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**Safer Mid Canterbury**  
Together we're safer

# Ā mātou kaupapa

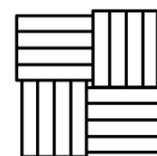
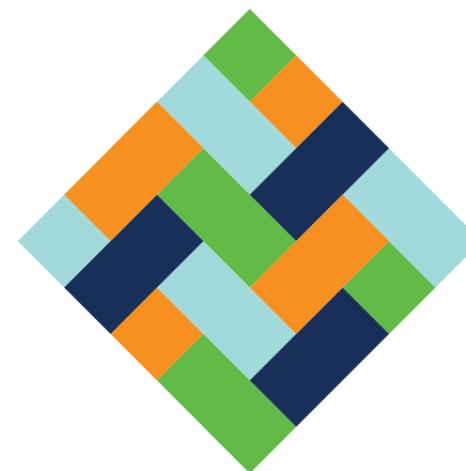
## Our purpose

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**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 hapori every day.**

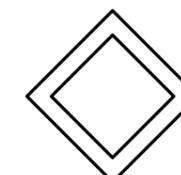
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The interlocking strands represent whānau, community, working together, unity, strength and support.



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.

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Passing on knowledge and teaching new skills.

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Strengthening and supporting those in need.

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Hospitality, providing for a hapori/community.

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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 for more than 25 years. It provides free and confidential community services for the Ashburton district. Along with delivering crime prevention projects, we prioritise the delivery of early intervention programmes, to support and strengthen individuals and families. 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 in 1994 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.

## Our supporters



## Supporting community agencies

Safer Mid Canterbury also employs staff on behalf of other small, non-profit organisations including the Hakatere Multi-Cultural Council, Hype Youth Health Centre, and Neighbourhood Support. Staff for these organisations report to their respective Trusts at a governance level, and Safer Mid Canterbury handles the day-to-day management and employment of staff. 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 structure

**The structure and governance of Safer Mid Canterbury has undergone some changes over the past year. For the first 25 years of its life, the organisation was governed by the Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board (the Board) but this Board had no legal status: it was rather a cross section of community and government agencies providing direction and oversight. Sitting under this, and made up of representatives of the larger group, was a core group of five trustees who were legally responsible for the running of the organisation and oversight of the General Manager.**

With the establishment of the Safe Communities initiative, it made sense to transition the Safer Community Council structure into the Safe Communities one. This cross section of community and government agencies now sits to one side of Safer Mid Canterbury, providing oversight and direction for the Safe Communities initiatives. This realignment has reinvigorated the working partnership around community safety but has not materially affected the day-to-day oversight of our organisation, with the same trustees remaining in place.

The trustees meet monthly to handle the approval of financial reports, oversee the General Manager and receive operational reports from him. The General Manager is responsible for the management of all staff employed by Safer Mid Canterbury. They work across 18 contract areas and deliver services throughout the Ashburton District.

Given the recent changes, the Trustees decided to conduct a review of the organisation to ensure systems and processes were fit for purpose and would continue to work well into the future. Sheffield Consultants were engaged to lead this independent review, and recently provided their recommendations to the Board. They reported finding a strong and well functioning organisation. As part of their review, they also proposed the realignment of some responsibilities and some opportunities for staff to grow their leadership skills within the organisation. They also discussed succession planning for the Board of Trustees. Work will start on these recommendations in the new financial year, including an update of our strategic plan and constitution.

# Governance and management structure



# Safer Mid Canterbury Board Chairperson's report

**Each year it seems Safer Mid Canterbury becomes a bit bigger as an organisation, and the last 12 months have been no exception.**

It is a tribute to our General Manager, Kevin Clifford, and his team, that the organisation continues to provide the range of our services so competently and capably. So, my first task is to thank Kevin and Safer Mid Canterbury for the ongoing commitment, energy and service they provide for our district. We are well-served, and lucky to have such capable people on our payroll. Thank you all!

The last year has seen significant development for us. We recognised some time ago that the organisation had grown to such an extent that it was no longer appropriate for Kevin to be personally managing and directing more than 20 staff. So, we undertook a full external review of Safer Mid Canterbury, with a view to finding some new structures to see us into the future, and to complete an appraisal for the General Manager from an outside viewpoint. Both of these have been very successful. We have embarked on a new management structure involving teams, team leaders, and a number of delegated responsibilities. Kevin's appraisal was highly satisfactory and proved once again how lucky we are to have him guiding our service.

The Safer Communities accreditation and progress will be detailed later in this report, but it has been a particular success to date. Alongside our traditional projects, which continue successfully, we have moved into some new and challenging areas. Among these are the Lives Worth Living project, and of course new work as part of the settlement of refugees into our district.

The ongoing work, and the new initiatives, mean that we are now managing a much bigger budget than ever before. I am particularly grateful for the work of our Trustees, who monitor overall progress, expenditure, and administration. They are all volunteers, who freely give their time and expertise because they have a commitment to this district. They do a fine job, and I thank them too.

Our next task (well under way at the time of writing)

is to review and revise our Trust Deed, to ensure it is appropriate to our current needs and operations. Likewise, there will be a full review of our policies and procedures for the service over the next year or so. We will report on these matters at our AGM later in the year.

We have numerous sponsors – the Ashburton District Council is the major financial one, but many other organisations and individuals contribute money, time, and voluntary work input. Again, I thank them one and all. Ours is a community that really does care about how its members fare, and has an eye out for helping others in all sorts of ways. That speaks for itself, I believe, and I am proud to be part of it. I am very confident that we will continue to prosper as an organisation, and in doing so add value to the lives of the people of Mid Canterbury.



