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ANNUAL REPORT 2016



OUR MISSION

Connecting people to the art, science and practice of gardening and horticulture

ACTIVITIES - 2016

All about Gardening - 22 times a year

Ramblers - 22 time a year



Workshops and seminars - 10 Winter speaker series - 4 sessions Including Barnett Memorial Certificate in Horticulture - 2 offerings with 5 sessions each Orchards in Schools - 6 new schools in 2016, 13 in total



Pruning Demos - 4 Orchard, roses (2), general
Shows - 3 Spring, Autumn and Oderings Schools Garden Show
Displays - 3 A&P, Spring Show and Autumn Show
Awards Evening and AGM

Members activities - Volunteers and New Members evening, Mid winter lunch and more

Garden Clubs Representatives - hold a regular monthly meeting attended by Board member

Circles - Fruit and Vegetable, Chrysanthemum, Floral Art each with 10 regular meetings



Garden Judging - 2 times a year

Edible Garden Judging - annually but for increasing numbers of community boards

Junior Gardeners - 10 meetings

Tours - Local, National and International

Alhambra Gardens – maintained

Social Media - Facebook page, HortTalk facebook group, Twitter, Website



REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT For the period 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2016

As I write this I am reflecting upon major changes that have taken place within the CHS and greater Christchurch over the last year or more.

One changes is the shifting of our financial year to the calendar year resulting in this Annual General meeting reporting on 18 months rather than 12 months. This enables our activities and finances to reflect what we do each year.

We adopted a new Mission

"Connecting people to the art, science and practice of gardening and horticulture".

This reflects what we do and will continue to do. The focus is on people and connecting or in some cases reconnecting them to the artistic and design side of gardening, the science knowledge base for horticulture and how to put all this into practice in creative, interesting and modern ways.

VALUES

The board has worked tirelessly to improve the nature and quality of all our activities. At the end of this report I have appended a list of all the things we do and if you add them up there are over 200 individual activities we do each year. This is a large, active and successful organisation thanks to you.

One of our most significant changes has been the sale recently of the Horticultural Centre building to Canterbury Cricket Trust. Planning for this started after the earthquakes and has stopped and started as other parties sought to purchase it. The Board completed the final insurance claim for the building and accepted a cash pay out. Special thanks to former board member Athol McCully.

In preparation for the sale arrangements were made to relocate All About Gardening to the Christchurch Bridge Club rooms in Nova place. That has been very successful with new large screen TV and a hired sound system. About 20 new members have joined there since February. We cannot use the Christchurch Bridge Club for everything so we are using other venues for particular activities. Tonight Harcourts Grenadier are providing this venue for us and the Winter Speaker Series at no cost.

So it is the end of one era and the beginning of another.

At the end of 2016 I took the opportunity to count the number of activities we run each year. Over 200 showing the depth and breadth of the CHS. Many of those (approximately 80%) did not take place in the CHS centre but rather out in the gardens and business of Christchurch.

> Workshops and Seminars are now held in our partners premises Oderings, Terra Viva and Magic Moss.

Shows are currently held at the Woolston Club and the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and displays at A & P Show with a major lift in numbers attending.

We have a digital presence with CHS Facebook page (almost 500 likes) and HortTalk (150 likes). We have a twitter account and a large website (www. chsgardens.co.nz). However we are a long way off the pace as NZ Vegetable Gardeners has 46,000 likes and NZ Flower Gardeners 3600 likes. This shows a thirst for knowledge that is desired by New Zealanders and we have work to do.

GPOLE

Not only that we know from various studies that people of all ages have shifted to Encyclopaedia Google. It is instant and valuable information. We may have learn to tell people what is correct information and not the alternative facts!

Our newsletter is distributed in both hard copy and by email and on our website. We try to make it relevant, interesting and useful.

The future still looks bright for the CHS.

Our challenges are

- Quality activities in comfortable and modern venues
- Available to a wider audience through new venues and channels
- Locate activities where the people are or can easily access them
- Accurate information and knowledge
- Welcoming environment for everyone no matter how tentative they are about joining in.

The board cannot do this alone. Members have a depth of knowledge and experience we need to tap into and work out ways to share this knowledge to as many people as possible. So do not be surprised if someone taps you on the shoulder and asks for a little bit of help.

