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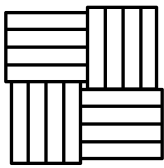
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Safer Mid Canterbury
Hakatere Haumaru
Together we're safer • Me uru kahikatea

Our kaupapa and our story can be told through this woven diamond pattern.

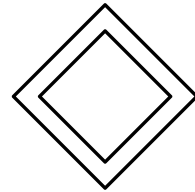
It represents our purpose, our strength and our commitment to working within a bicultural framework. The four colours interwoven in the pattern represent our services and what we are committed to doing within our hāpori every day.



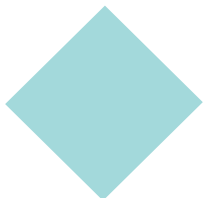
The interlocking strands represent whānau, community, working together, unity, strength and support.



This woven pattern, similar to a kete, represents the passing on of knowledge and the teaching of new skills.



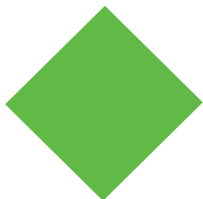
The pātiki shape, which is based on the flounder, symbolises hospitality and the ability to provide for the wider hapori/community.



Working together, unity and whānau.




Passing on knowledge and teaching new skills.



Strengthening and supporting those in need.



Hospitality, providing for a hapori/community.



**Me uru kahikatea
Together we're safer**

Kahikatea grow tall with greater success when they grow in groves. Their shallow roots interlock with each other, providing the necessary foundation to stand tall.

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About Safer Mid Canterbury

Safer Mid Canterbury is a non-profit community organisation that has been operating as a charitable trust since 1994. It provides free and confidential community services for the Ashburton district. We prioritise the delivery of early intervention programmes, to support and strengthen individuals and whānau. We help people to make good choices, providing positive opportunities and pathways for change.



Our history

Safer Mid Canterbury has progressively grown since its inception nearly 30 years ago and now employs a wide range of staff across many programme areas. We also have volunteers supporting these programmes; extensive community support; and engagement with other agencies and providers across the district. Safer Mid Canterbury is the largest locally-driven provider of community services in the Ashburton district.

We deliver programmes and services in response to community need. We support vulnerable families, children, youth justice clients, adult offenders, and new migrants.

Supporting community agencies

Safer Mid Canterbury also employs staff on behalf of small, non-profit organisations including the Hakatere Multicultural Council, Hype Youth Health Centre, and Neighbourhood Support. Staff from these organisations report to their respective Trusts at a governance level, and Safer Mid Canterbury handles their day-to-day management and employment. The structure of this relationship saves small organisations from having to become employers; provides staff with the support and direction of a larger organisation with robust policies and procedures; and saves on administration overheads.

Our supporters





Governance and management structure



Safer Mid Canterbury Board Chairperson's report

Another year has rolled around, and I am proud to report that Safer Mid Canterbury has continued to thrive under the excellent leadership of its General Manager, Kevin Clifford, with great support from capable and committed staff. My first duty is to thank them all, as they continually work for the good of our district with integrity.

Equally, a number of our projects require volunteer assistance, and we continue to find willing people in many quarters. My thanks to them as well. The Ashburton district is, in my view, a community where people "put their money where their mouth is" when it comes to helping others.

There always seems to be big developments to report on, and this year the exciting news at the time of writing this is about our move to new premises, next door to Community House. This will be a positive move for us.

The number of staff we employ has increased and the nature of our work means that shared offices are not ideal for working with clients, so the ability to expand and maintain privacy is a real bonus. We are grateful to the Board of Community House for their continued cooperation with us in making this move possible.

Another big development for us this year was the purchase of a house for use by some of the immigrant families we work with. Careful stewardship of our finances has allowed us to make this purchase as an investment for the future of the resettlement process and for the organisation. We are, as always, very grateful for Ashburton District Council's support.

The range of services we offer is detailed further in this report. I would guess that there are few organisations of our kind – not-for-profit, and committed to the welfare of our community and wider district – that can match the depth and breadth of the work we do. We continue to work on the administrative structures

that guide the day-to-day operation of Safer Mid Canterbury, particularly in seeking support for the General Manager as the organisation grows.

Once again, I am indebted to the members of our Board who oversee all our operations. They are all volunteers, with a wide variety of talents and backgrounds, who are committed to the community and have served it in many ways. Their advice and guidance is invaluable and I would like to thank them for their past, present and future contributions.

In summary, I am pleased and privileged to report on another successful year for our whole team. They do great work.



Don McLeod
Trustee Chairperson, 2023

General Manager's report

Need for community services in Mid Canterbury continues to be substantial, and our teams have worked hard in the last year to ensure demand is being met. Good, affordable housing is, for example, becoming increasingly difficult for whānau to access, and we are regularly working alongside other agencies to find homes for the people we work with.

In the past 12 months, Safer Mid Canterbury supported 784 adults, 590 young people, and 310 children, and we saw many milestones achieved across our services. One of the programmes where we saw the biggest change was the School Attendance Service. As part of a government approach to improve national attendance rates, Mid Canterbury was offered an additional two attendance staff. We were pleased to offer the new role of Pou Whirinaki to Selwyn Price who is joined by three Kaiāwhina Attendance staff, with one being based in Geraldine. Their work involves collaborating closely with schools, kura and families to identify barriers that may prevent tamariki and rangatahi from engaging in education and to find workable solutions.

Due to the growth of Safer Mid Canterbury, the decision has been made to move to a new building that will provide us with more space. We have been lucky to secure a building right next door to our current location, and we will be moving in the next financial year.

In June 2023, we marked the fourth year of the Safe Communities Ashburton District Strategic Plan (2019-2024). Later in this report, Safe Communities discuss several highlights from the year, including the Family Safety Programme; a digital safety partnership; and a community awareness programme about scams and fraud. You can read about their work on pages 12 to 14.

We are delighted that more than 70 Afghani refugees have now settled into new homes, with support from the Refugee Settlement Support Service (RSSS). One of the biggest developments for the service in the last year has been the addition of a clinical nurse and funding to contract in clinical psychologists.

Sadly, we have had to make the difficult decision to stop our children's programme, as a result of Oranga Tamariki reducing its funding across the country. We would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who made this service such a positive experience for so many young people.

The 2022/23 year saw several changes in our teams with a number of staff retiring or moving on to new adventures. We have, however, appointed some excellent new team members who I've been pleased to welcome to our organisation and I look forward to seeing the positive contributions they bring to our services.

I would like to end on a big thank you to all of our staff and volunteers. We are looking forward to another year of doing great work and achieving strong outcomes across all of our services and projects. I would also like to thank our funders and community partners who enable us to provide our services. As always, I am very grateful for the guidance and oversight of the Board.

Ngā mihi nui.



Kevin Clifford
General Manager

Safe Communities Chairperson's report

The last 12 months have been a busy time for Safe Communities Ashburton District as many initiatives that were delayed or put on hold due to COVID-19 were finally able to go ahead.

We were delighted to run the Safety Village at the Ashburton A&P Show in 2022, after being unable to host it since 2019 due to the pandemic. Eleven agencies promoting important safety information participated, and we received a lot of positive feedback from them and the wider community. Planning is already underway to run the village again at the 2023 Show.

Like the rest of the country, we have seen a big increase in the demand for online safety as there have been a growing number of text message and email scams targeting people of all ages. In partnership with Digital Waitaha, a great deal of work is being done in Mid Canterbury to raise awareness of how to spot a scam and also address cyber bullying, for young people. Neighbourhood Support Mid Canterbury, Citizens Advice Bureau and Ashburton Library have been distributing copies of The Little Black Book of Scams around the community. The book has been so popular that more copies had to be ordered.

We have been very fortunate to continue our partnership with the Ashburton Courier newspaper which has allowed us to have a monthly safety article published. The newspaper gets delivered to all households in the district.

With Mt Hutt right on our door step, ski safety has been another part of our work. Sessions to help young people keep safe on the slopes have been delivered to primary schools in Methven, and in four schools around Ashburton in July, 2023.

Another success has been the growth of the Mid Canterbury Connector service, which aims to reduce rural isolation by providing low cost transport for people wanting to get into town. We have been fortunate to have some more volunteer drivers come on board, and following a rural maildrop and word of mouth, the service is going from strength to strength with a large increase in the number of people using it. More details about this are included later in the Annual Report.

Falls in older adults are still one of the biggest safety concerns in the district but we are continuing to run falls prevention and balance classes, and have been working with Sport Canterbury and Age Concern Ashburton to deliver these.

It has been great to see the Ashburton District Council approve a site for an off road bike skills park at the Ashburton Domain, which stemmed from a submission we made on the Walking & Cycling Strategy. Some great stakeholders are working together to deliver a cycling simulation experience that will include roads with signs, pedestrian crossings and lights, for children (and adults) to learn road rules and road safety on their bikes or scooters.

Next year our initial five year strategic plan will finish. We will continue to assess our current initiatives so that when the time comes to develop a new plan, we can identify more areas where we can make a difference to community safety, such as connecting different agencies or responding to community needs.

Thank you as always to our funders, particularly Ashburton District Council and ACC. I would also like to thank Safe Communities Coordinator Lesley Symington for all her hard work, and all of the Safe Communities member agencies for their contributions and dedication.



Liz McMillan

Safe Communities Ashburton
District Chairperson

Hapori Haumaru Safe Communities

The year was a game of two halves for the Safe Communities Ashburton District Programme, with some initiatives bouncing back in the second half of the year following disruption caused by COVID-19.

Safe Communities Ashburton District is a collaboration of 27 agencies involved in a wide range of community safety initiatives. By combining the skills, expertise and resources of different local organisations, a district-wide, strategic approach can help to address community safety issues. Partner agencies include Age Concern Ashburton, Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service (ACADS), Sport Canterbury, the Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust and Mid Canterbury Neighbourhood Support.

The 12 month period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 marked the fourth year of the Safe Communities Ashburton District Strategic Plan (2019-2024). While the long tail of COVID-19 continued to impact initiatives and programmes at the beginning of the year, with fewer agency collaborations due to staffing issues such as illness and redeployment, within a few months the situation began to turn around.