**Don McLeod**  
Trustee Chairperson, 2021

# General Manager's Report

**Tēnā koutou katoa. It has been another busy 12 months and I am delighted to share the Safer Mid Canterbury Annual Report for 2020/2021.**

I would like to start by thanking the Safer Mid Canterbury team for their incredibly hard work over the past year, especially with our increased workloads since the COVID-19 lockdown in early 2020. We have had to adapt many elements of our work to meet the evolving needs of the community and, as always, our staff have gone above and beyond what is required of them to deliver fantastic outcomes for the people we support. This Annual Report is a great way to acknowledge the achievements that we have made as an organisation and celebrate the success of our growing number of services.

In the last year, our organisation has strengthened its focus on meeting our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This has been an exciting journey, which will become more visible over the next 12 months, as we demonstrate the cultural components of our work.

In our previous Annual Report, we discussed several new services, including our Transition Service, the Refugee Settlement Support Service (RSSS), and Lives Worth Living, our suicide prevention and post-vention service. Each of these workstreams has performed very well over the last 12 months.

We were particularly pleased, that after numerous delays caused by COVID-19 restrictions, RSSS was able to welcome its first refugee family to Mid Canterbury from Afghanistan. The service is a collaboration between Safer Mid Canterbury and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to help refugee families settle in to their new lives in Aotearoa. We are expecting to work with about 20 families over the next 12 months, provided there are no further setbacks. More about the project is included later in this report.

I am also pleased to report that we are now delivering Restorative Justice services in Ashburton, Timaru and Oamaru. The expertise and commitment of our staff and volunteers, who deliver this service, is well recognised.

We have also received funding to provide a Community Connector service thanks to the Government's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund. This contract will be in place for the next 12 months. The Fund

partners with existing services that the Ministry of Social Development has contracted, to assist people with making connections in the community to reduce isolation and improve their health. Our work under this contract ranges from connecting with other social services and accessing budgeting help or health care, through to joining new social groups and navigating support from other agencies. We are looking forward to delivering this mahi.

In 2021 we said farewell to three of our long-serving team members who have retired; Mary Bailey, Christine Richards, and Struan Duthie. I would like to thank each of them for their many years of work with Safer Mid Canterbury. We wish them all the best for their retirements. We have been fortunate enough to welcome several new faces to our staff, who you can meet in the Our People section of this report.

I would also like to say thank you to all of Safer Mid Canterbury's funders for enabling us to continue providing much needed support throughout the district. Thank you also to our board members for their continued guidance, especially through the uncertain times that have arisen because of COVID-19.

I look forward to another successful year as Safer Mid Canterbury embeds its new services and continues to support our community in an increasingly wide variety of ways. It is truly a privilege to be able to watch the organisation grow and have such a positive impact.

Ngā mihi nui.



**Kevin Clifford**  
General Manager

# Safe Communities Chairperson's report

**Safe Communities is continuing to deliver outstanding results and has many great initiatives starting or continuing over the next 12 months.**

One of the highlights from the past year has been establishing the Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust. The Trust oversees the Mid Canterbury Connector service, which aims to reduce rural isolation by driving people into Ashburton using the Community House community van. This service initially received funding from COGS and the Ministry of Social Development to establish itself but it will now be funded by Environment Canterbury, which we are very excited about. The initiative has had a good response so far and, at the time of preparing this report, a survey was being conducted to better understand what the community needed from it. Seeing the van around the district has been fantastic and the Trust now plans to purchase its own vehicle.

We have also started coordinating the Caring for Communities social recovery group, which was established as Ashburton District Council's Welfare Response Group during the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020. The Group commissioned a large piece of social research in July 2020, funded by Advance Ashburton, to help determine community needs now and in the future, the capacity of the social services and NGO sector to support the community, and to provide information to funders. Actions taken as a result of this research will help the district become more resilient and better equipped to respond in emergencies. An action plan has been developed from the research and its recommendations, which includes forming a working group for social and emergency housing. We have also been granted funding to conduct follow-up research.

The Mid Canterbury Citizens Advice Bureau was opened in December 2020 at Community House and it has been very popular so far. More than 320 people used the service in its first seven months, which is outstanding as promotion was limited while the service was established.

Safe Communities has also been involved with the Mid Canterbury Suicide Prevention Network to promote wellbeing and reduce suicide in the district, alongside the Lives Worth Living programme.

Unfortunately, our Safety Village at the 2020 Ashburton A&P Show was not able to go ahead following the cancellation of the show. We are looking forward to

bringing everyone together again at the next show, all going to plan. In the meantime, we were very fortunate to be offered a monthly column in The Ashburton Courier newspaper for Safe Communities member agencies to promote safety messages and services.

There are many projects in the pipeline for the next 12 months, including work in falls prevention, cycle safety and injury prevention. We are excited to be working with ACC on several projects such as an off road cycle skills track for children, raising awareness of child injuries in the home, promoting motor cycle safety, and preventing skiing and snowboarding injuries. The cycle skills track also involves Ashburton District Council.

We will also be working with Neighbourhood Support and the New Zealand Police on an awareness campaign about residential and vehicle burglary prevention, and encouraging tradespeople to engrave their tools to assist with identifying recovered stolen gear.

I would like to commend the Safe Communities Coordinator Lesley Symington for all of her hard work over the last 12 months. Lesley does an incredible job keeping on top of all of the different projects and ensuring things run smoothly. Thank you also to our member agencies for their extremely valuable participation and contributions.

