



Canterbury Horticultural Society

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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

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ACTIVITIES



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

2021 SUMMARY

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

12 (usually 22 times a year)

RAMBLERS

10 (usually 22 times a year)

WINTER SPEAKER

SERIES (cancelled)

SHOWS & DISPLAYS

GROW Ōtautahi
Chrysanthemum Show
(SI National show)

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

34 Workshops / Events

AGM

30 March 2021

JUNIOR GARDENERS

8 meetings (usually 10)

MEMBERS ACTIVITIES

Volunteers' morning tea

GARDEN CLUB

REPRESENTATIVES

7 meetings per year
attended by CHS Board
Member (usually 11)

CIRCLES

5 meetings (usually 10)

Fruit & Vegetable,
Chrysanthemum and
Floral Design

EDIBLE GARDEN AWARDS

2 Community Boards

WATERCOLOUR GROUP

17 meetings (usually 10)

BOT TOTS

29 Sessions (usually 39)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook Page and
HortTalk Group, Twitter,
Website, Neighbourly,
Mailchimp EDMs, Flickr
Photos, SMS Reminders,
Podcasts, Instagram

GREEN THUMBS

Radio Programme
12 times per year

HORTICULTURAL HUB

Every weekend

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

- The Art of the Indoor Plant Workshops / Courses (17)
- Bulbs in Containers (1)
- Christmas Workshops (3)
- Garden Tools Maintenance (1)
- Growing Mushrooms at Home - Demonstration (1)
- HortSkills (2)
- Growing Hydroponically (1)
- Indoor Edibles (1)
- Organic Home Gardening - Course (1)
- Outdoor Propagation (2)
- Seed Sowing Workshop (1)
- Pruning Workshops (3)



REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

RAY KING

PRESIDENT 2021

2021 was another challenging year for the Society with Covid-19 lasting much longer than we ever expected. This meant a huge disruption to our normal programme and to the lives of our Members. Our 160th anniversary celebrations have been on hold until we can fully welcome everyone back to The Kiosk, hopefully sooner rather than later.

We started the year bidding farewell to our Office Manager, Liz Parder, who left us to have some adventures. A farewell function was held for her in January attended by many who had worked and interacted with her over her years with us.

Chrissie Stevens joined us as full time Manager in April and settled in quickly. Unfortunately she found working full time with young children didn't work out well for the family and she departed in August after working out her notice.



POSIES CREATED BY GARDEN CLUB REPS FOR
THE GROW ŌTAUTAHI FESTIVAL.

Whilst Chrissie was with us we managed to build our office space with the extra storage that was so badly needed.

After advertising for a new Manager and interviewing several applicants, it came down to the final few having to be interviewed by Zoom, not a wonderful experience but fortunately for us we were able to appoint Sharnaé Beardsley to the position of Manager. Sharnaé has rapidly come up to speed, becoming a valuable asset to the Society.

We had employed two programme



CAITLIN JOY FROM FREYA FLORA DEMONSTRATES HER CRAFT DURING THE POPULAR CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS

coordinators but found that was not working out very well, Rachel Oliver became our coordinator with extended hours and a much broader position description. Rachel has put



MICHAEL COULTER CONTINUES TO SHARE HIS KNOWLEDGE AT ALL ABOUT GARDENING



BOT TOTS IN SESSION AT THE KIOSK

an enormous amount of energy into creating interesting, informative and challenging courses and workshops for our Members and for the public in general.

A good number of attendees add a Membership subscription to their workshop or course purchase which has been great to see.

Along with the highly popular Art of the Indoor Plant programme, Bot Tots, the weekly programme for preschoolers based on horticultural themes, has been a great success and secured funding from Christchurch City Council.



RACHEL OLIVER RUNS A SEED TAPE MAKING DROP IN SESSION DURING KIDSFEST

In November we farewelled Mary Tingey, Coordinator of our Orchards in Schools Programme. Mary decided to move north to be with her family. Rachel accepted the position of Orchards in Schools Coordinator and was able to spend time with Mary before she departed so the transition was very smooth.

The Board and staff have been trying various ways to provide programmes and items of interest for our Members as so many are cautious about meeting in big groups. At the beginning of December we tried our first Zoom meeting which was well received by those who joined the team. We decided then that technology would play a much larger role in our normal business, especially to maintain and grow our Membership.

We continue to work closely, and very well with our partners in The Kiosk. Like us they have faced similar challenges to do with Covid-19, but between us we have managed to keep The Kiosk open, and to hold a good number of activities.

I would like to thank Alan Jolliffe, Michael Coulter and David Adams for putting up with me and for being such great supporters of everything we have tried this year. I also want to thank our Patron, Neiel Drain for always being willing to lend an ear when I have needed some advice or some historic knowledge. Neiel you have been an enormous help to me over the last three years and I have



MARY TINGEY FAREWELL WITH ALLAN PATERSON (BADGER) AND RAY KING

ORCHARDS IN SCHOOLS LEGACY PROJECT

After an impressive six years as Orchards in Schools coordinator Mary departed at the end of 2021 to join whanau in the North Island.

An instrumental force in establishing the extensive programme, during her tenure Mary helped over 30 schools establish orchards.

Mary's legacy is being taken up by Rachel Oliver, our current programme Coordinator. Rachel hopes to share her passion for horticulture and inspire children to enjoy a lifelong love of gardening.

In 2021 the programme welcomed Rowley School, Cashmere High School, Templeton School, Papanoa St School, Bromley School and Halswell Residential College who are sharing trees with Sommerfield School.

These schools planted trees in August, taking the overall participation up to 39 schools.

THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS

felt privileged to be able to call on you at any time.

