



Canterbury Horticultural Society

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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

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ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

2023 SUMMARY

A&P Show

Floral displays by CHS
Garden Clubs (1)

Allan Herbarium Tour

Tai Tapu Sculpture

Garden Visit

Members excursions (2)

Bot Tots

Sessions (36)

Chrysanthemum Group

Meetings (8)

CHS AGM (1)

CHS Awards Evening (1)

CHS Members Film

Screenings (3)

Edible & Sustainable

Garden Awards (1)

In partnership with four
Community Boards

Floral Design Group

Meetings (22)

Fruit & Vegetable Group

Meetings (10)

Garden Club

Representatives

Meetings attended by
CHS Board Member (11)

Garden Life

Monthly Meeting (22)

Green Thumbs Radio

Programme (12)

Horticultural Hub

Every weekend

Working Bees (10)

Avebury House

Plant/Flower Shows &

Displays (6)

Social Media: Facebook:

Page, Group, Adverts

Twitter, Instagram,

Website, Mailchimp

EDMs, Flickr Photos,

Podcasts

Volunteers Morning

Tea & Guided Walk (1)

Watercolour Group

Meetings (22)

Workshops & Courses

(26)



WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

- Rustic Wreath Workshop
- Christmas Terrarium Workshop
- Chrysanthemum Competition
- Cultivating Carnivores Demo
- Growing Organic Peppers Demo
- Hanging Baskets Demo
- Garden Propagation Workshop
- First Harvest - A Beginners Guide to Growing Veggies Course
- Garden Organic Course
- Botanical Expo Workshops
- Garden Design Course
- Grow Great Vege - Inside & Out Course
- Grapevine Pruning Workshop
- Introduction to Botanical Art Workshop
- Winter Propagation Workshops: *Hardwood Propagation & Fruit Tree Grafting*
- Indoor Plant Propagation Workshop
- Indoor Edibles Workshop
- Rose Pruning Workshop
- Winter Fruit Tree Workshops: *Stonefruit Pruning, Establishing Fruit Trees, Pipfruit Pruning*
- Introduction to Botanical Drawing: Fruit & Berries
- Introduction to Botanical Painting in watercolour: Fruit & Berries
- Garden Organic Workshops
- Sustainable Floristry Course
- Food Forest: Design & Philosophy Workshop

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

ALLAN PATERSON

PRESIDENT 2023

Kia Ora,

Year two of this Presidency has been an interesting year, living with "The Lease" as pending. Now, in April 2024 I am delighted, that after many meetings, discussions, and more meetings, it was approved with an eight-year, eight-month result.

A massive thank-you to the Members and Board Members involved.

Member Numbers

At the end of 2023 Member numbers were steady at 500, and with some movement to a younger demographic.

Finances

ANZ is happy with the performance of the portfolio, and it has been working well. There are still comfortable funds in the bank.

The Kiosk

The Kiosk continues to be a great hub for events, workshops and demonstrations. It's being well used by ourselves, our partners and a growing number of affiliate groups,



Christmas Terrarium Workshop at The Kiosk

including the Canterbury Rose Society and Christchurch Peony Club.

Courses & Workshops

It was a steady, interesting year with as usual, a diverse range of courses and workshops, ranging from Fruit Tree Grafting to Botanical Art and Sustainable Floristry. Demonstrations by relevant organisations were also popular. Cultivating Carnivores and Growing Organic Peppers were well attended, and from a wide range of participants.



Sustainable Floristry Course



Hanging Baskets demonstration at Portstone Garden Centre, November 2023



Hanging Basket Workshop outcome

include art and science, with a strong focus on profitability.

A successful partnership with Portstone Garden Centre saw the Hanging Baskets Demonstration take place in November. Many a gorgeous basket was inspired by this event, including the colourful number opposite shared by a CHS Member.