Each accredited Safe Community in Aotearoa gets surveyed by the Safe Communities Foundation each year, to gauge how satisfied the different organisations and agencies that make up the steering group are with what is happening and how it is happening. I am delighted to report that, once again, Mid Canterbury has achieved incredibly positive feedback for its leadership and project progression, and scored very highly across all areas of the survey.



**Liz McMillan**  
Safe Communities Ashburton District Chairperson

# Hapori haumaru Safe Communities

**Now well into its second year, Safe Communities Ashburton District continues to improve safety in our region by working collaboratively with local agencies.**

“There’s more strength in banding together than working alone to achieve a safer community,” coordinator Lesley Symington says. “This is especially the case for the smaller agencies which would otherwise have a limited voice. By working collaboratively and sharing skills, knowledge, resources, information, ideas and experience, we will increase safety in Ashburton District over time.”

Key priorities for the last year were identified as rural safety/isolation; preventing falls in older people; road safety; alcohol, drugs and community safety (early intervention/prevention); harm reduction/prevention (family harm, suicide prevention); and social/community resilience in times of an emergency or crisis.

To address these concerns, a business plan was developed and, by analysing community data and talking to the community and community agencies, the Safe Communities Steering Group determined their overall focus for the next 12 months. In the last year, the steering group has worked collaboratively to open the Mid Canterbury Citizens Advice Bureau and introduced the Mid Canterbury Connector Community Transport Service. “When a project is identified, a working group is formed, enabling key agencies, and interested parties to join and have their say,” Lesley says. Information is then reported to the steering group which meets bi-monthly.

“There’s a lot of community consultation involved,” she says. “We do a very planned approach by looking at research, reviewing the plan with the steering group, and asking ourselves how we can create a safer community for Mid Canterbury.”

During the year, 14 members of the steering group completed the Safe Communities Foundation of New Zealand Governance Survey. They attained 5/5 score ratings for collaboration; leadership; members believing the group has legitimacy and credibility; and satisfaction with the way the group is developing and implementing its plans.



The group’s collaborative approach will be important in upcoming projects in the 2021-22 year. A public awareness campaign is being developed with New Zealand Police and Neighbourhood Support, following reports of theft and burglary from residential properties and vehicles. A tool engraving programme will also help assist Police to identify and return stolen items to tradespeople.

A joint approach is also being taken by ACC, the S.E.E.D.S family support/parenting programme and Plunket to develop a child injury awareness and education programme using the Safekids Aotearoa Toolkit. This will inform parents about the dangers of choking, brain injury through shaking and not wearing cycle helmets, as well as information about poisoning and burns. Another project will help to develop a ski safety education programme for local schools ahead of the ski season.

ACC, the Ashburton District Council, and the Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee are also working to develop a promotion in local newspapers during motorcycle awareness month (September 2021) to promote safety programmes.

Thanks to the Ashburton District Council and ACC for supporting these important projects.

# Ā mātou tutukitanga Our achievements

**Key legacy projects were completed in the Safe Communities Ashburton District’s second year, including the development of the Mid Canterbury Citizens Advice Bureau and Mid Canterbury Connector Community Transport Service.**

Coordinator Lesley Symington says the key to getting these initiatives off the ground was developing a “robust coalition” of Government and community stakeholders.

The Mid Canterbury Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) offices were opened at Community House in December 2020. This was made possible thanks to an Ashburton District Council grant, and support from the CAB National Office, Community House Mid Canterbury and Safe Communities Ashburton District. “We wanted to open a CAB branch for the District, so that residents would have access to quality, up-to-date information to keep themselves and their families safe and to help them stay involved in the community through clubs and activities,” Lesley says. “It’s been a massive success story. In the first seven months, and with no promotion, the CAB received 384 enquiries from the public.”

A part-time CAB coordinator started work in July and 19 volunteers have already been recruited and trained. The Ashburton District Community Directory has also been updated and uploaded on to the CAB national database and website thanks to a grant from the Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS).

Another major project has been the introduction of the Mid Canterbury Connector. To get this project underway, the Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust was established and eight volunteer drivers were vetted and recruited. Funding for the second six months of operation (July-December 2021) was received from the Ministry of Social Development and further funding from Environment Canterbury has been included in its Long Term Plan (2021-2031).

Lesley says the Mid Canterbury Connector project aimed to reduce rural and social isolation by introducing a low-cost community transport service, driven by volunteers. “It’s aim was to bring people living in rural and remote areas of the district into the Ashburton township for medical appointments, to do business with the Council and others, visit friends and family, and do their shopping,” she says.

“People just have to book in and they will be picked up by a volunteer driver. It is currently running two days a week but the route will change to an on-demand service, which will soon run five days a week.”

In July 2020, the Mid Canterbury Suicide Prevention Network was established. Nineteen agencies signed a Charter, committing to work together to promote wellbeing, resilience and, ultimately, a reduction in the incidence of suicide in the district.

A Mid Canterbury Suicide Prevention/Postvention Strategy and Action Plan (2019-2024) was developed in partnership with the Safer Mid Canterbury Lives Worth Living Programme and network. A list of all mental health services in the Ashburton District, and how to access them, has also been developed and shared with the CAB so this information is publicly accessible.

Other work that continued during the year was raising awareness about falls prevention, and promotion of the Live Stronger for Longer-approved strength and balance classes for older adults.

“People can die as a result of a fall,” Lesley says. “Twenty-four approved strength and balance classes are held across the district, which focus on helping people to stay fit and flexible, because we know falls are preventable.”

In June 2020, the Safe Communities programme began coordinating the Caring for Communities Social Recovery Project/Network, which had been established as the Ashburton District Council’s Welfare Response Group during the COVID-19 lockdown. Funded by Advance Ashburton, the group commissioned a large piece of social research to gain information and insight into the needs of the community. In response to recommendations from the research, an action plan has already been developed and a social/emergency housing working group has been formed.