Safe Communities Ashburton District Coordinator Lesley Symington says that from October 2022 onwards, the number of people using the Mid Canterbury Connector community transport service began to increase, and planned collaborations, such as the Safety Village at the A&P Show and the Mid Canterbury Falls Prevention Network, could all go ahead.

“As well as these existing initiatives, new programmes were also developed this year, including the Family Safety Programme; a partnership with Digital Waitaha to promote digital safety to children and young people; and a community awareness programme about scams and fraud, in partnership with Mid Canterbury Neighbourhood Support,” she says.

Following the closure of the Safe Communities Foundation of New Zealand in December 2021, a Transition Working Group was created. Made up of Safe Communities representatives, the team has been working through a process identifying existing roles and activities that need to continue and other activities that could add value to the Safe Communities network and key stakeholders.

Lesley says a new national organisation model has been developed based on feedback received from local Safe Communities. These authorities are also being approached to see if they would be interested in

offering a “home” to a new national Safe Communities’ organisation. Any leftover funding from the Foundation will be used to fund a part-time national coordinator.

Looking ahead, the 2024-2025 financial year will be the final year of the current Safe Communities Strategic Plan (2019-2024), so a new plan will need to be developed. If a national Safe Communities organisation is in place by that time, Ashburton could seek national reaccreditation as a Safe Community, Lesley says.

“The Ashburton district has developed a robust coalition of government and community stakeholders, working across a range of sectors, under the Safe Communities umbrella,” she says.

“Working collaboratively and sharing skills, knowledge, resources, information, ideas, and experience between local community safety agencies, will increase community safety over time. It also enables the group to be responsive to local and national safety issues and concerns as they emerge.”

Safe Communities thanks the Ashburton District Council and ACC for their continued support. Thanks especially goes to the Ashburton District Council for covering the shortfall from January to June 2024, following the cessation of ACC funding.



Ā mātou tutukitanga

Our achievements

The Safe Communities Ashburton District Programme delivered a full and busy year of educational awareness campaigns and initiatives to help keep the community safe. These projects included:

Scams and Fraud

When various scams and fraud attempts began circulating and targeting older people, community action was required. An awareness campaign was developed in collaboration between Mid Canterbury Neighbourhood Support, Mid Canterbury Citizens Advice Bureau, Ashburton Public Library, New Zealand Police, Digital Waitaha and Safe Communities.

During July and August, a six-week awareness campaign was run in the Ashburton Courier newspaper, informing people about scams of all varieties, such as phone, online, romance, and phishing. Information was provided by Digital Waitaha and the Ashburton Public Library, and community talks were given by Mid Canterbury Neighbourhood Support.

Neighbourhood Support Mid Canterbury, Citizens Advice Bureau and Ashburton Library have distributed 400 copies of The Little Black Book of Scams during the campaign.

Theft and Burglary

Following reports of tool theft and burglary from vehicles, homes, and commercial properties, a community awareness campaign was organised in a partnership between Safe Communities and Mid Canterbury Neighbourhood Support.

From April to June, newspaper advertisements were published in the Ashburton Courier, Rakaia Community News, Nor'Wester and Snowfed, which were well received. A display was installed at the Ashburton Public Library and the Neighbourhood Support Coordinator gave talks to community groups.

Flyers were also distributed throughout Ashburton, Rakaia, and Methven.

Schools' Ski Safety "Roadshow"

Based on ACC data that showed skiing and snowboarding were the number one source of sports injury for Ashburton children aged between 0 and 14 years, a ski safety roadshow was launched.

In September, as part of its national 'Have a hmmm' safety awareness campaign, ACC transported a replica of the Rodin statue, The Thinker, which had been up on to the Mt Hutt ski field in the winter of 2022 and was headed for storage, around three local schools to promote ski safety messaging. A total of 392 children attended the safety sessions run by the ACC Injury Prevention Coordinator.

A roadshow was also run in July 2023, involving Mt Hutt staff discussing ski safety with four local schools ahead of their trip up the mountain.

Unintentional Injury to Children

This new programme began in March 2023 to create awareness for parents about dangers in the home for children, such as poisons and medicines.

The Safer Mid Canterbury Family Wellbeing Coordinator was trained in the use of the Safekids Aotearoa Toolkit and other safety resources, and now offers awareness sessions to groups, such as Whānau Āwhina Plunket and preschools.

After attending the sessions, parents are given a Home Safety Checklist to take with them, so they can identify and remove hazards in their homes.

Digital Safety for Children and Youth

Safe Communities collaborated with Digital Waitaha to promote digital safety for parents, children and young people.

Digital Waitaha launched its Whānau Guide to Digital Wellbeing and Safety – practical, age-appropriate advice, easy-to-implement strategies, and conversation starters for parents and caregivers of children of all ages who use digital devices at the first Mid Canterbury Parenting Network meeting on 28 June.

Safety Village Ashburton A&P Show

It was great to be back at the A&P Show for the first time post-COVID-19. Significant time went into planning and coordinating the Safety Village, which involved 11 agencies all promoting a wide variety of safety messages.

Feedback from the community and uptake of safety messages was very positive, and all agencies have expressed a keen desire to return for the 2023 Ashburton A&P Show.

Rural Safety/Isolation

The Mid Canterbury Connector aims to reduce rural and social isolation by providing a low-cost community transport service, driven by volunteers. The service allows people living in rural and remote areas of the district to travel into the Ashburton township for medical appointments, business errands and to see friends and family.

The service was initially slow due to COVID-19, with older passengers more reluctant to get out and about in the community. However, from October 2022 onwards, numbers have continued to grow and young people are also increasingly accessing the service to attend educational courses in Ashburton.

Statistics for the 12-month period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 include:

- 188 passenger trips (compared with 39 last year)
- 23,493km travelled (compared with 7031km last year)
- 463.88 volunteer driver hours (compared with 136 last year)

The Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust currently has nine volunteer drivers. In the year ahead, promoting the service more widely and recruiting more volunteers will be a key focus.

Falls Prevention for Older People

Following a pause due to COVID-19, the Mid Canterbury Falls Prevention Network met in September and November to look at new collaborative projects.

Because numbers in some strength and balance classes had decreased significantly, a newspaper feature was published in the Ashburton Courier newspaper in March to coincide with Age Concern Ashburton's Positive Ageing Expo. The story profiled a 65-year-old local man who had benefitted from participating in strength and balance classes. It also listed all classes throughout the district in a lift-out supplement.

Sport Canterbury and ACC had a stand at the Age Concern Ashburton Positive Ageing Expo in March, promoting the Live Stronger for Longer campaign and offering more than 90 balance tests.

The new ACC Nymbi app was widely promoted through Safe Communities' networks and social media.

Mid Canterbury Parenting Agency Network

Back in 2021, a survey of parents, caregivers and parenting agencies was undertaken as part of a

collaboration between Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service (ACADS), Whānau Āwhina Plunket, Safer Mid Canterbury's Family Wellbeing Service, Community and Public Health, and Safe Communities.

The survey aimed to recognise the positives of parenting in Ashburton, as well as identify any gaps in services or support. A total of 115 parents and 20 professionals responded to the survey, with many parents reporting Ashburton was a great place to bring up children.

In February 2023, a workshop was held with parenting agencies to review the research and present an action plan. The workshop demonstrated support for establishing a Mid Canterbury Parenting Agency Network to collectively implement the action plan, share information, and advocate for the community.

The first meeting of the Mid Canterbury Parenting Agency Network was held on 28 June with a focus on providing information about digital safety for children and teenagers, and current scams to agencies and the parents they work alongside. The Network will meet bi-monthly.

Cycle and Scooter Safety

The Ashburton District Council hosted two meetings in June 2023 to create a working group to develop a bike skills park. The idea was modelled on similar facilities in Timaru and Christchurch.

The group investigated the best location for a facility based on criteria including the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles. The park was approved by the Council to be developed in the Ashburton Domain.

Caring for Communities Action Plan Review

After the Caring for Communities COVID-19 welfare response group was wound down, a small team began reviewing its action plan to identify any outstanding gaps or initiatives, and whether there was anything else Safe Communities needed to do.

Safety Promotion

The Ashburton Courier newspaper's free, monthly Safe Communities' column continued throughout the year, with spaces offered to Safe Communities' member agencies. This has been a great way for community agencies to promote their safety messages and services, and for the Safe Communities' programme to be profiled in local media. Social media has also been used to promote various activities during the year.



Ā mātou tauanga Our statistics

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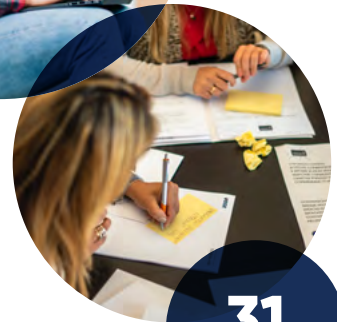
590
youth



784
adults



505
workshops



31
agencies

working in
partnership



310
children



330
refugees and
migrants

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Our trustees



Liz McMillan, *Chair of Safe Communities*

Liz was made Chair of Safe Communities, following her appointment to the Board as Ashburton District Council's representative in September 2017. Liz is the Deputy Mayor of Ashburton and is currently serving her second term on the Council. Liz is also chair of the Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust and was Chair of the Caring for Communities steering group when it was active during the district's COVID-19 response.



Don McLeod, *Chair of Trustees*

Don has been a Safer Mid Canterbury Board member since 2013, including several years as Board Chairperson. He is a former secondary school principal and former Ashburton District Councillor, who has a strong interest in people and the community. He served on the board of Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service (ACADS) for 17 years, including 10 as Chairperson. Other offices held have included being a member of the Community House Mid Canterbury and Neighbourhood Support Boards, and he has twice been President of the Rotary Club of Ashburton.



Jeanette Tarbotton

Jeanette has a long history of community involvement in Mid Canterbury and is a representative of the local chapter of Age Concern, which works in the interests of elderly residents. She has also been involved with Federated Farmers, Rural Women New Zealand, and the Ashburton Lions Club.



Max Cawte

Max is the managing director of Ashburton Powdercoating and has been contributing his skills and knowledge to Safer Mid Canterbury for more than 12 years, including eight as a trustee. He is a long-term member of the Ashburton Lions Club, which includes a period as President.



Russell Ellis

Russell first came on board as a representative from Ashburton District Council and served for about five years until he moved away from the district. On his return, we were quick to invite him back as a trustee. Russell brings strong business skills and an enthusiasm for his community, particularly a passion for supporting the wellbeing of young people.



