



ADVANCE ASHBURTON
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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

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THE YEAR IN A SNAPSHOT

\$11,897,655
FUNDS INVESTED

\$38,815,000
PROMISE IN WILLS

\$647,600
DISTRIBUTED TO
THE COMMUNITY

91
DISTRIBUTIONS MADE

20
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

3300
VOLUNTEER HOURS
COMMITTED

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PATRON & TRUSTEES



Roger Bonifant
PATRON



Trevor Croy
CHAIR



Nicki Webster



Chris Wylie



Jo Taylor



Gary Fail



Mary Ross



Elizabeth Ashford



Mark Scammell



David Keeley



Neil Brown

STAFF



Sandi Wood
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Shona McGrath
FINANCE MANAGER



Lucia Ghidoli
GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP

GRANTS COMMITTEE:

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

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

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

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

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

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE:

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

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Trevor Croy (Chair), Mary Ross, Elizabeth Ashford, Roger Bonifant, Jo Taylor, David Keeley

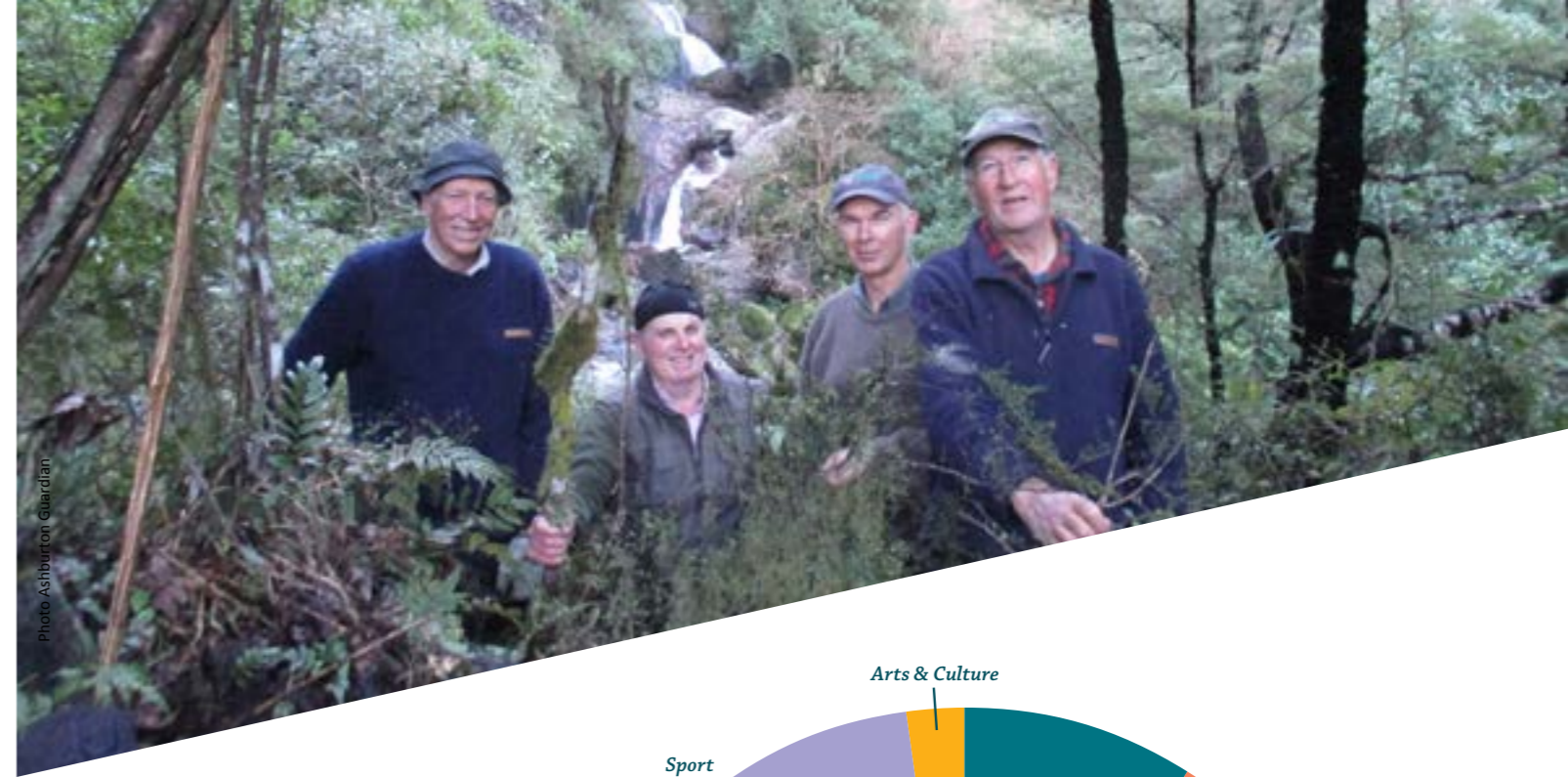
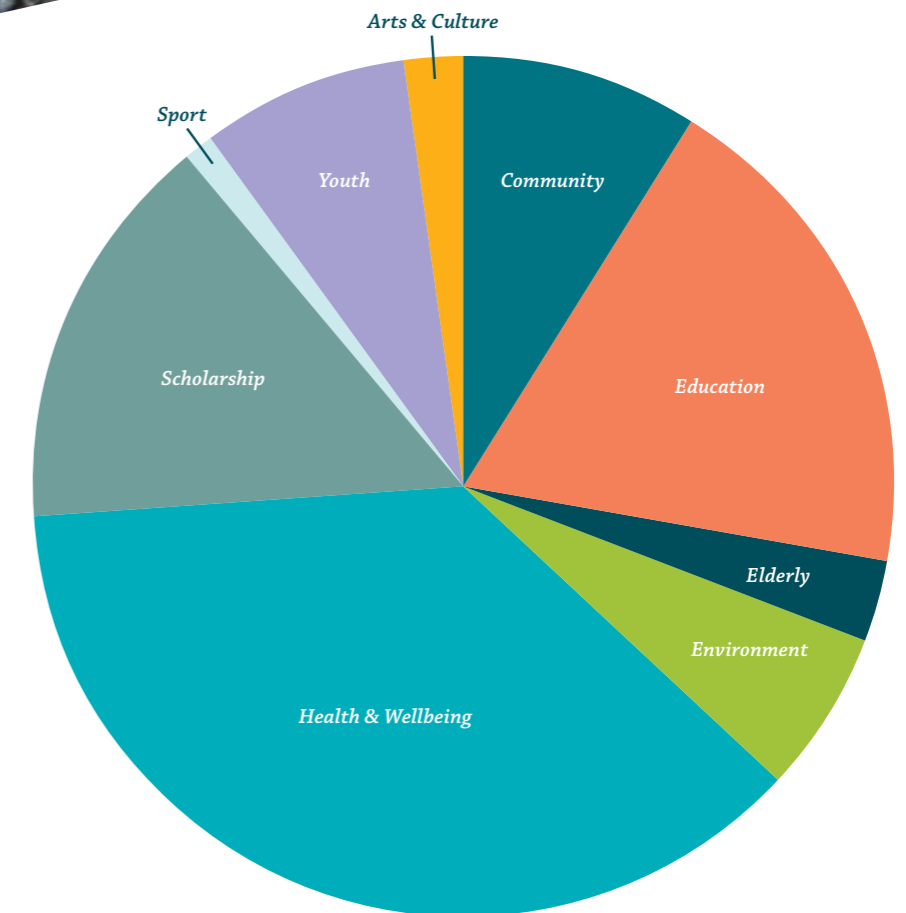