Our volunteers, as always, are wonderful. Thank you all for being such great support during the last difficult 12 months, we really couldn't do even half of what we do without your help.

Thank you to our staff for getting us through the trying times during the year, the computer crashing, the cancellations, the can we / can't we times that became so exhausting, I can only admire your patience and persistence to keep things going. Thank you also for having so quickly become a well- knit and productive team.

Of course I cannot leave you without thanking the Board Members who have pulled together all year. Thank you once again Dudley Johnson for presenting such clear and easily understood financial reports each month, to Kelly Perazzolo for his technological advice and input and for carrying on the work to install fibre broadband into the building.

Thank you Amy Wilson for bringing a breath of fresh air and new ideas to the Board.

Thanks to Gail Scrivener for the work she has been doing to keep our Garden Clubs active and informed. Allan Patterson has been our representative on Edible Canterbury and has been involved with our Orchards in Schools Programme as we develop it further. Michele Moore was on the board but resigned part way through the year.

As in all organisations there are very many people who work quietly and unobtrusively in the background. These people are often the husbands, wives, partners and best friends of our Board Members and our contributors and presenters, To those people I give my thanks for without your support we cannot get on with the work we are doing.

As this is my final report as President of Canterbury Horticultural Society I would like to thank you all for coming this evening and for the support and help you have given me and the Board.

I move that this report be accepted.



Ray King

March 29th 2022

Leo's Fountain (so named for Leo Clark, a well respected horticulturist), seen here on display for the first time in fifty years at the GROW Ōtautahi Festival.





DAVID MILNE (TOP)
WITH HORTSKILLS
PARTICIPANTS

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 and planning towards renewing our lease on The Kiosk
- Widening our focus on **Gardening and Horticulture** to encourage more participation from a diverse group of potential members

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

31 DECEMBER

2021

CANTERBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2021

Prepared by Ainger Tomlin Chartered Accountants

	NOTES	31 DEC 2021	31 DEC 2020
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash	3	12,119	23,863
Debtors and prepayments		16,310	4,820
Total Current Assets		28,429	28,683
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	33,693	27,378
ANZ Private Bank - Growth		1,302,087	1,240,714
ANZ Private Bank - Income		646,441	748,589
Total Non-Current Assets		1,982,221	2,016,681
Total Assets		2,010,650	2,045,364
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
GST		3,277	1,460
Creditors and accrued expenses		4,237	4,147
Employee costs payable		4,486	7,831
Income in Advance		19,149	13,245
Funds Held - Daffodil Circle		7,579	-
Total Current Liabilities		38,728	26,682
Total Liabilities		38,728	26,682
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		1,971,922	2,018,682
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	4	1,935,167	1,981,927
Special Funds		36,755	36,755
Total Accumulated Funds		1,971,922	2,018,682

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The 2021 year highlights were:

Total income was increased due to the increased workshops being run through the work of our

Program Co-ordinator with demand often exceeding places available.

Total expenditure was \$226,656 (\$163,273) including a grant to the Christchurch Botanic Gardens for the Magnetic Observatory Project of \$20,000 and the costs of the growing Workshop Program with a full year of the Program Co-ordinator (2020 from four months).

The Operating Loss for the year was \$46,738 (\$30,469) which was attributable mainly to the additional workshops and the Grant of \$20,000 to the Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

The capital expenditure relates to improvements to the security and lighting in The Kiosk.

The total equity at 31 December 2021 was \$1,971,944 (\$2,018,682).

The ANZ investments are split between an Income Portfolio \$754,370

2021 YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

2020 FIGURES IN BRACKETS

- **Total Revenue**
\$179,918 (\$132,804)
- **Including Subscriptions**
\$13,286 (\$13,753)
- **Investment Returns taken up**
\$120,714 (\$71,950)
- **Total Expenditure**
\$226,656 (\$163,273)
- **Including Salaries and Contractors**
\$116,185 (\$89,168)
- **Operating Loss**
\$46,738 (\$30,469)
- **Capital Expenditure**
\$10,896 (\$4,626)
- **Total Equity**
\$1,971,944 (\$2,018,682)

(\$901,008) and a Growth Portfolio \$1,799,788 (\$1,558,166) and during the year we drew down \$145,000

The breakdown of our investments, including unrealised returns, as at 31 December 2021 was:

(\$035,000) from the investments (5.1% of our opening equity) to support the cash flow required to operate the Society.

The overall investment returns for the 2021 year were, after deducting fees of \$9,915 for the Growth Portfolio and \$6,597 for the Income Fund. The total investments of \$2,554,158 (\$2,380,530)

ASSET CLASS	MARKET VALUE \$	PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED PORTFOLIO
International Equities	896,597	35.2%
Australasian Equities	544,510	21.3%
International Property	158,803	6.2%
Australasian Property	122,970	4.8%
International Infrastructure	92,891	3.6%
International Fixed Interest	309,863	12.1%
NZ Fixed Interest	245,065	9.6%
Cash	183,459	7.2%

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

at 31/12/21 includes unrealised gains (i.e. not cashed up) of \$497,000 for the Growth Fund and \$107,000 for the Income Fund. We receive comprehensive investment reports each quarter and receive regular briefings from the ANZ Private Bankers.

The War in Ukraine and resulting falls in the worlds share markets has meant a significant reduction in the equities balances for the first quarter of 2022 and as at 16 th March there had been a \$224,000 reduction in the balances including unrealised profits/losses with total investments at \$2,364,000.

THE CHS BOARD

CURRENT

RAY KING

President

GAIL SCRIVENER

Garden Club

Representative

KELLY PERAZZOLO

Vice President

AMY WILSON

DUDLEY JOHNSON

Treasurer

MICHELE MOORE

Resigned September 2021

ALLAN PATERSON