



ADVANCE ASHBURTON
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021



Photo: Ashburton Toy Library

Advance Ashburton's role is to help generous people and companies achieve their dreams for our district. We make it easy for you to impact the community you love now and forever.

Chair Report 2020/2021

The year ending 31st March 2021 was an exceptional year for not only Advance Ashburton, but the world. It was a year in which we were all challenged by the unprecedented COVID19 pandemic. It was a year in which many of the practices and processes of daily life were turned almost upside down. I am proud to report that, despite this, Advance Ashburton continued in its aim and goals to support the community.

Advance Ashburton's goal is to connect caring people with causes that matter most to them. We provide a simple, effective, and cost-effective way to help to build a stronger community within our district. To this end it was an honour to be the recipient of five new funds over the year and to be charged with the responsibility of administering these on behalf of local donors. Accumulated funds held by Advance Ashburton as of 31st March 2021 totalled \$15.2m. which is an increase on the previous year of \$3.3m.

Financial distributions made to the community during the 2020/2021 year totalled \$624,035 and were in accordance with individual donor intentions and requests. This included 47 grants, and 32 scholarships. Support continued for our major catalytic projects that are helping make transformative change in our community. One example is the BOOST Programme that is helping improve the literacy, and confidence, of 7-9-year-olds in the district. Started in 2015, this year 200 children in twenty schools benefited from the one-on-one help from volunteer tutors twice a week over the whole school year. Another example was the co-funding of the inaugural Ashburton-based Rural Medical Immersion Programme for 5th year medical students. These students spent six months with general practitioners, and six months at the Ashburton Hospital gaining clinical experience. It is hoped that one day the district may see the return of some of these young people to support the care of Ashburton district patients. The Leaders Scholar of 2020 was Kerrin Corcoran, deputy Principal of Allenton School, for a digital learning project.

The Neil Sinclair Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Mikaeli Lalor who is studying towards her Masters in geology, researching common climate risks. The many other recipients of grants made, and awards given during the year are listed on page 3 of this report.

The investment portfolio of Advance Ashburton performed very well with an outstanding return for the 2020/2021 year. If you would like to see our detailed Annual Financial Statements, they are available from our office or on the Charities website: www.charities.govt.nz The Board is grateful for the ongoing support from donors, businesses (see the list on page 4 of this report), and other community groups. We also greatly appreciate the work and support of our Patron, Trevor Croy, trustees, co-opted committee members and Friends of Advance Ashburton, all of whom support us for no remuneration.

At the annual general meeting in October 2020, we thanked and farewelled, Patron Roger Bonifant, Trevor Croy as Chair, and Gary Fail, trustee. In December we accepted the resignation of Jo Taylor trustee and Thelma Bell as a member of the Grants Committee. Joining our Foundation team were Ross Gibson and Tim Silva as trustees and Lisa Anderson as a Grants Committee member.

To the trustees, committee members, Friends of Advance Ashburton, thank you for your efforts and wisdom during this last financial year; the year of COVID19. We will continue to make a difference and ensure donations stay local, go further, and last forever.

