



*Canterbury Horticultural Society*

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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

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## Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc.

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# ACTIVITIES



## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### 2022 SUMMARY

#### A&P Show

Floral displays by CHS  
Garden Clubs (1)

#### Botanic Gardens

##### Uncovered

Members walks (4)

#### Bot Tots

Sessions (36)

#### Chrysanthemum Group

Meetings (8)

#### CHS 160th Anniversary Celebration (1)

#### CHS AGM (1)

#### CHS Awards Evening (1)

#### CHS Members Film Screenings (3)

#### CHS Members Quiz (2)

#### Edible & Sustainable Garden Awards (1)

In partnership with two  
Community Boards

#### Educators Hui

Promoting Orchards in  
Schools (1)

#### Floral Design Group

Meetings (22)

#### Fruit & Vegetable Group

Meetings (10)

#### Garden Club

#### Representatives

**Meetings** attended by  
CHS Board Member (11)

#### Garden Life

Previously known as All  
About Gardening (16)

#### Green Thumbs Radio Programme (12)

#### Horticultural Hub

Every weekend

#### Junior Gardeners (1) (Dissolved 2022)

#### Margaret Watling Floral Art Demonstration (1)

#### Plant/Flower Shows & Displays (6)

#### Ramblers Walks (12) (Dissolved 2022)

#### Social Media: Facebook:

*Page, Group, Adverts*  
Twitter, Instagram,  
Website, Mailchimp  
EDMs, Flickr Photos,  
SMS Reminders, Podcasts

#### Volunteers Morning Tea (2)

#### Watercolour Group

Meetings (22)

#### Workshops & Courses (26)

## WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

- A Spring Flower Show  
*160 Years of the CHS*
- Biochar
- Bonsai Curious Course
- Botanical Photography
- Bulbs in Containers
- Butterfly Bounty
- Christmas Workshops (3)
- Establishing Fruit Trees
- Floristry Foundations
- Fruit Tree Workshops (Grafting,  
and Pruning x 2)
- Garden Design
- Garden Organic Course
- Growing Seeds to Save
- Handy Home Hydroponics
- Horticulture at Home
- How to Grow Lilies
- Introduction to Botanical Drawing
- Know Your Soil
- Macramé
- Margaret Watling Demonstration
- Propagation Workshops (2)
- Rose Pruning
- Seed Sowing
- Winter Vegetable Growing
- Year Round Vegetable Growing

# REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

**ALLAN PATERSON**

PRESIDENT 2022

Hi all,

Covid and catchup was the theme to my first year as President.

By the time we got past last year's Covid postponed events, it was time for our 160th celebrations then Christmas and here we are!

Firstly, I would like to thank the volunteers and staff for their endless work behind the scenes. Activity appeared unstoppable, with fantastic results.

A huge thank you to the CHS Board Members who have worked continuously on events throughout the year. We have been working to tidy up loose ends and look after the pennies. Meaning we've been behind the scenes, reviewing course costs and venue hire (to external parties) and ensuring these are positioned at the correct market value. Basically just keeping an eye on the overhead costs.



*Bot tots in session at the Kiosk*



The major changes we have accomplished are:

- Re branding All About Gardening to Garden Life (two sessions on one day); easier to manage and more sustainable for staff and guest speakers
- Slight increase in subs to assist with CHS day-to-day running costs
- Mayor Phil Mauger becoming the CHS Patron, along with improved communication with the Christchurch City Council
- Orchard in Schools - pruning and tidy-up of numerous schools
- CHS Constitution review and update (huge thanks to treasurer, Amy Wilson for her efforts)



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It's been a fantastic team who have worked well together to achieve the above and more.

The intention for 2023 is to provide the CHS a strategic long term direction. Whether it is in bigger courses or more quick fire workshops, we will be asking your opinions and listening.

Our financial objective is to increase income to meet at least half (if not more) of overhead spend with the interest on investments achieving the

remainder, for a balanced bottom line.

The finances have been up and down this year, with our investment affected by an unsettled market. Some losses were made, but the recommended action is to listen to the experts and wait for results.

An excellent result from this year has been improved communication with our partners including:

- Southern Seed Exchange
- Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens
- Christchurch Botanic Gardens
- Richmond Community Gardens
- Christchurch Envirohub & Enrovikids
- Community gardens and many others

This can be largely credited to the CHS Board with great support from Manager Sharnaé Beardsley, who joined the CHS in 2021 and has done a fabulous job which I wish to acknowledge.



*Rachel Oliver (left) & Sharnaé Beardsley at the Educators Hui*

Moving forward successfully will consist of the Board listening to what our members need and want from the CHS, along with evaluating how we can continue to work positively within our community.



*In attendance at the Kiosk for the celebration of the Society's 160th Anniversary - from left: Cr Yani Johanson, Patron Niel Drain, Mayor Lianne Dalziel, President Allan Paterson and Manager Sharnaé Beardsley.*



*Botanic Gardens Uncovered*



## ORCHARDS IN SCHOOLS LEGACY PROJECT

The CHS is proud of its legacy project that connects children with how to grow their own food. The programme is now in its 8th year, with nearly 40 schools within the greater Christchurch area involved.

Orchards in Schools highlights where food comes from by providing a connection to food production. Through exploring nature and its processes (e.g. pollination) tamariki will understand the interconnected role of every living thing. The practical, outdoors, hands-on style of the programme suits a broad range of learners.