“Projects and actions undertaken from the research will enable the Ashburton community to become more resilient and better able to respond in times of an emergency or crisis,” Lesley says.

# Ā mātou tauanga

## Our statistics

In 2021, we are proud to have supported...

471  
youth

66  
events

1,791  
adults

84  
migrants

5,000  
households

344  
children

27  
agencies

working in  
partnership

# Ō mātou kaitiaki

## 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 Caring for Communities steering group and chair of the Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust.



**Don McLeod**, *Chair of Trustees*

Don has been a Safer Mid Canterbury Board member for nine years, including several years as the 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 is also a board member for Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service (ACADS), Community House Mid Canterbury, and Neighbourhood Support.



**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.



**Michelle Ormsby-Brett**

Michelle is well known for her work in various community sectors throughout the Mid Canterbury district. She is currently the Hato Hone St John Right Care Advisor Hauora Māori, is a member of the St John Diversity and Inclusion Council and is the South Island Youth Clinical Liaison. Michelle is also the Chair of Hakatere Marae, a position she has held for the past four years. She is passionate about improving whānau outcomes and helping achieve greater equity.



**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 11 years, including seven as a trustee. He is a long-term member of the Ashburton Lions Club, which includes a period as President.

# S.E.E.D.S Programme

## The S.E.E.D.S programme team worked hard during 2020/21 to help support Mid Canterbury families through a challenging year.

The free family wellbeing programme matches whānau who may require extra support, with a trained volunteer who can share skills, such as introducing routines, time management, budgeting, and menu planning. They can also provide tools for handling stress and information about child health and wellbeing.

With the impact of COVID-19 being felt across the country in the last year, S.E.E.D.S volunteers were able to offer practical and meaningful support during a time of increased uncertainty for many families.

S.E.E.D.S coordinator Marie McAnulty says, the COVID-19 lockdowns were especially hard for some Mid Canterbury families.

"During lockdown, I decided to create a newsletter that included activities and easy recipes and popped it into our clients' mailboxes," she says. "We were working



with 12 clients at the time and I had a really good response from them saying how wonderful it was and how much it helped."

"When parents would say they were worried about home schooling, I could say, 'focus on the cooking lessons, because that will teach children many skills, like measuring and maths'."

The success of this shared information, led to the publication of Thrifty Cooking – Lockdown Favourites and Awesome Activities for Kids – All Time Favourites. After the lockdown, Marie also arranged food parcels and \$20 gift vouchers to give to families.

"A big thing was mental health concerns, and we are noticing clients are staying on our books for up to six months, because they need that bit of extra support at the moment," Marie says. "Some people are also very lonely out there and just want someone to talk to."

"We can help by referring people to other organisations for more support and we can also help people work to a routine and make charts for the kids to follow. We make suggestions and they might use it now, or in a year or two down the track, but it's always really practical advice."

The S.E.E.D.S programme currently has 14 volunteers but are always on the lookout for more people to come and share their experiences. "We provide training and vetting for all volunteers," Marie says. "When a new client is referred to us, I will go and meet them the first time and then match them with a volunteer."

Highlights throughout the year have included the food pantry, which was built by The Men's Shed. Anyone who has spare food can now donate it to the pantry outside Community House and people can visit and take what they need for themselves and their whānau. The little libraries set up by S.E.E.D.S that have been dotted around the town are also going well, and a Speed Networking event, organised by S.E.E.D.S, was held on 8 July.

# S.E.E.D.S Case study

## Ashburton mum Emma\* says connecting with the S.E.E.D.S team has been one of the best things she's ever done.

Following a referral from Oranga Tamariki about 12 months ago, she was put in touch with a S.E.E.D.S volunteer worker whom she could regularly meet with over a cuppa. "They have been a great sounding board," she says.

"They ask how things are going and help to point me in the right direction. I've never been turned down or away if I've needed them, and they are never pushy, they take everything at my pace."

Having this strong support has brought Emma's family closer and given her the confidence to ask for help when needed.

With the original issue now resolved, Emma continues to catch up with the S.E.E.D.S volunteer for a check-in once a week when she's not working. "It's not that I need the meetings now, but I know that things would be harder without that support," she says.

"I want to thank S.E.E.D.S. They have been a rock of stability for me, helping me keep on track, and I always know that they are there if I just want some help and a chat."

\*Name has been changed to protect the family's identity and privacy.

In other good news, an independent evaluation of the S.E.E.D.S programme was held.

Some of the feedback from clients included:

