of 13.5 months in their reading age during the programme's pilot year.

After this great success the programme has grown from strength to strength and is now available in sixteen schools in the Ashburton District. Through good management, and the hard-working volunteers providing positive outcomes, this programme is now fully entrenched in our District's local primary schools, benefiting not only the children's literacy, but numeracy and, best of all, confidence.

"It was my wish, and that of my late husband Laurence Cooney, that our donation help improve the quality of life for those in the Ashburton district. I am thrilled that we are helping to achieve this in partnership with Advance Ashburton, and delight in the very real progress made by the children in the Boost Programme."

MERLE COONEY



GRANT RECIPIENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2019 THE FOUNDATION HAS MADE GRANTS TO:

Ashburton & Rural Health Services - Rural Health Academic Centre Ashburton & Paediatric Manikin (SimBaby)
Ashburton Cancer Society Support Group
Ashburton College - Full time learning support assistance for The Kohanga & Drivers Licence scheme
Ashburton Community Alcohol & Drug Service - Mindfulness & Meditation Workshop
Ashburton Indian Multicultural Charitable Trust - Festival of Lights (Diwali)
Ashburton Justices of the Peace Assoc (Inc) - Rent for Signing Centre
Ashburton Learning Centre Inc - BOOST Literacy Programme
Ashburton Multi Cultural Bite Trust - Multi-Cultural Bite Event 2019
Ashburton Netherby School - Music Lessons for Students
Ashburton Railway & Preservation Society Inc - Relocation of Road Board Office & establishment as a Education Centre
Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury, West Coast Division Inc - Community Wellbeing & Resilience Presentation
Cholmondeley Children's Centre Inc - Supporting vulnerable children from the Ashburton District
Community House Mid Canterbury - Website Upgrade
Firefighters Welfare Fund - Supporting our local firefighters
Hakatere & Opuke Kahui Ako Early Childhood Groups - Transition to School Initiative
Hakatere Multi Cultural Council - Newcomers Network events and services
Hampstead School - Music Lessons for Students
Hauora Ashburton District Community Action Leadership Group - Youth Wellbeing & Resiliency Workshop
Life Education Trust Mid and South Canterbury - Fuel Expenses for Educators in Ashburton District
Maia Health Foundation - Rooftop Helipad at Christchurch Hospital
Mania-o-Roto Scouts - Youth Adventure Camp
Methven Historical Society - Display Railings
Methven Te Puawaitanga Charitable Trust - Methven Youth Mentor Funding
Mid Canterbury Children's Events & Activities Trust - Mid-Canterbury Children's Day 2019
Mid Canterbury Emergency Relief Charitable Trust - Mid Canterbury Newcomers Rural Driver Licensing Scheme
Mid Canterbury Tennis Charitable Trust
Mid Canterbury Youth Charitable Trust - 24/7 Youth Work & Boxing Academy
New Zealand Red Cross
NZ Council of Victim Support Groups Inc - Salary for Coordinator
Presbyterian Support Upper South Island - Budgeting Services for Ashburton District
Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society
Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind (Red Puppy & Guide Dogs)
Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind Ashburton Community Committee
Rural Canterbury Primary Health Organisation - Community Connector/Practice Support Navigator & Spring into the Later Years Expo Event
Rural Health Academic Centre Ashburton - Youth Self-Harm Research Project (Stage 2)
Safer Ashburton District - Hauora Ashburton District Community Action Plan
Seabrook McKenzie Centre - Providing a local Ashburton base for the Seabrook McKenzie Centre
St John - Ashburton
Te Huka Tai Trust - Hakatere Cultural Festival
The Parenting Place - Attitude Presentations for 2019
The Trott's Garden Charitable Trust - Administration Position
The Youth Institute of Ashburton District Charitable Trust - CACTUS Programme
Tinwald Primary School - Devices for supporting Motor Development
Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury - Ashburton Office - wages & operating expenses
Scholarships - Tertiary, Industry Trade, Personal Development, Leaders' in our community
Wakanui School - Professional Development for Positive Psychology



WITH THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

As a low-cost Community Foundation Advance Ashburton will only retain a maximum of one percent of endowment value each year to cover operating costs. Until we grow to become self-sufficient, we have been fortunate to have the support of local businesses.

We would like to acknowledge and thank these businesses for their ongoing support:

Argyle Welsh Finnigan
 Ashford Handicrafts Ltd
 Ashburton Licensing Trust
 BNZ
 Forsyth Barr

Heartland Print
 Latitude Magazine
 Property Brokers
 Russell Moon and Fail
 Trust Events Centre

HOW TO GIVE

Advance Ashburton inspires a generous culture, building a more caring and cohesive Ashburton District. No matter your age, financial situation or background, there are many ways that you can make a difference and create an enriching journey of giving through Advance Ashburton Community Foundation.

<p style="text-align: center;">GIVE NOW</p> <p>Donate today to see the impact your generosity will create and benefit from a tax credit of up to 33% of the amount of your donation (for donations \$5 or more).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GIVE LATER</p> <p>Through your will you can leave a gift to the Foundation, leaving a lasting legacy to the community you care about.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GIVE WHAT YOU CAN</p> <p>Big or small, it's about economies of scale and through the Foundation every dollar makes a difference</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GIVE YOUR WAY</p> <p>It's up to you whether it's a one-off donation, a regular direct credit, part of a workplace giving model, a giving circle, or a bequest in your will.</p>
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WE ARE READY WHEN YOU ARE

If you're ready to learn more about how you can make a difference, contact our Executive Officer, Sandi Wood to arrange an appointment.

Phone 027 577 5875 or 307 5902 or **Email** info@advanceashburton.org.nz



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