Photo: Ashburton Guardian

GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS 2019/2020



Arts and Culture	\$10,603	2%	Health & Wellbeing	\$238,385	37%
Community	\$57,775	9%	Scholarship	\$97,500	15%
Education	\$122,174	19%	Sport	\$5,000	1%
Elderly	\$22,500	3%	Youth	\$52,463	8%
Environment	\$41,200	6%			

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS

\$647,600

100%



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

What an extraordinary year that we have had. With the arrival of Covid-19 towards the end of the year we have all been faced with one of the biggest upheavals in our lives which will also have serious consequences for our community and the economy.

We have continued with our ongoing goal of connecting generous people that care with causes that matter in the Ashburton District. This year we have made grants totalling \$647,600. We have continued our support of the BOOST Child Literacy programme, the Rural Health Academic Centre at Ashburton Hospital, the Kohanga at Ashburton College and Seabrook McKenzie's work in Ashburton. Our scholarship programme saw us supporting 37 young people with their academic, trade and personal development worth \$87,500. For a complete list of Grant Recipients please see Page 13/14 of this report.

Due to the collapse of financial markets in March the performance of our investment portfolio has been curbed. However, despite this, our results, due to the strength of our portfolio, show a positive outcome of 2.7% for the year. I might add, that during the first 2 months of the new year the portfolio has bounced back by 8%. During the year we received new donations totalling \$603,171 and ended the year with accumulated funds of \$11,897,655 as at 31 March 2020. 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.

We continue to be privileged to be an agency for good in our community. The ongoing support from donors, businesses and other community groups is greatly appreciated. And we also appreciate the contribution to our success from the dedication of our Patron, Trustees, co-opted specialists, and staff, who (apart from our staff) support us with no remuneration.

