



Canterbury Horticultural Society

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO
THE ART, SCIENCE AND
PRACTICE OF GARDENING
AND HORTICULTURE

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ACTIVITIES



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

2019 SUMMARY

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

22 times a year

RAMBLERS

22 times a year

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES

4 sessions Including Barnett Memorial

PRUNING DEMOS

Orchards in Schools

SHOWS & DISPLAYS

Chrysanthemum Show
Spring Daffodil Display

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

29 Workshops / Events

MARGARET WATLING

Biannual floral art demonstration

AWARDS EVENING & AGM

JUNIOR GARDENERS

10 meetings

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

Volunteers Christmas thank-you evening

GARDEN CLUB

REPRESENTATIVES

Regular monthly meeting attended by a Board Member

CIRCLES

Fruit & Vegetable, Chrysanthemum and Floral Design each with 10 regular meetings

EDIBLE GARDEN

AWARDS Annually, for increasing numbers of community boards

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook page and HortTalk group, Twitter, Website, Neighbourly, Mailchimp EDMs, Flickr Photos, SMS Reminders, Podcasts

GREEN THUMBS

Radio Programme
12 times per year

HORTICULTURAL HUB

Every weekend

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

- School Holiday Programme
- Chrysanthemum Propagation Workshop (2)
- Eat Your Weeds Workshop
- Rose Pruning Demonstration
- Shrub & Small Tree Pruning Demonstration
- Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop
- Grafting & Summer Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop
- Seminar - Pruning & Training Shrubs and Small Trees
- Watercolour Flowers Short Course
- Fundamentals of Horticulture Night Course
- HortSkills Intermediate Level Horticulture Night Course
- **Kids Workshops**
Planting Pumpkins (2)
Planting Gourds (2)
Grow your own Sunflower (2)
Grow your own microgreens (2)
Making Mini Glasshouses
Beans in Bags
Children's Bulb Planting (6)
- Working with Nature; from wildlife gardening to the wider lands. Talk by Chris Baines



REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

RAY KING

PRESIDENT 2019

2019 was a year of change for the Canterbury Horticulture Society.

We had been without a permanent home for over two years so the signing of the lease for [The Kiosk](#) in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens was a step towards being settled once again.

Many thanks must go to Alan Jolliffe for his persistence in getting us through the tendering process so successfully.

The Society has now been in The Kiosk for a year and it has been transformed into a community space to be enjoyed by our members, partners in The Kiosk and members of the public.

Our partnership with [The Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens](#) was a great help with achieving the lease and their steady help with volunteers on Friday and Sunday every week has been a great benefit to the CHS.

Our most recent partnership with [The Christchurch Enviro Hub](#) has also brought many benefits to the CHS by supplying volunteers when we need them, adding more interesting displays to The Kiosk and planning future activities to enhance our



presence in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

The signage for The Kiosk is almost completed with only the Christchurch Enviro Hub to finalise their art work to be added to the external sign. The flags attract attention and more signs are in the pipeline to advertise exhibitions and shows as they occur.

The Kiosk Calendar is filling up with many regular activities, exhibits and workshops planned by ourselves and our partners and all are available to our Members as of right to attend. These events are advertised in the monthly newsletter and on the CHS and Botanic Gardens websites and Facebook pages.

Improvements to the building have taken quite a while to complete, however, we now have a very compact but efficient kitchen at our disposal which enhances our ability to attract more activities into The Kiosk.

The upgrading of our electronic displays is an on-going job undertaken by our board member Kelly Perazzolo and which takes a huge amount of time.

We are steadily replacing old screens

and monitors which will help with ease of use.

At this stage, with another 4 years to run of the current lease we are in a good position to look ahead and plan for the future of the Society.

Our Members are the Society's most important asset, the board appreciates this and will work to improve and extend events in the coming months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current board, many of whom give up an enormous amount of time to plan activities, care for our finances, and look after the building, all the things that need doing to make the Society work.

Special thanks go to Lorraine Campbell who took over the role of organising events and AAG, a huge job for one person. Lorraine has decided to step down from the board but will still look after the organisation of events and AAG.

ORCHARDS IN SCHOOLS LEGACY PROJECT

In 2019 orchards were planted at Marshland School, Wigram School, South New Brighton School, Breens Intermediate and Bishopdale School. taking the participation up to 29 schools. *Thanks to Mary Tingey for her efforts in continuing this project.*

THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS

Last but certainly not least I must thank our team of volunteers who keep The Kiosk manned all week, and answer the myriad of questions from our visitors.

For All About Gardening, **Michael Coulter** and his excellent advice and sharing of knowledge and the volunteers who work each month to prepare for AAG and all the outside work of the Society,

Annette Hill and **Alan Jolliffe** for their numerous weekend workshops and demonstrations.

Keith Mitchelmore who organises The Ramblers, **David Adams** for the Edible Gardens, **Mary Tingey** for Orchards in Schools and anyone I have forgotten to mention.

It takes many hands to provide all the activities that the CHS provides.





CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

- **Financial viability** of the CHS and watching the geopolitical situation
- **The Kiosk:** maintaining and improving our level of events and community participation particularly in this challenging time
- Widening our focus on **Gardening and Horticulture** to encourage more participation from a diverse group of potential members


None of us could do half of what we achieve without the splendid work that Liz Parder our Office Manager and Emma Velde, our Communications Officer do for us, my heartfelt thanks go to them for all they do during the year.

I would like to thank you all for your attendance this evening and move that this report be received.