Tony Todd

Tony was appointed to the Board following the 2022 elections. He is a first-time councillor and this is his first appointment with Safer Mid Canterbury. Tony is well known in the community and has served on many boards and committees, along with being an Ashburton clothing retailer for many years.

Houhou Rongo

Restorative Justice case study

Safer Mid Canterbury delivers Restorative Justice services across the Ashburton, Timaru and Oamaru Courts.

When a person appears in court charged with an offence, and they have pleaded guilty, the judge may refer them to the Restorative Justice service before sentencing. The process involves a pre-conference meeting with the offender and victim, before a facilitated conference between both parties is held. During this conference, the harm is discussed and various plans and actions to help put things right are agreed.

David* was referred to Restorative Justice after pleading guilty in court to a charge of wilful damage and breaching a family harm protection order.

The Restorative Justice facilitator made contact with both David and the victim, Sarah*, explaining what the service was and informing them that the process was completely voluntary and confidential. Both parties agreed to an initial meeting and independently met with the facilitator to discuss the impact of David's offending. This part of the process is called the 'pre-conference' and is tailored to meet the individual needs of both parties.

For Sarah, the facilitator wanted to ensure she had a support person and an understanding of the justice process. Sarah was able to ask questions and talk openly about her relationship with David with the knowledge that the pre-conference conversation was confidential.

Sarah spoke of being frightened when David 'kicked off' when he was drinking. In this particular incident, he had damaged her vehicle and home after being asked to leave. "I don't understand alcohol addiction, why would someone drink when they've got so much to lose?" she asked. Sarah explained it was important to her that David got help for his challenges with alcohol. She also wanted the opportunity to let David know what the experience was like for her and her children, and how his behaviour had effected them, their family and their friends.

For David, a pre-conference was held where he worked with the facilitator to gain more understanding around his offending. He explained that he had previously sustained an injury that required surgery and led to him losing his job. This situation had increased his anxiety and he felt that he wasn't able to provide for his family like he had in the past. David identified he had a toxic



relationship with alcohol, saying, "once I start, I can't stop". They went on to discuss this further as well as the progress he was making with counselling and alcohol rehabilitation.

Both parties agreed to attend a facilitated conference together with their support people. The facilitator completed risk assessments and confirmed they were able to proceed.

At the conference, both David and Sarah had the opportunity to address David's offending, the impact and trauma, and talk about the next steps. David apologised for his behaviour and made a commitment to continue attending counselling sessions and abstain from alcohol.

A year on, David is still sober and his relationship with Sarah is in a much better place. They are enjoying raising their family together and are communicating in a positive manner. David has found employment and a new hobby, which the whole family enjoys, to occupy his downtime. Sarah says their relationship has improved to a "whole new level".

Restorative Justice gave David and Sarah the opportunity to have safe, one-on-one conversations that helped them to process what had occurred. This was followed by a conversation that allowed them to decide what they wanted to do to move forward.

**Names have been changed to protect identity and privacy.*

Ratonga Nohonga Taurewa

Refugee Post Settlement Support Service

For a group of Mid Canterbury women, fortnightly sewing sessions have become a special place where they can meet with friends, discuss their daily lives, and learn new skills.

The women, who come together to sew, are mostly from Afghanistan and belong to families who were welcomed into Mid Canterbury as refugees in 2021. Two years on, the families are adjusting well to their new lives and are starting to build strong community foundations with the help of initiatives such as the popular sewing group.

Post Settlement Coordinator Elizabeth Ferguson said when they first arrived, the families were supported by the Refugee Settlement Support Service (RSSS) volunteers and service navigators. During their time with the families, the volunteers saw the beautiful traditional crafts the women were making and suggested forming a sewing group.

The women began gathering and thoroughly enjoyed chatting while embroidering, knitting, and crocheting together. It soon developed into a busy hub where 12 to 15 women would regularly connect and learn new sewing skills. Once word got out, 23 sewing machines and four overlockers were generously donated by the community.

"The women are very skilled at what they do," Elizabeth says. "We wanted to provide them with the opportunity to develop their repertoire, so the

volunteers are there to help them learn how to use the sewing machines. The women are learning new skills from us, and we learn so much from them in return."

"A lot of the material used by the group has been donated by the community and the women have been making table runners, potholders, cushion covers, and traditional padded seats called tushaks. They love it, and with time, they are also looking forward to making dresses."

Elizabeth says the women enjoy being able to speak Dari with each other, and the group has been helpful for learning English. The volunteers have also been working with the families to learn more about gardening and growing their own produce.

"They are taking up all the opportunities that are being offered to them," Elizabeth says. "The families are settling well into their new lives and making friends in the community."

Over the last year, the Refugee Settlement Support Service has supported 17 families, made up of 73 individuals, to settle in Ashburton.



Ratonga Hauora Whānau Family Wellbeing Service case study

The Family Wellbeing Service matches whānau with volunteers who support and empower them using practical parenting and household skills.

The trained volunteers provide tips and support that may help to reduce stress in the families' daily lives and help them to develop confidence in their parenting.

When Margaret* and Gordon* visited the Family Wellbeing Service at Community House, they knew they wanted support but weren't exactly sure what they needed or what was available to them.

The local couple had recently been granted full custody of their grandchildren and were struggling with some of the aspects of parenting again during their retirement years. When they arrived at the office, the first thing Family Wellbeing Service Coordinator Brenda Kingsford did was sit down with them and listen.

Brenda could empathise with what they were going through and helped to explain and normalise some of the unexpected issues they were facing. She suggested simple techniques to help improve the dynamic of the new family, helped prepare a new routine, and suggested matching the family with a support worker who could provide more assistance.

Once Margaret and Gordon were matched with a support worker, the volunteer visited the family's home once a week to provide reassurance, discuss what situations they were facing, and brainstorm coping strategies. The couple say they loved their visits from

the Family Wellbeing Service team, as they were always friendly and they felt comfortable having them in their home.

After three months of visits with the Support Worker, as well as regular check-ins and discussions with the Coordinator, Margaret and Gordon decided they were in a much better place and no longer needed the service's support. Their grandchildren were doing well in school and their extra-curricular activities, and most importantly, the family dynamic was much more peaceful.

Brenda says it is rewarding to see the positive difference the service can make to a family's journey.

"It is the reason we do what we do. Being able to break the stigma of asking for help and watching people thrive is both an honour and a privilege. Sometimes people just need someone to listen to and offer an empathetic ear," she says.

"Having someone you can speak to without judgement, and bounce ideas around with, can sometimes be all you need to get your life back on track."

**Names have been changed to protect identity and privacy.*





Ratonga Whakatau Taurewa Refugee Settlement Support Service

More than 70 Afghani refugees have made Mid Canterbury their new home, with support from the Refugee Settlement Support Service (RSSS).

RSSS is a collaboration between Safer Mid Canterbury and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). It was set up to welcome families who have had to flee their countries and seek a safe and welcoming place to resettle. Up to July 2023, 73 people had settled in Ashburton. More than half are children who have been enrolled in local schools.

One of the biggest developments for the service over the past year has been the appointment of a clinical nurse and two clinical psychologists who provide families with educational sessions on relevant topics and individual support as required. The group has also nominated its own community representative to liaise with fellow members and the RSSS.

A big part of the success of this service is down to the incredible team who have been actively involved with the programme since long before the families arrived in Aotearoa. Refugee Settlement Support Team Leader Kathy Harrington-Watt says the service is always busy when new families arrive as they source homes and furnish them, and help to coordinate English classes, school enrolments, and health appointments. "The RSSS volunteers do an amazing job and play an important part in educating our families about life in New Zealand," she says. "They often take the families

on fun and exciting excursions, such as community outings, drives in the country, and to the beach, so they have the opportunity to experience the best the country has to offer."

Thanks to funding from the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, the RSSS service has rented space for the community to hold cultural gatherings. Sport Canterbury has also actively supported local families by funding young people to join sport clubs and take part in activities. Many of the children are now involved in playing volleyball, badminton, football, and Tae Kwondo. Other initiatives already under way include a youth group, sewing classes, and a women's swimming evening.

The RSSS team is now made up of a team leader, two family caseworkers, one volunteer coordinator, a housing coordinator, one cultural navigator, a post settlement coordinator, one driver, two health navigators, one clinical nurse and two clinical psychologists. These include full and part-time roles.

Refugee Family case study

The Ashburton Guardian newspaper interviewed the Ghaznawi family in 2023 about their experience of resettling in Mid Canterbury on World Refugee Day.

After seven years of waiting in Indonesia for a country to call home, the Ghaznawi family from Afghanistan are embracing life in Ashburton.

World Refugee Day is a time to think of those who have sought shelter far from home because of war, persecution and human rights abuses in their homelands.

Top of mind for 17-year-old Amin Ghaznawi is the plight of the refugees still stuck in limbo.

“There are many boys who are like me in Indonesia, but they haven’t even learned to read or write.

“Not just from Afghanistan, but other countries like Somalia. The world must not forget them.”

The family, including parents Bismillah and Yalda, and Bismillah’s sister Najiba, arrived in Ashburton in March. The five children, aged 11-17, have been settling into school, the younger ones at Borough School and Amin at Ashburton College.

Everyone is making plans for the future with building featuring strongly in career options, and it seems a family construction business may well be on the cards. There are aspiring engineers, designers and builders, there will be a doctor and a restaurateur in the family, as well as a future physics professor and luxury sports car dealer.

Bismillah has his eye on becoming a builder. He is working on improving his English and the Red Cross is helping him put a CV together.



In the province of Ghazni, where the family is from, he was the owner of a gym. The family had to flee their country as their lives were in danger after threats from the Taliban because the gym allowed women.

They had no idea where they would end up and found themselves in Indonesia, living in the metropolis of Jakarta and also for several years in the city of Bogor, where language barriers, a lack of money and support led to more hardship.

Yalda speaks of finding it very difficult to even buy bottled water. The adults were not allowed to work in Indonesia but found ways to survive, one being through Yalda’s cooking. She would make meals and sell them to other Afghani families. Bismillah and Yalda well-up when thinking of those difficult times and make it clear that it is their future they are concentrating on.