Following on from this success we will introduce changes in 2024 which include sharing courses run by garden centres with CHS Members. This is cost-effective for all parties, and broadens our range of interests to



Rustic Wreath Workshop at The Kiosk

The Strategic Plan

2023 also saw the conception of a new strategic plan. My thanks to the CHS Board for the time invested to date. This is very much a living document and allows us to organise the direction of Society, both fundamentally and financially.

Botanical Expo

The 2023 Botanical Expo was the most significant event for the year. Held over two days at the Lincoln Events Centre it involved a big commitment from many people. Huge thanks to the crew who worked long and hard to put this together. The CHS showed its colours in both the daffodil display and the level of organisation. A fantastic event.

Orchard In Schools (OIS)

This successful programme continues to grow; along with the trees! Some are now quite large and require maintenance. This will be addressed in 2024.

Ōtākaro Orchard - \$25,000 Donation

Once again, we have invested in both the Ōtākaro Orchard and Urban Garden. This will be an area for getting the hands dirty and doing more practical demonstrations while saving The Kiosk for other events.



Tai Tapu Sculpture garden Visit March 2023



Programme Coordinator Rachel Oliver with Leone Jackson att Bot Tots

Staff Changes

CHS Manager Sharnaé Beardsley departed for one year paternity leave in April. In her place we have been fortunate to have Sonja Tschepp who remains with us until the start of May 2024.

Our passionate Programme Coordinator, Rachel Oliver (pictured above with Maggie and Bot Tots helper Leone), resigned in December. Along with all the wonderful courses and workshops organised throughout the year Rachel also included the Allan Herbarium Tour and Tai Tapu Sculpture Garden Visit to the programme.

Thank-you

From me to you all – especially the CHS Board, thank-you for all the input you have put in over the year. It's been a very enjoyable and interesting time.

Allan Paterson

CHS President

ORCHARDS IN SCHOOLS LEGACY PROJECT

The CHS Orchards in Schools Programme provides traditional life long skills and food resilience.

The programme is now in its 9th year, with 41 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; from dissecting blossoms and thinning fruit in Spring to learning how to handle tools and pruning the trees appropriately in Winter. The programme can be tailored to any age from new entrants to high school horticultural students.

In 2023 our tamariki in the programme had a wonderful year developing their orchards, harvesting fruit and learning all about growing sustainably.

Rachel and the tamariki enjoyed delicious fruit warmed by the sun, frosty mornings pruning, hunting for insects and gazing upon blossom laden bowers.



Te Kāpehu Riccarton School



Isleworth School helping to protect the structure of their young trees by removing excess fruit



Te Waka Unua planting out their new orchard at the Climate Action Campus

THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS



A special shout-out to "Raffle Queen", Anne Gane (picture top left) for her dedication and hard work during the Botanical Expo. A fantastic event made possible with the generous support of everyone involved!

Special thanks also to Dave Adams, Amy Wilson, Libby Woolley, Sharnaé Beardsley, Fay Hodge, Val Price, Sandra Keenan, Felicity Lee, Michael Abrahamson, Clare Thompson, and the CHS crew, Badger, Kelly, Hannah, Sonja (picture above right), Gail (picture middle) and Rachel.



Our Avebury House working bee crew have worked hard to get the ball rolling for the CHS ornamental garden



Former CHS President Ray King is one of the fantastic voices behind Plains FM's Green Thumbs podcast. Hats off to Ray for five incredible years of creating top-notch content! Ray and Lorraine have been the dynamic duo behind some insightful episodes, spreading the gardening gospel in Canterbury.



Leone Jackson has been a regular superstar volunteer at our weekly Bot Tots programme. Many thanks to Leone for her energy and enthusiasm over the past year.



*Floral Photography
workshop with Julia
Atkinson-Dunn*

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

2023

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Total income has increased to \$160,012, primarily due to the realised gains on investment portfolios and changes to these which are mentioned below. Looking at other revenue streams, membership income has increased to \$20,457 (up from \$13,507) as well as an increase in education income from workshops and courses.