Ray King

President, Canterbury Horticultural Society



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

31 DECEMBER

2019

CANTERBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2019

Prepared by Ainger Tomlin Chartered Accountants

	NOTES	31 DEC 2019	31 DEC 2018
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash	3	21,779	15,599
Debtors and prepayments		7,250	8,065
Total Current Assets		29,029	23,664
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	4	28,793	23,238
ANZ Private Bank - Growth		1,206,202	1,187,769
ANZ Private Bank - Income		816,159	919,347
Total Non-Current Assets		2,051,154	2,130,354
Total Assets		2,080,182	2,154,018
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
GST		601	1,637
Creditors and accrued expenses		5,296	5,763
Employee costs payable		6,792	6,818
Unused donations and grants with conditions		2,182	7,922
Income in Advance		16,162	18,420
Society Activities - Canterbury A&P Show		-	1,428
Total Current Liabilities		31,032	41,989
Total Liabilities		31,032	41,989
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		2,049,150	2,112,029
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	5	2,012,395	2,075,274
Special Funds		36,755	36,755
Total Accumulated Funds		2,049,150	2,112,029

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The 2019 year highlights were:

Total revenue was reduced due to no longer selling garden tours and a reduction (\$65,000) in the requirement to cash in some of our investments. It should be noted that Subscriptions, our basic income were \$17,513 (2018 \$19,437 and 2017 \$22,669) and with membership dropping by 106 to 362 at year end.

Total expenditure was \$178,520 (2017 \$448,000) with the cost of the Garden Tours being mainly responsible for the difference.

The Operating Loss for the year was \$62,879 which was greater than the 2018 loss of 29,000 and includes the write down of our remaining trophies at a cost of \$6,476.

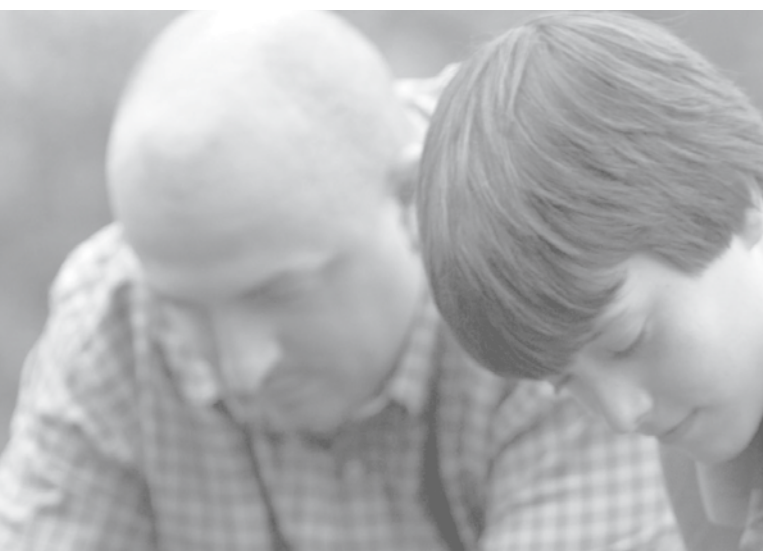
The capital expenditure relates to the lease of The Kiosk and improvements to the Kitchen and a new Computer for the Office Manager.

2019 YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Total Revenue \$115,640 ↓
- Investment Returns realised \$70,372 ↓
- Subscriptions \$17,513 ↓
- Total Expenditure \$178,520 ↓
- Operating Loss \$62,879 ↑
- Capital Expenditure \$16,566 ↑
- Total Equity \$2,049,150 ↓

The total equity at 31 December 2018 was \$2,049,150 (2017 \$2,112,000).

The ANZ investments are split between an Income Portfolio (\$816,000 31/12/19) and a Growth Portfolio (\$1,206,000 31/12/19) and during the year we drew down \$135,000 from the investments (6.4% of our opening equity) to support the cash flow required to operate the Society. The overall investment returns for the 2019 year were, after deducting fees,



24.59% for the Growth Portfolio and 14.43% for the Income Fund. The total investments of \$2,380,530 at 31/12/19 include unrealised gains (i.e. not cashed up) of \$220,000 for the Growth Fund and \$139,000 for the Income Fund.

The breakdown of our investments, including unrealised, as at 31 December 2019 was:

ASSET CLASS	MARKET VALUE \$	PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED PORTFOLIO
International Equities	673,667	28.3%
Australasian Equities	544,812	22.9%
International Property	132,982	5.6%
Australasian Property	118,127	5.0%
International Infrastructure	56,594	2.4%
International Fixed Interest	463,986	19.5%
NZ Fixed Interest	239,468	10.1%
Cash	150,883	6.3%



The Coronavirus Pandemic and resulting falls in the worlds share markets will mean a significant reduction in the equities balances for the first quarter of 2019 although the ANZ expects a general bounce back over time.

The preparation of the Annual Accounts was assisted by Ainger Tomlin and independently audited by Ashton Wheelens with no significant issues being raised.

THE CHS BOARD CURRENT

RAY KING

President

100% attendance

WENDY MARSHALL

November - December 2019

100% attendance

DUDLEY JOHNSON

Vice President / Treasurer

100% attendance

SANDI MACRAE

Resigned June 2019

100% attendance

KELLY PERAZZOLO

80% attendance

ALLAN PATERSON

Resigned June 2019

100% attendance

RACHEL VOGAN

90% attendance

ROBYN WHITE

Garden Club

Representative

100% attendance

MICHELLE MOORE

90% attendance

LORRAINE CAMPBELL

100% attendance