This is my final Annual Report as Chair of our Foundation. I will be retiring at our Annual General Meeting having been involved with the Foundation since early 2011. It has been a privilege and honour to have been part of the Team that, through the generosity of people and organisations in our community, has been able to make some real difference for the betterment of our community.

TREVOR CROY

Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

It gives me great pleasure to report another successful year for the Foundation.

I am privileged to work with tremendously generous people who want to give back to our community, and in doing so leave a lasting legacy.

We have again seen steady growth in the number of funds that we hold with an increasing number of organisations, individuals and families choosing Advance Ashburton to help causes they are passionate about.

This growth has enabled the Foundation to establish new funding streams for our district. This includes additional initiatives in the environment, palliative care, the Winchmore District, Covid response, as well as several additional scholarships now available.

As well as the specific causes our Donors have funded, we have also seen a significant increase to the Advance Ashburton General Fund. The purpose of the General Fund is to provide funding to whatever are the most pressing needs in our community at any time.

We continue to be incredibly grateful to the wonderful team at RMF Silva who provide the Foundation pro bono legal support. We also give our thanks to our event sponsors, Argyle Welsh Finnigan, Forsyth Barr and the Ashburton Trust Events Centre. With over 600 people attending our functions we have been able to celebrate with our donors, supporters, and the wider community the power of local philanthropy and how it is benefiting our community.

And lastly, I give my thanks to my staff, volunteers and supporters. It is a true honour to be surrounded by such a passionate team. Thank you for your continued support and doing all that you do for our community.

SANDI WOOD

Executive Officer



Students from around Mid Canterbury were able to explore and experience their cultural backgrounds and develop pride in their identity at the annual Hakatere Cultural Festival organised by the Te Huka Tai Trust.



Health professionals working at the Rural Health Academic Centre at Ashburton Hospital train on realistic, full-body mannequins to strengthen skills and confidence.



100 boys aged between 9 and 18 attend the Boxing Academy where they are mentored to live by the values of respect, responsibility, compassion, consideration, kindness, duty, obedience, honesty and truthfulness.



The children at Hinds School and their community have started a long-term project to plant natives and restore the Northern Stream.

OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT



The Friends of the Ashburton hospital have been busy completing 900 hours of knitting to gift woollen clothing, made with love, to each newborn in our community.



This historical village can be enjoyed by future generations thanks to a grant received from Advance Ashburton to refresh the paintwork and signwriting. Around 4500 people visit the Plains Museum each year.



A grant from Advance Ashburton has enabled a detailed assessment of a new walkway to Sharplin Falls which will, once again, enable this beautiful area of our district to be accessible for recreation.



Through the generosity of a local family honouring the memory of an Aunt, 32 primary students who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity, now receive music lessons.



Road safety education
190 students have completed the Road Safety Programme to create safer drivers and responsible passengers.



38 scholarships were awarded valued at \$97,550 from the generosity of 14 Donors.



Students from Ashburton Intermediate and Ashburton College receive the guidance of three highly motivated youth workers each week. The youth workers help our young people to navigate the challenges they are facing and celebrate their successes.



The generosity of one local donor has enabled 193 assessments for learning difficulties in the Ashburton office of Seabrook McKenzie reducing the inequity of access to such services.

OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT



Volunteering Mid and South provides opportunities, connections and training for volunteers in our community thanks to their grant from Advance Ashburton.



The determinants of Pacific peoples' poor health are both numerous and complex. With funding received from Advance Ashburton Fale Pasifika has been able to provide a health programme for the Pasifika mothers in our District.



The leadership group from our district's Early Childhood Centres work together to coordinate, collaborate and share information to strengthen best practice in learning and transitioning to school for our preschool aged children.



The new Methven skatepark is fast becoming an integral part of the community. Hundreds of people of all ages use the facility each week.





Each week 30 Year 9 students get assistance with their reading from Year 12 students through the Reading Mentor Programme at Ashburton College. Both mentor and mentee gain confidence, empathy and leadership skills.



Advance Ashburton provided a grant to Cholmondeley Children's Centre to support 16 vulnerable Ashburton District children and their families who, due to stress, trauma or crisis, required short term emergency respite care.



Over 160 members of Ashburton Senior Citizens have access to social trips and occasions thanks to their grant from Advance Ashburton.