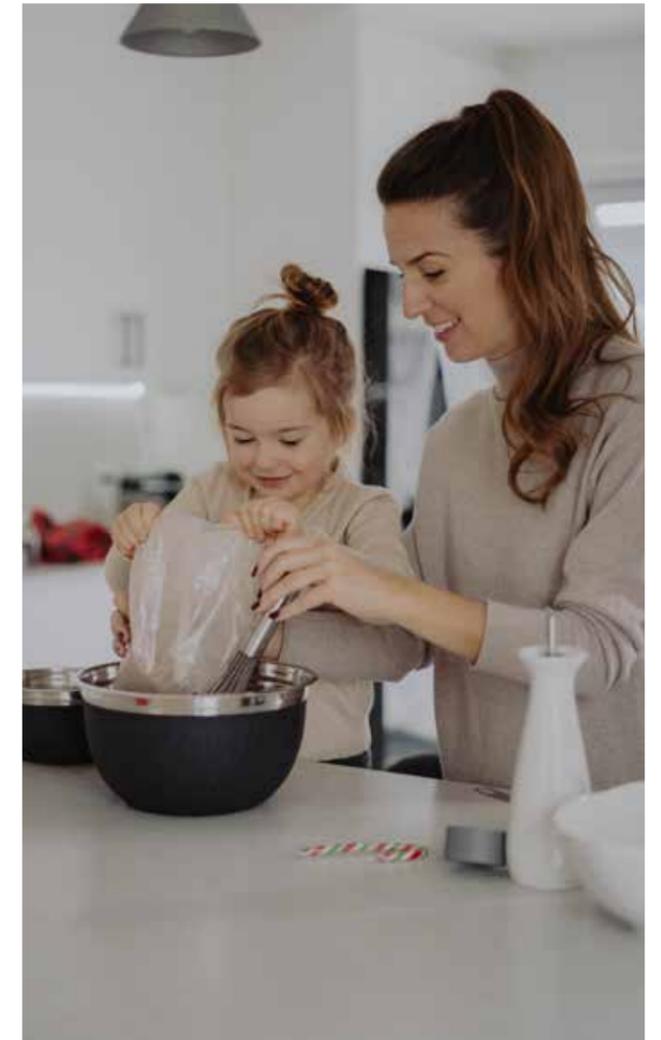
"Very good. The volunteer is a lovely person... always (works to) suit my needs."

"Amazing. I'm still in contact (with my volunteer)."

"Very good. We still have an ongoing relationship."

"Excellent. They are more like a friend."

"It was nice to hear someone cared about us especially over lockdown."



# Restorative Justice

The community-based Restorative Justice process has become an integral part of the criminal justice system, according to Safer Mid Canterbury Restorative Justice Facilitator Bronnie McKenna.

Safer Mid Canterbury has delivered Restorative Justice Services for the Ashburton District Court since the initiative began in 1999. When a person is charged with an offence and appears in court, the Judge may refer them to Restorative Justice after a guilty plea has been entered.

Restorative Justice has been designed to hold the offender accountable and provide them with an opportunity to repair harm caused to the victim and community. The victim can share the often unseen harm and damage caused, which may help them to gain insight into the offending, as well as to receive an apology and reparation.

One of Safer Mid Canterbury's recent Restorative Justice cases involved a young man who had been celebrating with his friends because one of the group had just gained employment in a dream role. Bronnie explains that after consuming alcohol, the situation started to get a little out of control with the group getting louder and "sillier".

"The bar owner was alerted to their behaviour and they were asked to calm down by a staff member," she says. "The property received some damage and they were asked to leave. The owner began to take photos to identify the group and the offender took exception to this. Punches were thrown at the bar owner, connecting with his head."

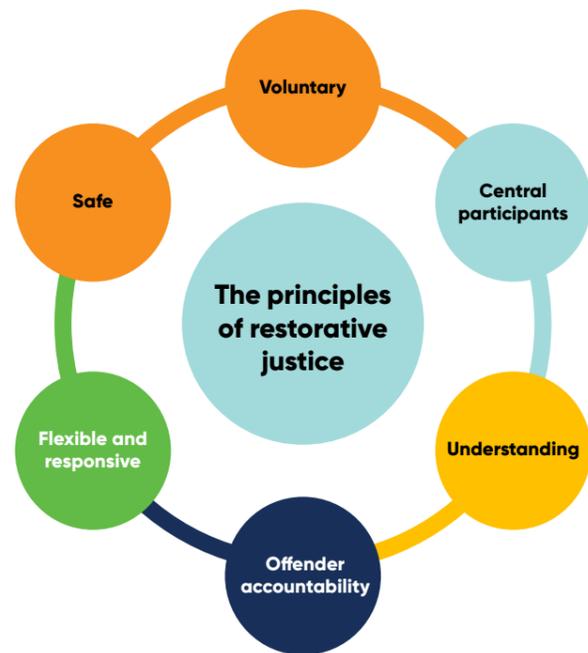
Police arrived at the scene and contained the group outside to diffuse the situation and to take down their details. The offender was spoken to the next day, where he admitted guilt to a charge of common assault.

The bar owner had previously taken part in a successful Restorative Justice process for a similar offence, but wasn't sure if this one would be as successful. However, after speaking with Bronnie he agreed to take part, as did the offender.

"The outcome was an extremely positive conversation between the two parties with the offender gaining clear insight into how the 'pack mentality' and actions of the group had caused not only lost income, but a ripple effect on staff members, other patrons, and the bar's reputation." There was also the inconvenience of the broken equipment, Bronnie says.

"The victim was happy with the sincere apologies given, and reparation was paid. The offender and his friends also took the time to do volunteer work at the business."

Taking part in the Restorative Justice process is voluntary and will only go ahead if both parties agree and it is determined to be suitable by the coordinator. Following the process, a detailed report is provided to the judge for consideration during sentencing.



# Community Connector

For residents feeling isolated or like they need some extra support in their lives, Safer Mid Canterbury is now delivering the Community Connector service across the Ashburton district.