Yalda has her sights set on opening her own restaurant. Eldest son, Amin, is full of ideas and aspirations – he is one of the family’s future builders.

“I am so happy to be here. I feel like my future can begin,” he beams broadly.

Despite only living in Ashburton for three months Bismillah is already considered a leader of the Afghan community.

“We have received help and been welcomed here and we also want to give back.”

Yalda has been welcomed by many including women from the Afghan community who greeted her in the new family home. She has been attending the Learning Centre and having driving lessons.

It is all about building on their newfound independence and it’s often the seemingly little things that contribute to that, like learning about the nuances of shopping. Bismillah said using an Eftpos card was new, having only ever used cash before.

He and Yalda are relishing the Mid Canterbury farmland and the rivers surrounding Ashburton.

“It is quiet and safe.”

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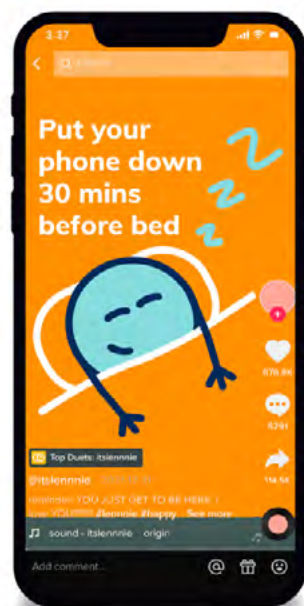
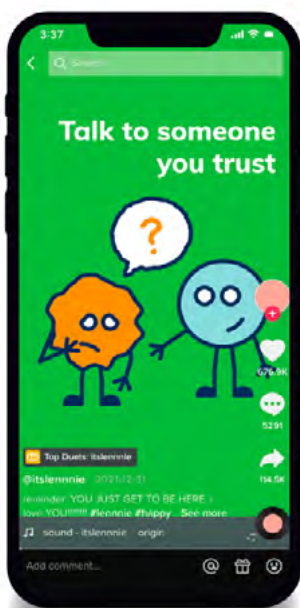


Accessing our services

As the largest locally-driven provider of community services in the Ashburton district, an important part of Safer Mid Canterbury's work is ensuring people know support is available to them and how it can be accessed.

Several initiatives have supported this kaupapa in the past year to extend the reach of Safer Mid Canterbury's services to better meet need in the community. One of these projects was our involvement with the *Need Help Booklet 2023/24: A directory of free services for children, youth, adults and whānau across Mid Canterbury.*

Funded by Safer Mid Canterbury and compiled by the Mid Canterbury Citizens Advice Bureau, the booklet includes information about local agencies and the services they provide. At the time of this report going to print, about 3000 copies of the booklet had been distributed, making it an in-demand and popular document throughout the district.



Another successful project was a campaign that raised awareness of Lives Worth Living, Safer Mid Canterbury's suicide prevention and postvention service.

In 2022, a social media ad campaign was launched that targeted 13-30 year olds living in Mid Canterbury to provide helpful and practical tips for managing low mental health, and promote how to ask for and receive support.

Six short animated videos were created with simple, easy-to-follow advice built around key messages that included: *what to know when you're feeling low; tips for managing anxiety; what to say when you're not ok; ways to boost your mental health; things to do or say when your mate isn't ok; and what to do if you're feeling blue.*

The videos proved to be a huge success and by the close of the campaign in October 2022, it had achieved 808,600 video plays, and reached 79,600 people through Facebook and Instagram Ads. It also notched up 1,386,614 video plays, and reached 549,108 people separately through TikTok Ads.

The campaign generated 4915 combined clicks from all social media platforms through to the Lives Worth Living website, where people could access more information and contact details if they needed support.

Ratonga Kuranga Attendance Service

Safer Mid Canterbury's School Attendance Service has grown significantly in the past year to support whānau, tamariki and the school community.

School attendance has become a growing issue across the country, impacted by three years of disrupted education caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis. In the last year (July 1 2022 to June 30 2023) the attendance service at Safer Mid Canterbury received 195 referrals. Of these, 111 were for unjustified absences from school and 84 were for students who were not enrolled at school.

To help improve national attendance rates, Education Minister Jan Tinetti announced more support for attendance services, including the establishment of 82 new attendance officer roles. One of these positions was offered to Mid Canterbury. The role was filled by former Kaiāwhina for school attendance, Selwyn Price, who has recently taken up the position of Pou Whirinaki.

In this role, Selwyn works with schools on policy and procedures to support moderate and irregular attendees - tamariki who only attend school between 70 and 90 per cent of the time.. He is joined by three other Kaiāwhina who work as case managers alongside students and whānau.

Selwyn says the service has adapted to try and resolve the high number of attendance cases. "We have had three years of really interrupted education," Selwyn says. "The children who were five-year-olds in 2020 are now between eight and nine years old and, along with industrial action, have not had a single year where their education has not been interrupted."

The attendance service has been working closely with schools, kura and families to identify the barriers that may prevent tamariki and rangatahi from engaging in their education. Selwyn says the team often sees challenges including families being unable to afford shoes, school uniforms, or petrol,

and parents working nightshift who may not be able to get their children up for school. Whānau moving into the district can often find it difficult to enrol their child in a school zone if they are still searching for a property, because they require proof of address. This can often result in people waiting months to be enrolled, Selwyn says.

"Schools provide more than an education for our tamariki," Selwyn says. "It's also the social things associated with school that are important, like afterschool activities and sports, and that's where COVID-19 really made a big impact as all those activities were stopped."

Looking to the year ahead, Selwyn says his role as Pou Whirinaki will involve reviewing how schools report absences. "We know about the formal chronic referrals but we don't have a lot of data about the moderate to irregular absences," he says. "The first thing is to find out the nature of the issue and that schools are making clear what is a justifiable absence and what is not. We are also looking at how that message gets back into the home by supplying information in weekly newsletters and on school websites."



Ā mātou ratonga

Our services

Youth Support Manaaki Rangatahi

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury provides one-on-one support to tamariki and their whānau to target issues that are creating obstacles in young people's lives. This service has been operating in the Ashburton district since 2005. Youth Support Workers, together with young people, develop an action plan and a timeline for achieving their goals.

This year: We received many referrals, picking up and intensively working with 29 young people.



Community Youth Programme Hōtaka Rangatahi

What we do: The Community Youth programme has been providing young offenders and those at risk of offending with positive alternatives since 2010. Young people entering the youth justice system (generally for lower-level offending) are referred to us, so that we can support them to engage in positive activity and ultimately halt their offending.

This year: Staff working in this service have been very busy with 16 referrals. Most young people on this programme have successfully made changes in their lives, which is positive for our community.

Supervision with Activity Kaitiaki Whakahono

What we do: Supervision with Activity has been operating since 2018. This contract is aimed at higher level youth offenders and is an intervention before a residential sentence, or is a mandated intervention for a youth offender leaving a residential environment and returning to the community. It is an intensive service, where staff may spend up to 20 hours per week with an offender, engaging them in positive activity with a view to stopping their offending.

This year: Staff working in this service did not receive any referrals for the second year running. This indicates that we have no high level youth offenders currently in our community.

CACTUS (Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit and Support) Toi Rangatahi Toi Ora

What we do: CACTUS supports young people to discover their inner strengths and their abilities to reach their potential. Activities promote self-esteem, confidence and physical fitness. Each course is followed by an overnight camp to introduce participants to new camping and bush skills, and also to celebrate their achievements throughout the course. A five-day advanced course is also run each summer for those who have excelled in the basic courses.

This year: Our basic CACTUS programme had 32 young people participate, and an additional nine young people took part in the advanced CACTUS programme.

Refugee Post Settlement Support Service Ratonga Nohonga Taurewa

What we do: We receive funding from the Ministry of Social Development to support refugee families once they are settled and no longer receive support from the Refugee Settlement Service. This service runs groups, social activities, a youth group, and provides ongoing education and skills supporting families to settle well in New Zealand.

This year: We supported 66 refugees over the past year. The support was for various needs, particularly driver licensing, community engagement, health and wellbeing.

Family Wellbeing Service Ratonga Hauora Whānau

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury has been operating the Family Wellbeing Service for more than 10 years. It is a free programme for families with children aged 10 and under. Whānau needing support are matched with a trained volunteer, who works in the family's home environment, teaching practical parenting and household skills. Volunteers use techniques that reduce stress and improve the confidence of families.

This year: We have received 29 referrals for this service. It remains busy, with referrals coming in from a range of agencies. Our ability to handle the constantly high workload is only possible due to the significant contribution of our many dedicated volunteers.



Court Contact Service Ratonga Toro Kōti

What we do: We have been providing this service to the Family Court since 2018. This is a similar service to Supervised Access, however this work is carried out under a family court order. Generally, one parent will hold the parenting order with the other parent not able to have contact with their tamariki unless supervised. Our role is to carry out an assessment and make recommendations back to the court around the appropriateness of contact taking place and how it can be done. From there, we assist with the contact sessions.

This year: We have delivered more than 669 hours of contact time. The Family Court in Christchurch often has large waiting lists and approaches us to deliver a service to families in their area, given our court approval to carry out assessments. We make a profit on this work, which we then invest in our local work.

Supervised Access Manaaki Tamariki

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury has provided a supervised access service since 2013 for children who are not in their parents' care. This is part of a contract with Oranga Tamariki. Staff oversee and monitor visits, ensuring appropriate behaviour and child safety. We ceased delivering this service at the end of the previous financial year, however Oranga Tamariki have asked us to support two families over the past year.

This year: This service carried out 12 hours of supervised contact in the last year.

Refugee Health Navigation Service Ratonga Whakaterere Hauora Taurewa

What we do: The Refugee Health Navigation Service links refugee families with health care providers in the Ashburton district. It is part of Safer Mid Canterbury's Refugee Settlement Service. When a new family arrives in the district, Health Navigators can enrol them with a local GP, book medical appointments, offer transport to and from their appointments, and provide interpretation services. The Health Navigators liaise with other health providers including dentists, optometrists, community labs, and other specialists to ensure refugee families are well supported.

This year: We have assisted with 519 health related appointments providing support, navigation and interpretation.

Transition Service Ratonga Whakatangata

What we do: The Transition Service is contracted to community providers across the country, with the aim of supporting young people who are, or have been at any point after the age of 15, in the care of the State. The concept involves assisting these young people into adulthood and everything this entails. The young person can gain a high level of support up to the age of 21 and can come back for assistance up to the age of 25.