Rural Driving Scheme 24 migrant participants will obtain their driver licences working with local mentors. This programme helps to combat rural isolation and make new friendships in the community.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2020 THE FOUNDATION HAS MADE GRANTS TO:

ARTS AND CULTURE

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| Ashburton Indian Multicultural Charitable Trust | Festival of Lights (Diwali) |
| Ashburton Pottery Society Incorporated | Annual operating costs |
| Ashburton Railway and Preservation Society | Renewal of Printing Work building signwriting |
| Te Huka Tai Trust | Hakatere Multicultural Festival |

COMMUNITY

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| Ashburton Christian Ministers Association | Christmas in the Park |
| Ashburton Community Christmas Lunch | Christmas Lunch |
| Ashburton Toy Library | Resources for children with educational needs |
| Hakatere Maori Komiti | Whakapapa- Ko Au, Te Ao Marama |
| Hakatere Multicultural Council | Newcomers Network events and services |
| Presbyterian Support Upper South Island | Ashburton Budgeting Service |
| Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind | Christmas party for volunteers |
| Ashburton Community Committee | Digital Storytellers Workshop |
| Timebank | Salary for Coordinator and administration costs |
| Volunteering Mid and South Canterbury | |

EDUCATION

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| Ashburton College | Learning Support Assistance for the Kohanga and Reading Mentor Programme |
| Ashburton Learning Centre | BOOST Literacy Programme |
| Hakatere & Opuke Kahui Ako Early Childhood Group | Transition to School Initiative |
| Hampstead School | Music lessons for students |
| Life Education Trust Mid and South Canterbury | Running costs |
| Netherby School | Music lessons for students |
| Mid Canterbury Principals Association | Mind Plus Programme |
| Road Safety Education Limited | Road Safety Education Programme for Ashburton youth |
| Seabrook McKenzie Centre | Providing an Ashburton base for Seabrook McKenzie Centre |
| Young Men's Christian Association of South and Mid Canterbury Incorporated (YMCA) | Resiliency Toolkit Programme at Mount Hutt and Ashburton College |

ELDERLY

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| Ashburton Housing Support Trust | Social housing for the elderly |
| Ashburton Senior Citizens | Van trips for Senior Citizens |
| Seniorcare Geraldine | Contribution towards the purchase of a van |

ENVIRONMENT

Hinds Drain Working Party	Hinds Drains Instream Habitat Diversity Project
Kanuka Trust	Kanuka Schools: Exploring our Footprint
Mount Somers Walkway Society	Sharplin Falls Walking Track Re-routing Program
Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	Protecting and restoring nature in our district

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Ashburton & Rural Health Services	Rural Health Academic Centre
Ashburton Community Alcohol & Drug Services (ACADS)	Website development
Ashburton Hospital Canterbury District Health Board	Refurbishment of facilities for Child Adolescent and Family Mental Health Services (CAFs)
Cancer Society of New Zealand	Ashburton Cancer Society Group
Fale Pasifika O Aoraki	Faboulicious Women
Friends of Ashburton Hospital	Knitting for new-borns: Warm Baby, Safe Baby
Mid Canterbury Emergency Relief Fund	Rural Drivers Licencing Scheme
Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust	Administration and welfare costs
New Zealand Council of Victim Support	Salary for Coordinator
New Zealand Red Cross	Improving lives of vulnerable people in our district
Order of St. John-Ashburton	Providing frontline medical response, and community health initiatives
Pillars Incorporated	PALs Support Group for families with a member in prison or home detention
Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind	Red puppy and Guide Dogs
Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust	Ashburton Parent Education Program (PEPE)
Stopping Violence Services (Christchurch) Incorporated	Behaviour Management & Stopping Violence Programmes in Ashburton
Waitaha Primary Health	Community Connector/Practice Support Navigator

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships	Tertiary, Personal Development, Trade and Industry, Leadership
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SPORT

Mid Canterbury Tennis Charitable Trust	Supporting tennis in our district
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YOUTH

Base Youth Centre	Salary for Coordinator
Cholmondeley Children's Centre	Supporting vulnerable children from the Ashburton District
Kids Methven	Methven Skatepark
Mania-O-Roto	Summer Camp
Mid Canterbury Charitable Trust	Boxing Academy & 24/7 Youth Work

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:

Ashburton Courier	Forsyth Barr	Property Brokers
Ashburton Guardian	Heartland Print	RMF Silva
Ashburton Licensing Trust	Hokonui Radio	Rakaia News
Ashford Handicrafts Ltd	Latitude Magazine	Snowfed
Argyle Welsh Finnigan	Mixing Ink Graphic Design	Trust Events Centre
BNZ	Nor'wester	

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.

GIVE NOW

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).

GIVE LATER

Through your will you can leave a gift to the Foundation, leaving a lasting legacy to the community you care about.

GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

Big or small, it's about economies of scale and through the Foundation every dollar makes a difference

GIVE YOUR WAY

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.

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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