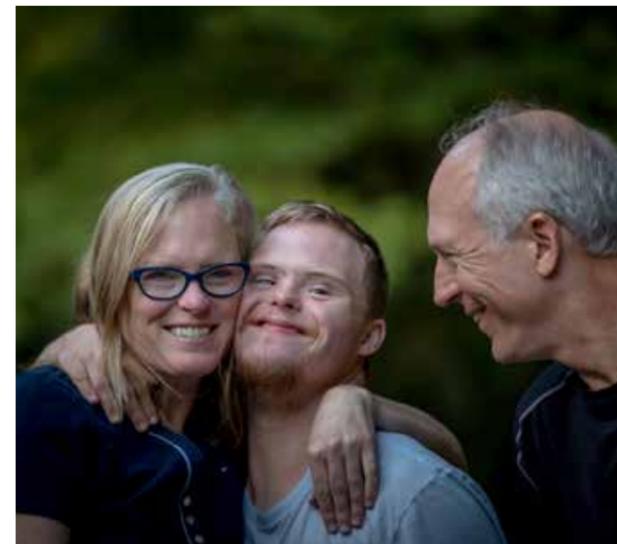
The organisation's Community Connector provides practical support and helps people access government agencies or other local services, using existing networks, resources, and supports available in the community. This support is available to individuals and whānau, whether they need one-off or ongoing assistance, following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The service is being funded by the Government's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund for the next 12 months. The fund partners with existing Ministry of Social Development funded services to deliver Community Connector support in communities that have identified a need for it. Referrals are made by GPs, government agencies, schools or other community services working with an individual or family. People can also refer themselves.

Community Connector Jenny Rae says, "The service is a great way for people who may be feeling a bit isolated to get some support to feel more included in the community or to access the information they need to make things easier."

Examples of the help provided include filling out forms or applications; booking appointments; finding information or community services; support with accessing or navigating services; and being connected to other people in the community who may be able to assist. When people start working with the service a plan is developed based on their goals.

"One of the neat things about the service is that it is really proactive. If someone we're working with has a change in their circumstances we can help them to figure out their next steps, so they still feel well supported," Jenny says.



# Refugee Settlement Support Service

**The first family to settle in Mid Canterbury, as part of our Refugee Settlement Support Service, was warmly greeted with a traditional Ngāi Tahu welcome in May.**

After touching down at Christchurch Airport, the first Hazara family from Afghanistan travelled to their new home in Ashburton, which had been set up by RSSS volunteers the day before.

The RSSS is a collaboration between Safer Mid Canterbury and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). It was introduced to welcome families who have had to flee their homeland to seek a safe place to resettle. Safer Mid Canterbury is expecting to work with about 60 people - or up to 20 families - during the first year.

With COVID-19 restrictions halting the refugees' planned arrival in 2020, Refugee Settlement Support team leader Kathy Harrington-Watt was delighted to finally greet the first family on 28 May. It did, however, come with its own challenges.

The day they arrived, it was pouring with rain in Ashburton and the town was threatened by flooding.



"Two days after arriving in Ashburton, the family was told to prepare a bag in case they needed to evacuate and unfortunately I was cut off from them during the flooding," Kathy says. "Volunteers were able to support them and thankfully the family was not affected."

Ashburton was chosen to be part of the resettlement programme due to its housing availability, low unemployment, and close proximity to Christchurch's refugee communities. Timaru, Blenheim and some other centres in the North Island have become new settlement sites for refugee resettlement programmes. Timaru and Ashburton are the only non-Red Cross programmes in New Zealand.

To officially become a refugee, a person must first be identified at a United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) screening camp. After leaving Afghanistan, the first family to make Ashburton their home, through the Refugee Resettlement Service, spent three years in Malaysia while they applied and waited to be resettled. During this time, COVID-19 took hold across the world and they were put into lockdown. When the time finally came for them to leave, screening and health checks took place and they boarded a plane to New Zealand. After spending two weeks in an MIQ facility, they then moved to the Mangere Refugee Centre in Auckland for a further five weeks.

"On entry into New Zealand, they were given permanent residency. At the Mangere Refugee Centre they attended language classes and children attended school, where they learned about New Zealand culture, laws and social life, while also mixing with other refugees settling in New Zealand," Kathy says. "Background information about the families was also provided to Safer Mid Canterbury so we could start considering employment, housing and schooling options."

Kathy says the new family is very community-oriented and the children have been 'very keen to get to school'. Christchurch's Afghan community has provided support with visits and an open invitation for the families to visit Christchurch. "Those links are strong," Kathy says. "The Mid Canterbury community has also been amazing and super supportive."

Much of the service's success so far, can be attributed to the 22 volunteers who have worked hard to prepare the rental accommodation and make it comfortable for the new families. They have become proud ambassadors of the RSSS service in the process, Kathy says. While the Government provides essential items for the service, such as furniture, the RSSS service aims to provide a culturally-appropriate service while managing donations, locating suitable housing, and helping families to manage their finances, attend school, attend English language classes, access health care and obtain their driver licences. "There are many issues that arise in the day-to-day lives of the family as they negotiate their new home," Kathy says. "There is a lot of work behind the scenes ensuring that the right services and supports are in place."

All negotiations, official travel and formal requirements are arranged through the New Zealand Government by MBIE. The Red Cross has the contract to start the Pathways to Employment Programme, helping to guide people into their preferred employment and eventually achieve financial independence.

As the Refugee Settlement Service support team leader, Kathy's role is a full-time position. The Safer Mid Canterbury-based team also includes full-time cultural navigator David Bashir who speaks Dari; Nicolee Ayton who has been employed as a part-time housing case worker and Wendy Hewitt who is the new volunteer coordinator. Prior to the first family's arrival, the RSSS team spent time visiting churches and community groups to help explain the settlement process and answer any questions. They are now looking to employ another case worker to assist more families to come to Ashburton District.

"When the families arrive in their new communities, they are usually pretty excited," Kathy says. "The houses are quite different from what they are used to but we do our best to make them warm and comfortable. They have their own place and aren't having to share with other people. They are happy to finally start their new lives."