In any one year there are many people to thank for all their efforts over the last 18 months

- The current Board members
- Committee members from the membership who do a tremendous job
- Volunteers in every activities we do
- Members
- Our partners, Oderings, Terra Viva Home & Garden, Magic Moss
- Our Sponsors. Kiwi Gardener, Star Media, Readylawn, Resene, Maxim, Speakerphone, Garden Makers, Treetech, Allwood Trees, Portstone Garden Centre & Cafe.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

31 December 2016

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Summary Statement of Financial Performance

For The Eighteen Months Ended 31 December 2016

	31/12/2016 18 months	30/06/2014 12 months
Income	20	
Communications	(63,029)	(33,095)
Education	(17,258)	(5,080)
Hagley Centre Rental	(24,393)	12,090
Investment Income incl Unrealised/Realised Gains/Losses	117,286	84,285
Member Subscriptions	22,313	24,411
Other Income	155,458	10,063
Society Activities	(34,853)	4,014
Tours	10,182	17,312
Net Income	165,706	114,000
Operating Expenses		
Administrative Wages	62,065	46,170
Administration & Financial Expenses	83,260	54,104
Total Operating Expenses	145,325	100,274
Net Operating surplus / (deficit) before depreciation	20,381	13,726
Depreciation	45,974	25,981
Net Operating surplus / (deficit) after depreciation	(25,593)	(12,255)
Summary Statement of Financial Position		
As At 31 December 2016		
Society Equity	1,969,249	1,994,842
Current Liabilities	630,231	28,403
Non-Current Liabilities	-	-
Total Funds Employed	2,599,480	2,023,245
Represented by:		
Non-Current Assets	2,565,410	1,990,397
Current Assets	34,070	32,848
Total Assets	2,599,480	2,023,245
Summary Statement of Movements in Equity		
As At 31 December 2016		
Equity at the Beginning of the Year	1,994,842	2,007,082
Net Operating surplus / (deficit) for the period	(25,593)	(12,255)
Other Equity Movements		15
Equity at the End of the Year	1,969,249	1,994,842

NOTES

- 1. The full performance report from which these summary accounts have been derived were authorised for issue on 30 March 2017.
- 2. The specific disclosures included in the summary performance report have been extracted from the full performance report.
- 3. The full performance report of Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc for the eighteen months ended 31 December 2016 was audited and received an unmodified audit opinion on 30 March 2017.
- 4. A full understanding of the Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc 's financial performance and position cannot be gleaned from the summary statements. Copies of the full statements are available on request by emailing office@chs.gardens.co.nz
- 5. Reporting entity: Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc is an Incorporated Society. The performance report of the Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared according to generally accepted accounting practice.
- 6. Events post balance date: The Society has entered into an conditional agreement to sell the Hagley Centre buildings and fit-out. The sale was completed on 31 March 2017.

FINANCIAL COMMENTARY

Financial Performance

The accounts for the extended financial period of 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2016 show a net surplus before depreciation of \$20,381 which reduces to a loss of \$25,593 after depreciation.

Due to the 18 month financial period it is difficult to draw direct comparisons with the preceding 12 month financial year. The net loss of the operating of the Horticultural Hall of \$24,393 reflected the loss of many regular hirers due to the proposed sale of the hall in early 2015 which didn't eventuate. Another factor was the increased number of alternative venues as the rebuild of the city gathered pace.

The Society benefitted significantly from a bequest of \$120,000 from the estate of Audrey Batchelor who, despite considerable enquiry, remains unknown as a previous member or supporter of the Society. This helped to support a considerable increase in Society activities as the earlier metrics clearly demonstrate.

Net tour income decreased to \$10,182 due to a reduction in the longer break tours and an increase of the local day or half-day tours. Overhead costs were, on a pro rata basis, slightly less than in 2015.

Investment Portfolio

The Society's portfolio of financial investments has been managed by ANZ Private Bank and generated a return of 6.5% over the last 12 months of the period. The portfolio had a value of \$1,811,640.87 at balance date of 31 December 2016.