Total expenditure has risen to \$284,958 (2022: 252,511) with ongoing costs in employee expenses, contractors, and continuing improvements to our facilities. Salary and contractor expenses remain at similar levels as in 2022 (\$159k). The expenditure also included a 25k contribution towards the Ōtākaro Orchard.

Since 24 August 2023, our investments with ANZ Banking have now been merged into a single Growth Portfolio which has a balance of \$1,513,646 (2022: \$1,361,973) while the remaining balance has been allocated as a Term Investment account (Balance of \$216,000 at December 31, 2023). The Balance of the total investments at 31 December 2023 is \$1,802,095.

For the last quarter of 2023, we had unrealised gains of \$132,853 and realised gains of \$3,044.

2023 YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

2022 FIGURES IN BRACKETS

- **Total Revenue**
\$160,012 (\$145,115)
- **Including Subscriptions**
\$20,457 (\$13,507)
- **Investment Returns taken up**
\$87,444 (\$89,896)
- **Total Expenditure**
\$284,958 (\$252,511)
- **Including Salaries and Contractors**
\$159,335 (\$148,521)
- **Operating Loss**
\$72,923 (\$103,183)
- **Total Equity**
\$1,747.652 (\$1,872,593)



During the year we drew down \$124,000 (a reduction of \$175,000 from 2022) from the investments, initially from the Income portfolio and (on advice from ANZ Private Banking) later from the newly created term investment account.

This is to ensure the funds in the Growth Portfolio are left untouched while allowing us to access the cash flow required to operate the Society. The service fees in 2023 were \$12,699 for the Growth & Income Fund portfolios.

The breakdown of our investments, including unrealised returns, as at 31 December 2023 was:

ASSET CLASS	MARKET VALUE \$	% OF COMBINED PORTFOLIO
International Equities	766,152	42.51%
Australasian Equities	361,086	20.04%
International Property	105,857	6.04%
Australasian Property	96,508	5.36%
International Infrastructure	67,016	3.72%
International Fixed Interest	240,004	13.32%
NZ Fixed Interest	135,380	7.51%
Cash	27,008	1.5%

ANZ Investment Portfolio Summary at 31 December 2023

Value at 31 December 2023	\$1,802,095.65
Portfolio Return % Last 12 months	12.85% (\$197,815.76)
Last 5 years (annualised)	8.48%
Since inception (11 January 2018)	6.57%

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

CANTERBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2023

Prepared by Ainger Tomlin Chartered Accountants

	NOTES	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash	3	27,658	13,642
Debtors and prepayments		902	1,602
GST		687	-
Total Current Assets		29,247	15,245
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	27,934	31,066
Term deposits		216,000	-
ANZ Private Bank - Growth		1,506,246	1,361,973
ANZ Private Bank - Income		-	487,226
Total Non-Current Assets		1,750,179	1,880,265
Total Assets		1,779,426	1,895,510
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
GST		-	1,348
Creditors and accrued expenses		8,178	3,597
Employee costs payable		11,714	6,631
Income in Advance		11,887	11,341
Total Current Liabilities		31,779	22,917
Total Liabilities		31,779	22,917
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		1,747,647	1,872,593
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	4	1,702,831	1,827,771
Reserves	4	7,629	7,629
Special Funds		37,193	37,193
Total Accumulated Funds		1,747,652	1,872,593

THE CHS BOARD

CURRENT

ALLAN PATERSON

President

KELLY PERAZZOLO

Treasurer | Vice President

GAIL SCRIVENER

GAVIN TREADGOLD

HANNAH BOLTON

ROSS BEAUMONT

HILARY HUTTON

Garden Club

Representative

(on leave due to illness)



Manager Sharnaé departing for paternity leave



Michael Coulter sharing his wealth of knowledge at Garden Life September



Ikebana creations from the Floral Design Group