The programme helps schools identify a suitable location within the school grounds, provide the fruit trees, support teachers and caretakers, provide a trained teacher who works alongside students to maintain their orchard with three visits a year (Spring, Autumn and Winter). All sessions are outside in the orchard observing and interacting with the trees and can be tailored to any age, from new-entrants to high school horticultural students.

We're delighted with the progress Co-ordinator Rachel Oliver has achieved in her first year.



## THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS

The Board has a vital role in deciding on the strategic direction of the Society and ensuring it is achieved. Daily operations, education and renewing the Lease for The Kiosk for a maximum length of time are high on the Board's priority as we move into 2023.

The Society relies heavily on the voluntary inputs of time and expertise of its Members and I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed in this way. Especially those who have supported me personally over the past learning-curve year. I look forward to an exciting, constructive year ahead.



*Allan Paterson*  
CHS President



*Hamish & Tim Prebble from Texture Plants receive the Outstanding Horticulturist Award*



*David Adams wrapping up Junior Gardeners 2022. Thank you Dave for your guidance and mentoring of these young gardeners, who kept returning year by year (even after reaching university age!) Your dedication to the programme and the CHS is an inspiration to us all!*



*Bot tots in session at the Kiosk*

## 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

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2022



# CANTERBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2022

*Prepared by Ainger Tomlin Chartered Accountants*

	NOTES	31 DEC 2022	31 DEC 2021
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank accounts and cash	3	13,642	12,317
Debtors and prepayments		6,447	16,112
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>20,089</b>	<b>28,429</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	31,066	33,693
ANZ Private Bank - Growth		1,361,973	1,302,087
ANZ Private Bank - Income		487,226	646,441
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>1,880,265</b>	<b>1,982,221</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,900,354</b>	<b>2,010,650</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
GST		1,980	3,277
Creditors and accrued expenses		3,597	4,237
Employee costs payable		6,631	4,486
Income in Advance		11,341	19,149
Funds Held - Daffodil Circle		7,629	7,579
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>31,178</b>	<b>38,728</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>31,178</b>	<b>38,728</b>
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)</b>		<b>1,869,176</b>	<b>1,971,922</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	4	1,830,754	1,935,167
Special Funds		37,193	36,755
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>		<b>1,867,946</b>	<b>1,971,922</b>

# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The 2022 year highlights were:

Total income was reduced, primarily due to the drop in interest rates on our investments, but also due to a reduction in fundraising and donations received.

Membership subscriptions increased our revenue, and income from other goods and services e.g. workshops, remained relatively steady.

Total expenditure was \$252,511 (2021: \$226,656) with significant increases in employee costs and continuing improvements to the Kiosk.

The Operating Loss for the year was \$103,183 (2021: loss of \$46,759) which was partly attributable to the reduction in interest and realised gains on our investments, and the increase in employee costs and facility improvements.

The capital expenditure relates to improvements to security, audiovisual equipment, and the office space in The Kiosk.

The total equity at 31 December 2022 was \$1,869,176 (2021: \$1,971,922).

The ANZ investments are split between an Income Portfolio \$487,226 (2021: \$626,441)

## 2022 YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

2021 FIGURES IN BRACKETS

- **Total Revenue**  
**\$149,327** (\$179,896)
- **Including Subscriptions**  
**\$17,719** (\$13,265)
- **Investment Returns taken up**  
**\$89,896** (\$120,714)
- **Total Expenditure**  
**\$252,511** (\$226,656)
- **Including Salaries and Contractors**  
**\$148,521** (\$116,185)
- **Operating Loss**  
**\$103,183** (\$46,759)
- **Capital Expenditure**  
**\$2,110** (\$10,896)
- **Total Equity**  
**\$1,867,946** (\$1,971,922)

and a Growth Portfolio \$1,361,973 (2021: \$1,302,087) and during the year we drew



**The breakdown of our investments, including unrealised returns, as at 31 December 2022 was:**

ASSET CLASS	MARKET VALUE \$	% OF COMBINED PORTFOLIO
International Equities	656,804	35.2%
Australasian Equities	404,967	20%
International Property	105,572	5.2%
Australasian Property	96,788	4.7%
International Infrastructure	92,891	3.6%
International Fixed Interest	74,226	19%
NZ Fixed Interest	219,890	11%
Cash	79,078	4%

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

down \$175,000 (2021: \$145,000) from the investments (6.9% of our opening equity) to support the cash flow required to operate the Society.

The combined realised investment losses for the 2022 year were \$33,905, and the service fees were \$9,683 for the Growth Portfolio and \$5,478 for the Income Fund. The total investments of \$2,020,962 (2021: \$2,554,158) at 31/12/22 includes unrealised losses of \$260,589 for the Growth Fund and \$64,825 for the Income Fund. We receive comprehensive investment reports each quarter and receive regular briefings from the ANZ Private Bankers.

2022 ended on a positive note for our investments, with inflation rates slowing, and most equity markets delivering gains for the final quarter. Although our investment has shown losses this past financial year, overall the CHS investment is in a reasonable position to regain some equity provided we can reduce the frequent drawdowns upon our Income Fund.

# THE CHS BOARD

## CURRENT

**ALLAN PATERSON**

President

**KELLY PERAZZOLO**

**HANNAH BOLTON**

**AMY WILSON**

Treasurer | Vice President

**GAIL SCRIVENER**

Garden Club

Representative

### BEREAVEMENTS

*We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our recently departed CHS Members*

- Nancy Meherne
- Sir Miles Warren
- Maree Khouri
- Nedra Johnson
- John Broughton

*If we have missed your loved one off this list please contact us so we can acknowledge them in our next publication.*