# Ā mātou ratonga

## Our services

### Youth Support

**What we do:** Safer Mid Canterbury provides a one-on-one support service for young people and their families to target issues that are creating obstacles in young people's lives. This service has been operating in the Ashburton District for 16 years. Youth Support Workers, together with young people, develop an action plan and a timeline for achievement.

**This year:** Over the past year, we received many referrals, picking up and intensively working with 34 young people.

### Community Youth Programme

**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 busy with 15 referrals. Most young people on this programme have successfully made changes in their lives, which is positive for our community.

### Supervision with Activity

**What we do:** Supervision with Activity has been operating since 2018. This contract is aimed at higher level youth offenders and is an intervention that sits just prior to 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 halting their offending.

**This year:** Staff working in this service have received one referral. The young person had been engaged in a reasonable level of offending and remained at risk of offending again. We are pleased to report that they have not been charged with further offences, since we started working with them. Last year, this service received two referrals.

### Supported Bail

**What we do:** Supported Bail is another contract area for our organisation that began operating in 2018. This contract is aimed at providing intensive support for young people, who have been charged with an offence and have been bailed back to an address in our district, awaiting sentencing. Our role is to ensure they meet bail conditions and don't reoffend while on bail.

**This year:** We received no referrals this year for supported bail. This is a good outcome for our community. We received one referral in the previous financial year. In general, youth offending levels are decreasing, which is a very positive trend. We are now finding we can engage with young people at an earlier stage, where we have a greater chance of deterring offending.

### CACTUS (Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit and Support)

**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:** In the past year, 36 young people have taken part in the basic CACTUS programme and an additional 17 in the CACTUS Advanced programme. CACTUS has remained very popular in the 15 years it has been running.

### Migrant Support Service

**What we do:** Over the past year, we received funding from the Ministry of Social Development to put toward the support of refugee families once they had settled and no longer received support from the MBIE funded settlement service. Due to not having refugees to support, MSD allowed us to use this funding to support migrants who had been affected by COVID-19.

**This year:** We received referrals to support 31 migrant families over the past year. Much of this support was in relation to employment and visa issues, along with financial hardship caused by not being able to work.

### S.E.E.D.S (Sharing Everyday Experiences and Drawing on Skills)

**What we do:** Safer Mid Canterbury has been operating the S.E.E.D.S service for more than 10 years. S.E.E.D.S is a free family wellbeing programme targeting families with pre-schoolers. Families needing support are matched with a trained volunteer, who works in the family's home environment, teaching practical parenting and household skills. Volunteers are trained in techniques to reduce stress and to improve the confidence of young families. Practical skills that are shared include parenting routines, time management, handling stress, child health and well-being, nutrition, menu planning, cooking and baking, budgeting, sewing and garment repairs, housekeeping, and hygiene.

**This year:** Over the past year, we have received 39 referrals for this service. The service remains busy with referrals coming in from a range of agencies. Our ability to handle the constantly busy workload is only possible due to the significant contribution of our many dedicated volunteers.

### Court Contact Service

**What we do:** Over the past three years, we have been accredited to provide supervised contact services to the court. This is a similar service to Supervised Access, however in this instance, it 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 child/children unless supervised. Our role, once a referral is received, 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 600 hours of supervised contact. Some of this contact has also taken place with Christchurch families. 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

**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. Our most skilled staff work in this area, due to the difficulty and complexity involved in many situations.

**This year:** This service remains steady with more than 800 hours of supervised contact carried out.

### Resource Workers

**What we do:** Over the past four years, Safer Mid Canterbury has begun employing resource workers to support various projects and deliver short term contracts. We often get asked to carry out a piece of work over the short term, such as supporting a child back into education or providing support around other community interventions. Rather than constantly trying to find staff for short term work at short notice, we now work to create more permanent positions, so we can respond to these requests.

**This year:** In the last 12 months, we have had additional work from Oranga Tamariki. This has largely involved assisting social workers with activities such as transporting and supporting clients. We have provided 780 hours of direct service support over the last year in fulfilling these contracts.

### Transition Service

**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 is able to gain a high level of support up to the age of 21 and has the ability to come back for assistance up to the age of 25.

**This year:** We have received eight referrals this year for the service, which is the level we are contracted for. This can be quite intensive work and clients remain with us for a number of years.

# Ā mātou ratonga

## Our services

### Attendance Services

**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 families, schools, and other groups. Truancy can be due to a range of factors, and our attendance officers assist young people and families to get the support they need.

**This year:** Over the past year, we received 67 referrals for non-attending students. The young people we worked with were generally referred to us for non-enrolment, unjustified absence from school for more than 20 days, or an attendance level below 80 percent. Referrals have increased slightly over the last year.

### Families Without Violence Network

**What we do:** The Families Without Violence Network was formed 12 years ago in response to increasing levels of family violence. The Families Without Violence coordinator promotes the prevention and awareness of family violence within the Ashburton District community. We develop resources to help victims and offenders access information and assistance. We also run activities and events to promote awareness of family violence and create avenues for support. The Coordinator brings agencies together, to work collectively in reducing family violence in our district.

**This year:** Safer Mid Canterbury met all contractual outcomes for this network. We worked with, and supported, 15 agencies over the course of the year, organised eight collaborative meetings, and ran nine training and education events. We also ran a Family Violence think tank to help plan a collective approach to Family Violence for the next year.



### Lives Worth Living

**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 two people in joint roles to support suicide prevention and to provide support in the event of a death by suicide.

**This year:** This work has been very busy with the delivery of a range of programmes, supports and educational awareness activities. This year we carried out 42 wellness talks with 1,001 people attending, and 16 suicide prevention trainings with 518 people participating.