This year: We have received six referrals this year for the service. This can be quite intensive work and clients remain with us for a number of years.

Ā mātou ratonga

Our services

Attendance Services

Ratonga Kuranga

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury has delivered Attendance Services in the Ashburton district since 2002. This service aims to improve the school attendance of children and young people by working with whānau, schools, and other groups. Non-attendance can be due to a range of factors, and our attendance kaimahi assist young people and families to get the support they need.

This year: We received 195 referrals in the last year. The young people we worked with were generally referred to us for non-enrolment or unjustified absence from school for more than 20 days, or an attendance level below 80 percent.

Lives Worth Living

He Oranga Whai Hua

What we do: Lives Worth Living was developed by Safer Mid Canterbury in 2019 to address concerns around suicide and its ongoing impact on the Mid Canterbury community. Lives Worth Living is a community-funded project, employing people to work in suicide prevention and provide support in the event of a death by suicide in the district.

This year: This work has been very busy with the delivery of a range of programmes, support and educational awareness activities. This year, a total of 505 people attended group education programmes, and 295 people accessed one-on-one support.

Safe Families Network

Ngā Whānau Tūkinu Kore

What we do: The Safe Families Network was formed in 2008 in response to increasing levels of family violence. The Coordinator promotes the prevention and awareness of family violence, runs activities and events, and develops resources to help victims and offenders access information and assistance. The Coordinator brings agencies together to work collectively to reduce family violence.

This year: We worked with, and supported, 12 agencies over the course of the year, organised six collaborative meetings, and ran five training and education events.

Refugee Settlement Support Service

Ratonga Taurewa

What we do: The Refugee Settlement Support Service provides intensive support to new refugees in their first 24 months of settlement in a new area. It assists them in every aspect of settling in, from housing and enrolling with a local GP, to school enrolments and social engagement.

This year: We have supported 66 Afghan refugees to settle in the Ashburton district.

Community Service Support

Ratonga Hapori

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury works in close partnership with several smaller trusts in our district. The support we provide generally involves the employment and day-to-day oversight of coordinators of various projects in our community. We see this as a great way to reduce overheads and workloads for small volunteer trusts.

This year: We have supported a range of organisations including Neighbourhood Support, HYPE Youth Health Centre and Hakatere Multicultural Council.



Rural Driver Licensing Scheme Te Hōtaka Whai Raihana ki Taiwhenua

What we do: The Rural Driver Licensing Scheme provides free support, tuition and subsidised driving tests to migrant women living in rural parts of the district. It is a partnership between Safer Mid Canterbury and the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust. The test fees and tuition are subsidised by the programme. Because many of the women have young children, there are also volunteer child minders available and a volunteer who can drive participants into town if transport is a barrier.

This year: We received 74 referrals from people needing support to gain their learners licence.



Children's Programme Hōtaka Tamariki

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury runs the Children's Programme over the Christmas school holidays. It focuses on working with at-risk children aged 5-10 years. It is module-based and covers specific topics such as bullying, personal safety, fear, depression, friendship, and life skills. The programme delivery is age-specific, so children are arranged into their peer groups when attending.

This year: The Children's Programme received 24 referrals. The referrals generally came from organisations who were working with their families. We often support the younger siblings of older children who are engaged with other services.

Safe Communities Hapori Haumarū

What we do: Safe Communities Ashburton District is a collaboration of 27 agencies involved in a range of community safety areas. It aims to reduce injury and crime, and enhance safety over time. By combining agency skills and resources, we can have a bigger impact on identifying and responding to community safety concerns.

This year: This was our fourth year delivering our work plan. We continued to bring together the 27 organisations who signed a charter committing themselves to work collectively towards achieving the goals outlined in the plan.

Community Connector Te Here Hapori

What we do: The Community Connector service works with individuals and whānau who need help finding support in the community, whatever that may be. A Community Connector can assist people with navigating or accessing government agencies and other services, or connect them with social groups or people who can provide the help they need such as budgeting, preparing for employment, developing parenting skills and learning English.

This year: We received 375 whānau referrals for the Community Connector service, supported 1112 individuals, and delivered 211 food parcels.

Restorative Justice Service Houhou Rongo

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury has delivered Restorative Justice Services in the Ashburton District Court since this initiative was established in 1999. Over the past three years, we have also picked up the contracts for Timaru and Oamaru courts. When a person appears in court charged with an offence, the Judge may refer them to the Restorative Justice service, if they have pleaded guilty to their offence. The process involves a pre-conference with the offender and victim, before a conference between both parties, where the harm is addressed and various plans and actions are agreed.

This year: We carried out 409 conferences for this service, across the Ashburton, Timaru and Oamaru courts, including 63 for family violence and 145 for standard offences.

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Our people



Kevin Clifford – General Manager

Kevin has been the General Manager of Safer Mid Canterbury for 17 years. His favourite parts of the job are working with people who are dedicated to helping others, and the enjoyment of making a difference in people's lives. Kevin is involved with a number of other community boards and trusts, and is an active volunteer in the community. He enjoys the outdoors and spending time with family.

Jenny Rae – Team Leader Child and Youth Service

Jenny is a Senior Youth Worker with Safer Mid Canterbury. She has worked at Safer Mid Canterbury for more than 10 years, having previously been an Attendance Officer and CACTUS Coordinator here. Jenny loves the outdoors, and in the weekends can be found hiking or spending time with her children.



Pup Chamberlain – Team Leader Family and Community Services

Pup has been at Safer Mid Canterbury since September 2019 as a Suicide Prevention Coordinator. He has had previous experience in health and education and spent many years as a Police Officer, mostly in the Mid Canterbury region. Pup enjoys working with adults and young people, supporting them to enjoy fulfilled lives. When he's not at work, Pup likes spending time with his family, fishing and watching his pacers.

Kathy Harrington-Watt – Team Leader Refugee and Migrant Services

Kathy is our Refugee Settlement Support Service team leader. She is a registered Social Worker with experience in child and family mental health. She has also achieved her doctorate in anthropology, where she did extensive research involving migrant communities in Christchurch and overseas. In her spare time, she enjoys family time, photography, fishing and exploring Mid Canterbury's great outdoors.



Bronnie McKenna – Team Leader Court Services

Bronnie is the Court Services/Restorative Justice Team Leader, and a Restorative Justice Facilitator for both Ashburton and Timaru Courts. She is passionate about her work and helping victims and offenders of crime move forward positively. In her spare time, Bronnie and her family love spending time together, having fun in their backyard turf of Lake Hood.

Anna Arrowsmith

Anna is the Safe Families Network Coordinator. Her qualifications and background are in psychology and counselling. Born and raised in Ashburton, Anna enjoys being part of our close community and all that it has to offer. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and being with her whānau and friends.





Wendy Hewitt

Wendy is the Rural Driver Licensing Scheme Coordinator and also the Refugee Settlement Coordinator. She has a strong background in the dairy industry as a farmer and in the agri-sales sector. She also provides mentoring and support to young agricultural students. In her spare time, Wendy enjoys gardening and spending time with her family.

Lesley Symington

Lesley is the Safe Communities Coordinator. The initiative aims to address safety issues for the district by having agencies pool their skills and resources to devise solutions. Lesley has a background in local government community services and enjoys creating programmes to help people. In her spare time, Lesley enjoys walks with her dog, antiques, reading, and travel.



Ani Koperu

Ani is an administrator, PA and receptionist with Safer Mid Canterbury and loves the variety of her role. Ani's husband is from Samoa, and he can often be seen running around the rugby field as a referee for Mid Canterbury. One of six children, whose parents are both from the North Island, Ani enjoys being around family and friends.

Keri Kuru

As Safer Mid Canterbury's Transition Kaimahi, Keri works alongside rangatahi to support and guide them as they transition to adulthood. Keri has worked with young people most of her adult life including running outdoor activities, adventure-based programmes and youth-focused community events. Keri enjoys spending quality time with her whānau; hiking; trail running; going to the gym; travelling, and riding her Indian Scout Motor bike. Me mahi tahi tātou, mo te oranga o te katoa (we should work together for the wellbeing of everyone).



Tania King

Tania is a Resource Worker at Safer Mid Canterbury and is also a Family Wellbeing Service Volunteer. Tania enjoys reading, cooking and spending time with family.

Navid Bashir

Navid has been working as a Cultural Navigator with the Refugee Settlement Support Service since April 2021. He assists the team to understand the cultural needs of refugee families settling in Mid Canterbury, as well as helping with communication support. Navid is originally from Afghanistan and speaks Farsi/Dari. He enjoys being part of this service and helping refugee families to settle in well.



Ō mātou tāngata

Our people



Selwyn Price

After working as the Kaiāwhina for school attendance since March 2021, Selwyn has recently taken up the new role of Pou Whirinaki, working with school communities to improve attendance outcomes. His career in education spans more than four decades and five continents, and has included leading professional development workshops for teachers across the Asia Pacific region. He chairs the Hakatere Multicultural Council and sits on several other boards. He has a lifelong passion for the visual arts.

Sue Abel

Sue has been with Mid Canterbury Neighbourhood Support, which focuses on community and neighbours looking out for each other, since 2021. Alongside her role with Neighbourhood Support, Sue also runs the Civil Defence Get Ready programme. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time in the outdoors and gardening.



Nicolee Ayton

As part of our Refugee Settlement Support Service, Nicolee coordinates the housing for families when they arrive in Ashburton. She has previously worked as a property manager in Christchurch, and as the Mid Canterbury Newcomers' Network Coordinator. Outside of work, Nicolee enjoys spending time with her horses either at the races or competing in jumping competitions.

Amanda Walker

Amanda coordinates CACTUS, which is a youth physical activity programme. It promotes confidence, team building and leadership skills for young people aged between 10 and 14. Outside of work, Amanda enjoys tramping in the hills, riding her horse and tending to her garden.



Amber Clark

Amber has been the HYPE Youth Health Centre Coordinator since August 2022. Amber says she loves working alongside young people in Mid Canterbury, particularly being able to help connect them with relevant support networks. Amber is currently on maternity leave.