Mary Ross, Chair

Our Year

Funds under
management
\$15,221,903

Funds
distributed
\$624,035

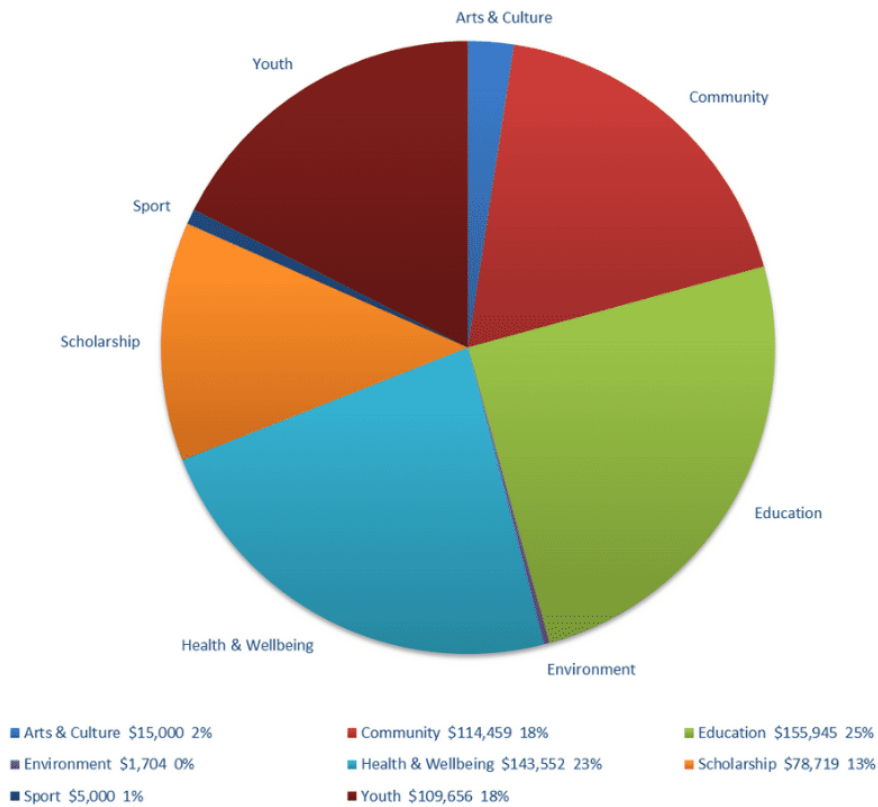
Number of
Trust Funds
45

32
Scholarships

47
Grants

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Grant Distributions 2020/2021



Scholarship Awards

Kate Donald	Aiden Campbell
Diana Barbu	Ari Tipu
Toby Lee	EC Simpson
Ellen Donaldson	Jeffrey Sostinto
Samantha Tuck	Jaffar Nuru
Sam Bubb	Matt Clough
Debra Thomson	Kerrin Corcoran
Philip Whiting	Aimee Elliot
Hamish Begg	Mikaeli Lalor
Taylor Gallagher	Jack Bubb
Caitlin Johnstone	Roman Prazak
Kelsey Campbell	Neil Alombro
Hannah Wakelin	Rebecca Robinson
Lucy Clough	Ben Mcleod
Josh Jones	Scott Kelland
Ainsley Braam-Smith	Jemma Donnelly
Scott Kelland	Travis Stringer
Kate O'Reilly	Grace Leahy

Grant Recipients

YMCA South & Mid Canterbury	Ashburton Cancer Support Group
Arthritis New Zealand	NZ Red Cross
Hakateri Marae Komiti	Order of St John Ashburton
Hakateri Multi Cultural Council	Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society
Birthright Canterbury	Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind (Ashburton)
Ashburton Learning Centre	Waitaha (RCPHO)
Kai for Kids	Hospice Mid Canterbury
Cholmondeley Children's Centre	The Outward Bound Trust of New Zealand
Royal New Zealand Plunket	Mount Hutt College Methven
Tinwald Cycling Club	Wellbeing Opuke
Tinwald Pony Club	Friends of Ashburton Hospital
Ashburton College	Ashburton Community & Health Services
Road Safety Education	Mind Plus
Seabrook McKenzie	Rural support
EOS Ecology	Netherby School
Trotts Garden	Hampstead School
Ronald McDonald House	
Kanuka Mid Canterbury	
Rural Health Academic Centre	

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.

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The Advance Ashburton Team



Patron
Trevor Croy



Trustees

Back L-R Mayor Neil Brown, David Keeley, Mark Scammell, Ross Gibson and Tim Silva
Front L-R Nicki Webster, Mary Ross, Chris Wylie and Elizabeth Ashford



Staff

L-R Sarah Pickard (Finance Secretary)
Naneh Manoa (Office Admin/Grants Secretary)
Vicks Johnson (Executive Officer)

Co-opted Members

Alister Argyle, Allan Bean, Andrew Withers, Angela Leadley, Brendon Adam, Don Church, Frank Luxton, Graham Kennedy, Grant Bonniface, Jan Early, Lisa Anderson and Rachael Redmond.

Friends of Advance Ashburton

Anne Fleming, Margaret Rickard, Nic Baxter, Jan Early, Jan Clucas, Lal Mulligan, Murray Anderson, Kevin Geddes, Angus McKay, Gary Fail, Roger Bonifant, Donna Favel and Fiona Tait.

Community businesses and individuals who generously supported us in our mission during 2020/2021

- Forsyth Barr
- Ashford Handicrafts Ltd
- Argyle, Welsh and Co
- Ashburton Guardian
- Ashburton Trust
- Property Brokers
- Event Centre
- Mixing Ink
- RMF Silva
- Hamish Niles
- Gabites Limited
- Bank of New Zealand
- Ashburton Courier
- Brophy Knight
- Christine McIndoe
- Diane Haslett