THE BOARD



ALAN JOLLIFFE President (Finance & Property, Communications & Member Services, Awards)

Currently Operations Manager for the College of Engineering at the University of Canterbury, Alan has held senior management positions in Local Government, Tertiary Education and the NZ Historic Places Trust. He is also Chairman of Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust, the Music Centre of Christchurch, Christchurch Garden City Trust and a member of several professional organisations. He is a previous Curator of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, Chairman of the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture, Chairman of the Canterbury Conservation Board and President of the Canterbury Horticultural Society.



ROBYN WHITE (Garden Club Reps)

Robyn is a retired Office Administrator. She is a committee member of the Halswell Garden Club and Club Representative to the CHS Garden & Floral Art Representatives Group. Robyn is also Secretary of the Halswell Combined Probus Club. She is an interested flower gardener who loves annuals. Over the years she has been awarded several Community Pride Garden Award certificates for her flower garden. Robyn was recently elected (June 2016) as the Garden Clubs representative on the Board.



RAY KING (Awards, Finance & Property, Horticultural Events & Education)

Ray is a retired primary school principal and secretary of the CHS Garden and Floral Art representatives' committee. An interested flower gardener who also enjoys the benefits of growing vegetables, fruit and micro greens in a small city garden. She is past president of Ikebana International Christchurch Chapter and secretary of the Sogetsu Teachers' Christchurch Branch.



RACHEL VOGAN (Horticultural Outreach)

Rachel has 25 years' experience as a writer and commentator on gardens. She has used her skills in the print, radio, TV and online media. Rachel was President of the New Zealand Nursery & Garden Industry Association in 2010-11 and was a board member for the period 2004-2011. More recently she has acted as a judge and ambassador for the Christchurchbased Ellerslie International Flower Show. She is frequently engaged as a garden commentator or guest speaker. Her popular topics are growing your own edible garden and garden styles and trends.



DAVID ADAMS (Horticultural Outreach)

David Adams is a Life Member and former President of the Canterbury Horticultural Society. He is also a Life Member and former President of the National Daffodil Society with an International recognition in daffodil culture and breeding. As a retired teacher he brings skills in presentation and practical learning in many other aspects of horticulture.



MICHAEL COULTER (Finance & Property, Horticultural Outreach)

Michael has been a member of the Canterbury Horticultural Society for over 45 years. During this time he has served on the Board, exhibited at shows, judged garden competitions and has been a regular presenter at the monthly All About Gardening sessions. He has a lifetime of experience in horticulture starting as a school boy working after school and during holidays in a flower growing nursery, then studying at Lincoln College, nursery work with flowers and indoor plants, 12 years with the landscape department of the Ministry of Works and for the last 33 years with his wife running their own nursery. He enjoys all types of horticulture and likes to share his knowledge and to solve problems for people to enable them to get more enjoyment and better results from their efforts in their gardens.



SANDI MACRAE (Horticultural Events & Education,Communications & Member Services)

Sandi has loved gardens and plants all her life. Based in Christchurch she has been operating her successful Landscape Design Business since 1998 and has been a member of the Canterbury Horticultural Society for the last 15 years. Sandi's background includes an upbringing on the family nursery and working with various NZ plant wholesalers and retail companies. She has collaborated with architects, builders, stonemasons, artists and sculptors over the years to create individual and personalized garden spaces that their owners love. A regular attendee at the Ellerslie Flower Show, Sandi has been awarded Bronze, Silver, Gold and Supreme Design Awards. Having achieved these accolades she was most recently a judge in 2013 and 2014. Sandi brings her collaborative and creative team approach to the Society.



ELIZABETH PEACOCK (Immediate Past President)

Honorary life member of the Society, recipient of a Christchurch Civic Award for services to horticulture, a Silver Service Award from the CHS, and a Gold Award for her Summer Garden. Elizabeth is Vice Chair of the Garden City Trust, twice past president of the CHS, past president, past secretary and current Garden Club Rep and committee member of the Avonhead Garden Club. Also a past president of the CHS Garden Club Representatives Committee. She has co-ordinated the CHS Member Services Committee for several years and has lead the CHS Ramblers over many years and many Kilometers. Elizabeth is a retired primary teacher and reading consultant.