Tayla Wright

Tayla is the Coordinator of our school holiday programme. She has also been working at the HYPE Youth Health Centre filling a maternity leave position. Tayla has volunteered with the CACTUS programme for seven years as a peer support leader, was runner up in the Canterbury Youth Awards, and is a recipient of the TrustPower Community Award's Youth Spirit Award. She enjoys supporting young people and loves the outdoors including hiking, camping, and swimming.





Mercedes Walkham

Mercedes joined the Hakatere Multi Cultural Council in 2021 as its Coordinator. Originally from Guatemala, she moved to New Zealand in 2014. Her background in Human Resources and pastoral care helps her support migrants and newcomers to the Ashburton district. In her spare time, Mercedes enjoys dancing, meeting with new and old friends, travelling and trying food from all over the world.

Ruth Swale

Ruth is an accredited Restorative Justice Facilitator based in Timaru. She also coordinates advocacy for Anglican Care South Canterbury, and has previously worked in mental health and disability roles. Ruth likes tending to her 'food forest', reading voraciously, walking beside the sea, and enjoying cat therapy with her tortoiseshell companion.



Haider Ahmadi

Haider has been working as a Bilingual Health Navigator with the Refugee Resettlement Support Service since November 2021. He helps refugee families navigate through the New Zealand health system. Haider is originally from Afghanistan, and has been living in New Zealand for 19 years. He looks forward to supporting more refugee families to resettle in Ashburton in the future.

Coby Snowden

Coby is the Minute Secretary for Safer Mid Canterbury and some of its groups. With a background in accounting, she is also treasurer for many organisations. When not spending time with her daughters, Coby's spare time is filled with creative writing and Fullbore Target Shooting.



Elizabeth (Ferg) Ferguson

Elizabeth is the Refugee Post Settlement Support Service Coordinator. She joined the team after working as a secondary school teacher for 36 years in both Australia and New Zealand. Elizabeth loves vegetable gardening, crafts, travelling and trying delicious food with friends and family.

Michael Henderson-Purdom

Mike works with the Refugee Settlement team as a Family Caseworker. He has spent the last three years studying towards becoming a social worker. Mike is very family orientated and loves spending time with his kids.



Kim Hamill

Safer Mid Canterbury contracts bookkeeping and payroll company Nimba to look after our day-to-day finances, payroll and reporting. This provides us with the security of knowing we have Kim and her team looking after our financial comings and goings.

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Our people



Kirsten Dixon

Based in Ōamaru, Kirsten works for Safer Mid Canterbury as a Restorative Justice Facilitator across Waitaki and South Canterbury. She has a specialist endorsement in facilitating cases involving family harm. Kirsten also works in conflict resolution, communications coaching and as a professional supervisor for the social services sector.

Nuria Abdullah

Nuria is a bilingual Health Navigator with the Refugee Settlement Support Service. Born in Ghazni, Afghanistan, she moved with her family to Pakistan as a child, growing up in Karachi. Nuria was educated at Karachi University and can speak several languages, including Farsi/Dari, Urdu, Hindi and English. She has lived in New Zealand for the past 12 years. Nuria loves to work alongside people from all cultures and communities, and to learn something new from them.



Toni Sowman

Toni works with the Restorative Justice programme. She has also previously worked in the Attendance Service. Her passion for helping people in need is complemented by her background with NZ Police. In her spare time, Toni loves spending time with family, playing hockey, pounding the pavement, and buying shoes.

Connie Quigley

Connie has worked with Safer Mid Canterbury since September 2019 as a contractor for Lives Worth Living. She was born in Ireland and moved to New Zealand with her family in 2012. Connie has worked as a mental health clinician for more than 28 years, both in management and clinical roles in primary and secondary services.



Hayley Dunlop

Having previously worked at Allenton School for eight years, Hayley is now a member of the Kaiāwhina attendance team. She also works as a gymnastics coach. In her spare time, she spends quality time with her children who play a range of different sports, and she enjoys riding dirt bikes and going on adventurous 4WD trips. You can also find her down at the track with her partner, who races in the 2K Cup.

Dagmar Rohrbach

Dagmar joined the Oamaru Restorative Justice team as a facilitator trainee in 2022. She trained as a lawyer in Germany and has a background in corporate law and communications. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring Aotearoa with her family, and playing in and on the water.





Kathryn Page

Kathryn is a Family Caseworker with the Refugee Settlement Support Service. In her spare time, she enjoys being outdoors with family and friends, especially camping and exploring trails.

Patrick Sandrey

Patrick is Safer Mid Canterbury's Youth Justice Worker. After a stint in teaching, Patrick thought it was time to engage with rangatahi from a different standpoint. He works with young people to help them engage socially, gain entry into employment, and have positive educational experiences. Patrick is active in local sporting competitions, including rugby and basketball.



Brenda Kingsford

Brenda understands many of the pressures facing families in the community and how important wellbeing is to the overall family dynamic. Brenda has qualifications in psychology and mental health, and is also working towards becoming a qualified social worker. She is passionate about sport and can often be found navigating the soccer field, netball and basketball courts with her four children. Brenda also enjoys going to the gym, spending time with her family and getting out into the great outdoors.

Matilda Dellow

Matilda is a driver for the Refugee Resettlement Service. She enjoys getting to know the families she works with, and welcoming them into the district. Matilda enjoys knitting, reading and shopping, and is keen on travel.



Scotty Nelson

Scotty recently joined the Safer Mid Canterbury team working alongside youth in the School Attendance Service. Having grown up in Geraldine, Scotty spent a number of years away studying and working with youth, before returning home to the South Island. He says it's great to be back home working in the community. In his spare time, you will find him spending time outside in nature whitewater kayaking, hiking or attempting to snowboard.

Tania Trusler-Clark

Tania is a Kaiāwhina with Safer Mid Canterbury's School Attendance Service. Outside of work, sport is a big part of Tania's life and she can often be found coaching hockey and managing the local 1XV girls' rugby team. She also enjoys spending time with her family, and supporting her three daughters and three grandsons.



Farewells

We farewelled several team members from Safer Mid Canterbury in the last year. We wish Marian Shore and Rae Magson a very happy retirement, and Natalia Pope, Emma Stagg, Emmalee King and Ross Taylor best wishes on the next stage of their careers. Thank you all for your contributions to Safer Mid Canterbury.

Whakaahua Photographs



CACTUS Camp - Orari Gorge



CACTUS Advanced Camp - Okains Bay



CACTUS - Mania-o-Roto Scout Park



Wendy Hewitt – Rural drivers hit 100
Photo: Ashburton Guardian



Farm visit for members of the Ashburton Afghan community
Photo: Ashburton Guardian



Mercedes Walkham – Multi Cultural Bite
Photo: Ashburton Guardian



Sue Abel holding up The Little Black Book of Scams
Photo: Ashburton Guardian



CACTUS Advanced Camp – Chalmers Avenue



Performance Report 2023

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board
For the year ended 30 June 2023

Prepared by Nimba

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Entity Information

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2023

Legal Name of Entity

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board

Entity Type and Legal Basis

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board was incorporated as a charitable trust under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

Registration Number

Incorporated Charitable Trust No: 606871

Charities Commission No: CC22733

Entity's Purpose or Mission

We provide a variety of free and confidential services for the Ashburton community. The organisations focus is upon improving the safety of the local community with a diverse range of services available to young people and their families of all ages.

Keeping families safe by enabling them to engage with their community is a priority for The Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board. We endeavour to assist the community in creating healthy, strong and well supported young people and families.

The organisations direction is guided by the principle that; "a sustainable safer community will only be achieved through providing services and programmes that support and strengthen individuals and families, enabling them to make good choices and through providing positive opportunities and pathways for them to choose".

Entity Structure

The Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board (the Board) governs the organisation. The Board is comprised of approximately 20 representatives at any one time, appointed in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Board members are people in positions of community responsibility, from within the Ashburton District. The Board sets the organisation's strategic direction and ensures agencies share information and work together on partnered solutions. The organisation is governed by a Trust Board appointed from the members.

Further to the Board are five elected Trustees, elected by the main Board. The Trustees meet monthly to handle the approval of Financial reports and oversee the General Manager.

The organisation employs a full-time General Manager, who reports to both the full Board and Trustees.

The Trustees Chair, who is always Chair of the full Board, oversees the General Manager.

Main Sources of Entity's Cash and Resources

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board retains surplus funds in bank and short term deposit accounts.

Main Methods Used by Entity to Raise Funds

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board receives most of its funding from local and national government agencies specifically aimed at providing services within the Trust's core object areas.

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services

The Trust Board relies on volunteered time for its oversight role.

Entity Information



Physical Address

44 Cass Street, Ashburton, 7700

Postal Address

44 Cass Street, Ashburton, 7700



Approval of Financial Report

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board for year ended 30 June 2023.

APPROVED



Trustee

Date 14-9-23



Trustee

Date 14/9/2023

Statement of Service Performance

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2023

Description of Entity's Outcomes

The Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board Strategic Plan is centered on four key outcomes - A safer, stronger community; working together; strong and healthy families; and pathways for young people. These outcomes are aligned with our mission to reduce and prevent crime in the community and its impact on the Ashburton District - together we're safer.

Description and Quantification of the Entity's Outputs

| Measure | Programmes | Annual Measures - 2023 |
|--|---|---|
| A Safer, Stronger Community | | |
| Reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in our community | Neighbourhood Support | 5,034 households involved |
| | Restorative Justice | 409 conferences |
| | Safe Families | 12 Agencies / Five trainings |
| Provide a welcoming environment for newcomers to Mid Canterbury | Hakatere Multi Cultural Council | 6 groups and activities run. 190 individuals supported one on one |
| Working Together | | |
| Add value by collaborating with other local agencies | Safe Communities | 27 organisations on working party |
| | Rural Support Trust Migrant Driving Programme | 74 referrals |
| Support families to be safe, strong and successful | Families Wellbeing Service | 29 referrals |
| | Supervised Access | 12 hours Access |
| | Resource Work | N/A |
| | Post Refugee Support | 50 Referrals |
| | Court Contact | 669 hours contact |
| | Community Connector | 375 Referrals |
| | Refugee Service | 66 Individuals |



| | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Coordinate agency interventions to improve outcomes for families | | |
| Improve outcomes for our youth by supporting them to be confident, healthy and safe. | Children's Programme | 24 referrals |
| | Lives Worth Living | 505 group attendees, 295 one on one |
| | Youth Support | 29 referrals |
| | CACTUS | 41 places used |
| | Transition Service | 6 Clients |
| Reduce youth offending levels | Youth Justice (Fresh Start) | 16 referrals |
| | Attendance Services | 195 referrals |
| | Supported Bail | 0 referral this year |



Statement of Financial Performance

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2023

'How was it funded?' and 'What did it cost?'

| | NOTES | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Revenue | | | |
| Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue | 1 | 25,830 | 21,570 |
| Revenue from providing goods or services | 1 | 2,451,614 | 2,458,784 |
| Interest, dividends and other investment revenue | 1 | 15,204 | 9,404 |
| Other revenue | 1 | 359,782 | 317,505 |
| Total Revenue | | 2,852,430 | 2,807,263 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Volunteer and employee related costs | 2 | 1,599,032 | 1,349,541 |
| Costs related to providing goods or service | 2 | 1,093,384 | 1,033,859 |
| Other expenses | 2 | 91,782 | 60,585 |
| Total Expenses | | 2,784,198 | 2,443,984 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year | | 68,232 | 363,279 |

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Performance Report and the Independent Auditor's Report.

Statement of Financial Position

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board

As at 30 June 2023

'What the entity owns?' and 'What the entity owes?'

| | NOTES | 30 JUN 2023 | 30 JUN 2022 |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Bank accounts and cash | 3 | 949,214 | 759,962 |
| Debtors and prepayments | 3 | 88,052 | 88,648 |
| Other Current Assets | 3 | 84,715 | 183,255 |
| Total Current Assets | | 1,121,981 | 1,031,865 |
| Non-Current Assets | | | |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | 5 | 785,645 | 173,176 |
| Other non-current assets | 3 | 2,730 | 3,980 |
| Total Non-Current Assets | | 788,375 | 177,156 |
| Total Assets | | 1,910,356 | 1,209,021 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors and accrued expenses | 4 | 575,056 | 295,287 |
| Employee costs payable | 4 | 116,304 | 102,671 |
| Other current liabilities | 4 | 11,194 | 258 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 702,554 | 398,216 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | | |
| Loans | 12 | 328,766 | - |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities | | 328,766 | - |
| Total Liabilities | | 1,031,320 | 398,216 |
| Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets) | | 879,036 | 810,804 |
| Accumulated Funds | | | |
| Accumulated surpluses | 6 | 858,088 | 789,857 |
| Reserves | 7 | 20,948 | 20,948 |
| Total Accumulated Funds | | 879,036 | 810,804 |

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Performance Report and the Independent Auditor's Report.

Statement of Cash Flows

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2023

'How the entity has received and used cash'

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | |
| Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts | 25,830 | 21,570 |
| Receipts from providing goods or services | 2,558,327 | 2,271,949 |
| Interest, dividends and other investment receipts | 15,530 | 8,758 |
| Cash receipts from other operating activities | 28,400 | 702 |
| GST | 35,452 | 17,015 |
| Payments to suppliers and employees | (2,361,794) | (2,090,253) |
| Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities | 301,744 | 229,741 |
| Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities | | |
| Receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment | 35,652 | 14,348 |
| Receipts from sale of investments | 100,000 | - |
| Proceeds from loans borrowed from other parties | 340,000 | - |
| Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment | (650,474) | (92,141) |
| Repayments of loans borrowed from other parties | (4,924) | - |
| Cash Flows from Other Investing and Financing Activities | 69,040 | (1,682) |
| Westpac Term Deposit 1 | (1,230) | - |
| Westpac Term Deposit 2 | (556) | - |
| Westpac Term Deposit 4 | - | (100,000) |
| Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities | (112,491) | (179,475) |
| Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash | 189,252 | 50,266 |
| Cash Balances | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 760,062 | 709,796 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 949,314 | 760,062 |
| Net change in cash for period | 189,252 | 50,266 |

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Performance Report and the Independent Auditor's Report.

Statement of Accounting Policies

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2023

Basis of Preparation

The entity has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Presentation Currency

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand currency (\$), rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

Income Tax

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.

Bank and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Fundraising and Grants

Fundraising and Grant income is accounted for depending on whether or not it has a "use or return" condition attached. Where no use or return conditions are attached, the revenue is recorded as income when the cash is received. Where income includes a use or return condition, it is initially recorded as a liability on receipt. The income is then subsequently recognised within the Statement of Financial performance as the performance conditions are met.

Property, Plant & Equipment

Property, plant & equipment are shown at cost or valuation less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis on all property, plant and equipment, at rates that will write off the cost of the assets to their estimated residual values over their useful lives. The depreciation rates and useful lives associated with major classes of assets have been estimated as follows:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Computers & Equipment | 5 to 8 yrs 10% to 67% DV | Furniture & Fittings | 4 to 15 yrs 10% to 20% DV |
| Buildings | 2 to 15 yrs 3% to 8.5% DV | Motor Vehicles | 4 to 15 yrs 25% to 50% DV |

Notes to the Performance Report

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Analysis of Revenue | | |
| Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue | | |
| Donations Received - Families Without Violence | 4,490 | 6,374 |
| Donations Received | 21,340 | 15,196 |
| Total Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue | 25,830 | 21,570 |
| Revenue from providing goods or services | | |
| Ashburton District Council - Vehicle Bookings | 3,600 | - |
| Accident Compensation Corporation | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Advance Ashburton | - | 28,679 |
| Ashburton District Council Grants | 246,937 | 231,806 |
| Ashburton District Neighbourhood Support | 42,082 | 32,883 |
| Ashburton Youth Health Trust | 33,721 | 24,676 |
| Carried FWD - Lottery Board NZ | 1,769 | 11,076 |
| Carried FWD - Lottery COVID Wellbeing Fund | - | 10,000 |
| Carried FWD - MacKenzie Charitable Foundation | 8,531 | 1,938 |
| Carried FWD - Mayfield County Lions | - | 2,000 |
| Carried FWD - MBIE | - | 22,785 |
| Carried FWD - Ministry of Social Development | 300 | 124,384 |
| Carried FWD - Oranga Tamariki | 5,000 | 15,000 |
| Carried FWD - Te Ora Hau Otatahi | 8,673 | 10,039 |
| Carried FWD - Trevor Wilson Charitable Trust | 8,531 | 8,000 |
| CCS Discretionary Income Fund A | 6,068 | 12,165 |
| CCS Discretionary Income Fund B - SIQ | 51,591 | 20,781 |
| Community Trust Mid Sth Canty | - | 35,000 |
| Department of Courts - Supervised Contact | 53,888 | 29,432 |
| Discretionary/Emergency Fund - Income | 9,214 | 2,278 |
| Fundraising Income - FWV | 3,821 | 930 |
| Home Views - Refugee Support | 520 | 440 |
| Internal Affairs Grants | 3,130 | - |
| Lions Club of Ashburton Charitable Trust | - | 500 |
| Lottery Board N.Z. | 99,361 | 54,700 |
| Lottery COVID Wellbeing Fund | - | 17,500 |
| Mackenzie Charitable Foundation | 50,000 | 61,000 |
| Mid Canty Hakatere Multi Cultural Council | 79,429 | 52,637 |
| Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment | 378,064 | 362,003 |
| Ministry of Education - Attendance Service Contract | 13,846 | - |
| Ministry of Education - Attendance Officer Contract | 18,329 | - |
| Ministry of Social Development | 270,538 | 216,460 |
| New Zealand Red Cross | 247 | - |
| Oranga Tamariki | 289,939 | 318,681 |
| Oranga Tamariki Fees for Service | 1,225 | 7,470 |

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| MOJ Restorative Justice | 321,905 | 421,523 |
| Pegasus Health Charitable Ltd | 162,570 | 69,845 |
| Pegasus Health Charitable Ltd - Recruitment & Moving Costs | 3,389 | - |
| Recovered Vehicle Mileage Income Court Access | 5,126 | 6,113 |
| Recovered Vehicle Mileage Income Restorative Justice (NO GST) | - | 3,489 |
| Recovered Vehicle Mileage Income Supervised Access | - | 2,774 |
| Rental Income (GST) | 7,800 | 261 |
| Rental Income 31 Galbraith St (No GST) | 19,110 | - |
| Restorative Justice Sundry Income | 360 | - |
| Rural Support Trust | 59,434 | 55,409 |
| Safer MC Vehicle Mileage Income | 72,626 | 50,283 |
| Sport Canterbury | 1,326 | - |
| Te Ora Hou Otautahi | 30,503 | 45,006 |
| Te Ora Hou Otautahi COVID Funding | - | 4,327 |
| Trevor Wilson Charitable Trust | 50,000 | 56,000 |
| Wage Subsidy ex MSD | 600 | - |
| Youth Institute Ashburton | 13,510 | 13,510 |
| Total Revenue from providing goods or services | 2,451,614 | 2,458,784 |
| Interest, dividends and other investment revenue | | |
| Interest Received | 15,204 | 9,404 |
| Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue | 15,204 | 9,404 |
| Other revenue | | |
| Gain on Disposal of Assets | 4,108 | 14,737 |
| Overheads Recovered | 354,240 | 302,598 |
| Sundry Income | 1,434 | 170 |
| Total Other revenue | 359,782 | 317,505 |
| | 2023 | 2022 |

2. Analysis of Expenses

| Volunteer and employee related costs | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Training Workshop Delivery LWL | 157 | - |
| Travel & Conference | 23,356 | 8,186 |
| Wages Salaries & KiwiSaver | 1,575,520 | 1,341,355 |
| Total Volunteer and employee related costs | 1,599,032 | 1,349,541 |
| Costs related to providing goods or services | | |
| Accident Compensation Levies Paid | 2,643 | 2,496 |
| Accountancy Fees | 500 | 522 |
| Advertising | 27,885 | 43,575 |
| Bank Charges | 622 | 610 |
| CCS Discretionary Expense Fund A | 5,828 | 12,651 |
| CCS Discretionary Expense Fund B - SIQ | 52,249 | 20,818 |
| Cleaning & Laundry | 5,810 | 4,940 |
| Client Expenses - ATT | 5 | - |

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Client Expenses - RSS | 15,597 | 8,030 |
| Client Expenses Transition | 4,625 | 2,606 |
| Client Expenses - YHC | 271 | 378 |
| Client Expenses - YJ | 1,599 | 1,378 |
| Client Expenses - YS | 591 | 578 |
| Computer and Website Expenses | 10,971 | 16,043 |
| Consumables | 3,002 | 4,830 |
| Contractors and Consultancy | 49,516 | 143,758 |
| Discretionary/Emergency Fund - Seeds | 26 | 1,126 |
| Discretionary/Emergency Fund Expense - Transition | 17 | 1,445 |
| Donations Made | 170 | 180 |
| General Expenses | 862 | 87 |
| GPS Safer MC Vehicle Mileage Expense | 72,626 | 50,283 |
| Health & Safety Expenses | 37 | 23,050 |
| Insurance | 23,792 | 15,237 |
| Interpreters Fee | 944 | 459 |
| Lease Vehicle Expense | 10,913 | 7,906 |
| Light Power & Heating | 1,472 | 348 |
| Motor Vehicle Expenses | 47,366 | 37,949 |
| Office Equipment & Plant < \$1000 | 9,278 | 18,042 |
| Office Software Subscriptions | 14,345 | 9,114 |
| Personal Vehicle Mileage Reimbursed | 10,383 | 12,453 |
| Plant & Equipment Hire | 888 | 2,027 |
| Postage Printing & Stationery | 39,377 | 28,580 |
| Postvention Response | - | 1,875 |
| Professional Accounting Services | 81,708 | 61,560 |
| Project Costs | 31,837 | 23,549 |
| Recoverable Personal Vehicle Mileage Expenses | 107 | 73 |
| Rent & Rates | 56,218 | 48,055 |
| Rent and Venue Hire: RJ Ashburton | 286 | 229 |
| Rent and Venue Hire: RJ Timaru | 2,117 | 3,674 |
| Rent and Venue Hire: RJ Waitaki | 7,470 | 6,541 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 8,403 | 5,061 |
| Rural Driving Programme Licencing | 21,198 | 15,134 |
| Security | 13,177 | 11,605 |
| Share of Overheads | 354,240 | 302,598 |
| SMC Team Benefits | 1,972 | 1,565 |
| Staff Expenses | 15,382 | 9,345 |
| Supervision | 15,932 | 12,853 |
| Telephone Tolls & Internet | 36,047 | 32,480 |
| Training & Resources | 23,745 | 9,403 |
| Venue Hire and Meeting Costs | 8,973 | 6,825 |
| Volunteer Expenses | 362 | 1,161 |
| Wellbeing Opuke - Funds Reimbursed | - | 8,772 |
| Total Costs related to providing goods or services | 1,093,384 | 1,033,859 |

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Other expenses | | |
| Auditor | 6,250 | 5,850 |
| Depreciation | 69,466 | 49,789 |
| Mortgage Interest Paid | 14,886 | - |
| Legal Expenses | - | 1,447 |
| Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets | 1,181 | 3,499 |
| Total Other expenses | 91,782 | 60,585 |

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|------|------|
|--|------|------|

3. Analysis of Assets

Bank accounts and cash

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Capital Expenditure Replacement Account | 67 | 163,304 |
| Childrens Prog Petty Cash | - | 19 |
| Community Vehicle Cash Fares | 85 | 85 |
| Westpac Debit Card Account | 6,249 | 8,001 |
| Heartland Cheque Account | 200,840 | 454,947 |
| Main Petty Cash Account | 316 | 510 |
| NBS Operating Account | 293,919 | 2,990 |
| NBS Capex Account | 104,382 | - |
| Prezzy Card | 7 | 7 |
| Satellite Office Petty Cash | 361 | 82 |
| Transition-Cactus Petty Cash | 38 | 125 |
| Westpac Restorative Justice | 472 | 510 |
| Westpac Transactional Account | 342,269 | 129,115 |
| Youth Health Centre Petty Cash | 201 | 95 |
| Youth Justice Petty Cash | 8 | 172 |
| Total Bank accounts and cash | 949,214 | 759,962 |

Debtors and prepayments

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Accounts Receivable (Xero) | 70,411 | 69,716 |
| Prepayments - Insurance | 17,641 | 18,932 |
| Total Debtors and prepayments | 88,052 | 88,648 |

Other current assets

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Interest Accrued | 621 | 947 |
| Westpac Term Deposit 1 | 56,116 | 54,886 |
| Westpac Term Deposit 2 | 25,378 | 24,822 |
| Westpac Term Deposit 4 | - | 100,000 |
| Refugee Settlement - Current Portion | 2,600 | 2,600 |
| Total Other current assets | 84,715 | 183,255 |

Other non-current assets

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Refugee Settlement - Loan to Mustafa Karimi | 2,730 | 3,980 |
| Total Other non-current assets | 2,730 | 3,980 |

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| 4. Analysis of Liabilities | | |
| Creditors and accrued expenses | | |
| Accounts Payable (Xero) | 143,680 | 85,102 |
| GST | 18,394 | (383) |
| Income In Advance | 412,983 | 210,568 |
| Total Creditors and accrued expenses | 575,056 | 295,287 |
| Employee costs payable | | |
| Current Portion on NBS Mortgage | 6,310 | - |
| Provision for Holiday Pay | 86,682 | 80,430 |
| Wages Accrued | 29,622 | 22,240 |
| Total Employee costs payable | 122,614 | 102,671 |
| Other current liabilities | | |
| Credit Cards | 4,883 | 258 |
| Current Portion on NBS Mortgage | 6,310 | - |
| Total Other current liabilities | 11,193 | 258 |
| | 2023 | 2022 |

5. Property, Plant and Equipment

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Land & Buildings | | |
| Buildings at cost | 487,031 | - |
| Total Land & Buildings | 487,031 | - |
| Motor Vehicles | | |
| Vehicles owned | 281,845 | 202,847 |
| Accumulated depreciation - vehicles owned | (107,075) | (64,226) |
| Total Motor Vehicles | 174,770 | 138,621 |
| Furniture and Fittings | | |
| Furniture and fittings owned | 95,258 | 13,781 |
| Accumulated depreciation - furniture and fittings owned | (8,804) | (7,517) |
| Total Furniture and Fittings | 86,454 | 6,264 |
| Other Fixed Assets | | |
| Owned fixed assets | 90,056 | 64,302 |
| Accumulated depreciation - fixed assets owned | (52,665) | (36,011) |
| Total Other Fixed Assets | 37,390 | 28,291 |
| Total Property, Plant and Equipment | 785,645 | 173,176 |

Two of the new vehicles are financed and secured by Heartland bank.

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|
| 6. Accumulated Funds | | |
| Accumulated Funds | | |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Opening Balance | 810,804 | 447,526 |
| Accumulated surpluses or (deficits) | 68,232 | 363,279 |
| Total Accumulated Funds | 879,036 | 810,804 |
| Total Accumulated Funds | 879,036 | 810,804 |
| | 2023 | 2022 |

7. Breakdown of Reserves

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Reserves | | |
| Capital Gain on Sale of Investments | 20,948 | 20,948 |
| Total Reserves | 20,948 | 20,948 |

8. Commitments

| Commitments to lease or rent assets | Current | Non Current |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Community Trust Charitable Trust - Rental Agreement \$5,693.56 per month - this includes carpark rental. 13 years starting 27th of July 2023 | \$68,322.72 | \$819,872.64 |
| Timaru District Council - Rental Agreement Expires 15th of May 2024 \$1,356.32 | \$1,356.32 | \$0 |
| Mitsubishi ASX NLL59 Customer Fleet Lease expires 5th of February 2025 \$355 per month | \$4,260 | \$2,840 |
| Heartland Technology Photocopier ES5473 & MP301 Expires August 2026 \$95 per month | \$1,140 | \$2,470 |
| Heartland Technology Photocopier MPC307 x2 Expires August 2023 \$120 per month | \$1,440 | \$3,120 |
| Heartland Technology Photocopier IMC 3000 Expires August 2026 \$400 per month | \$4,800 | \$10,400 |
| Heartland Technology Photocopier IMC300 Expires February 2027 \$85 per month | \$1020 | \$2,720 |
| Heartland Technology Photocopier MPC307 Expires January 2027 \$65 per month | \$780 | \$2,015 |



9. Related Parties

There were no transactions involving related parties during the financial year ending 30 June 2023 or for the year ending 30 June 2022.

10. Events After the Balance Date

There are no significant events since balance date to affect the results showing in these financial statements.

11. Ability to Continue Operating

The Trust has a strong net asset position. The Trust has sufficient resources in the form of Term Deposits to cover expenses for the period ending 30 June 2024 in the event of a lack of support from funders.

The entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

12. Mortgage

The Mortgage is secured by the Land & Building at 31 Galbraith Street, Allenton, Ashburton. The interest rate is 6.05% and the term of the Mortgage is 25 years. The final repayment date is 20th of September 2047.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust

Report on the Audit of the Performance Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Performance Report of the Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust, which comprise the statement of financial position, and entity information as at 30 June 2023, the statement of financial performance, the statement of service performance, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Performance Report, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion,

- a) The reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, in the statement of service performance are suitable.
- b) The Performance Report presents fairly, in all material respects:
 - The entity information for the year then ended;
 - The service performance for the year then ended; and
 - The financial position of Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust as at 30 June 2023, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Reporting – Accrual (Not-for-profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters which we are required to state to them in the auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees, as a body, for our audit procedures, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the Performance Report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the entity information and statement of service performance in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report is free from material misstatement. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report.

We are independent of the Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in the Trust.

Trustees' Responsibilities for the Performance Report

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for:

- (a) Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance;
- (b) The preparation and fair presentation of the Performance Report which comprises:
 - The entity information
 - The statement of service performance; and
 - The statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Reporting – Accrual (Not-for-profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and

- (c) For such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Performance Report that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Performance Report, the Trustees are responsible, on behalf of the Trust, for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Trust or cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Performance Report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this Performance Report.

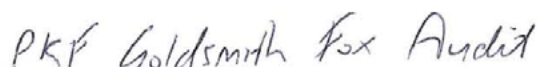
As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Performance Report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organisation's internal controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Performance Report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organisation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Performance Report, including the disclosures, and whether the Performance Report represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Trustees with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Dawn Alexander.



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