### Refugee Settlement Support

**What we do:** The Refugee Settlement Support Service provides intensive support to new refugees in their first 12 months of settlement in a new area. It covers supporting them in every aspect of settling in, from housing and registering with a GP to school enrolments and social engagement.

**This year:** It has been a slow start for this service due to the restraints of the COVID-19 pandemic not allowing refugees to enter the country for most of the year. We received our first refugees in May 2021, with five people settling in Ashburton. There were others scheduled to arrive, however, due to high level health issues, MBIE settled them in Christchurch.

### Community Service Support

**What we do:** Safer Mid Canterbury works in close partnership with a number of smaller trusts operating 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. Managing employees can be time-consuming for small organisations and can involve the creation of processes and policies; health and safety protocols; day to day monitoring; and reviews.

**This year:** In the last year, we have worked with a range of organisations providing support in various ways. Agencies have included Hype Youth Health Centre, Neighbourhood Support Ashburton District, Hakatere Multi Cultural Council, and Wellbeing Opuke.

### Children's Programme

**What we do:** Safer Mid Canterbury runs the Children's Programme over the Christmas school holidays. This programme focuses on working with at-risk children aged 5 to 10 years. The programme 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:** 27 children were referred to the Children's Programme. 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.

### Rock On (Reduce Our Community Kids Offending Now)

**What we do:** Safer Mid Canterbury introduced the ROCK ON initiative in 2015. ROCK ON is an inter-agency, community-funded initiative which identifies and targets young people with significant school attendance issues. The aim is to reduce youth offending rates in our local community.

**This year:** In the last 12 months, we have worked intensively with 10 young people and their families, putting quality supports in place to encourage them back into regular education.

### Community Connector

**What we do:** The Community Connector service works with families, whānau and others who need help finding support in the community, whatever that may be. This support helps reduce isolation, and the Community Connector assists people with navigating or accessing government agencies and other services, or connects 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. Referrals are made by GPs, government agencies, schools or other community services working with an individual or family. People can also refer themselves.

**This year:** This is a new service that only started in the later part of the year. Over the last few months, we have received eight referrals.

### Safe Communities

**What we do:** Safer Mid Canterbury has been tasked with leading this work in our community. Safe Communities is an all of community approach to developing a plan for the district, that aims to reduce injury and enhance safety, across a range of areas within our community. Thirty nine districts in New Zealand have obtained Safe Communities accreditation under the Safe Communities Federation of New Zealand. All have reported an increase in interventions and activities, an increase in external funding and improved safety within their communities.

**This year:** This was our second year of carrying out our work plan. Over the year, we continued to bring together the 27 organisations and agencies from across the district that are working on the Safe Communities Business Plan. These agencies and organisations signed a charter committing themselves to work collectively towards achieving the goals outlined in the plan. Key areas of work over the past year have been working on establishing the Citizens Advice Bureau, the Community Vehicle Trust, the Caring for Communities Recovery Group, and the Emergency Housing Group.

### Restorative Justice Service

**What we do:** Safer Mid Canterbury has delivered Restorative Justice Services in the Ashburton District Court since this initiative was first established in 1999. When a person appears in court charged with an offence, the Judge may refer them to the Restorative Justice service post sentence, if they have pleaded guilty to the offence they are charged with. 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 upon. A detailed report then goes back to the Judge to be considered when the offender is sentenced. Restorative Justice plans address reparation, penalty, treatment, and education.

**This year:** Over the past year, we received 101 referrals for this service for the Ashburton and Timaru Courts. We worked with 212 offenders and victims (sometimes an offender can have more than one victim).

# Activity book

Following the success of last year's lockdown cookbook, S.E.E.D.S, Safer Mid Canterbury and BASE Youth Centre collaborated once again to produce **Awesome Activities for Kids – All Time Favourites.**

The 30-page activity book, which was funded by an Oranga Tamariki grant to support families affected by COVID-19, features easy, fun projects and games to keep children (aged up to nine) entertained. The best part is that all the step-by-step activities only require household items or ingredients.

S.E.E.D.S coordinator Marie McAnulty said the idea to create the second book came when many people found themselves looking for ideas to keep their children occupied during the COVID-19 lockdowns. It follows the success of 2020's Thrifty Cooking – Lockdown Favourites, which has proved to be very popular. "People were telling us they were using the cookbook and were finding it helpful, so we thought we'd try the activity book, too," she says.

Awesome Activities for Kids – All Time Favourites includes ideas such as scavenger hunts; how to put on various performances and bake biscuits; tips to make a time capsule and write your own stories; as well as planting strawberries and sunflowers, and much more.

Whenever she is visiting a new client, Marie takes a copy of both the activity book and cookbook with her, and the team at BASE Youth Centre do the same. "They have been really popular," she says.



# Transition Service

The Transition Service team works alongside young people aged between 15 and 25 years old, providing practical support to help them achieve their goals as they move towards adulthood and independence.

The Safer Mid Canterbury Transition Service has had another successful year, focusing on developing strong foundations for rangatahi, by encouraging connection with their whakapapa, emphasising wellbeing, and exploring educational and training opportunities.

Rangatahi are referred to the Transition Service by Oranga Tamariki. Relationships are built between the young person and their social worker to support and achieve the goals set out by the young person during a transition hui. Once they turn 18, the young person transitions out of care and is fully supported by the Transition kaimahi/worker until they are 25, if they choose.

The past year has seen many success stories, including rangatahi who have completed their NCEA certificates, studied for their driver licences, obtained part-time work, and had an overall improvement in their wellbeing.

Practical support provided by the Transition Service has included enrolling rangatahi with a doctor and dentist, organising relevant documentation, and arranging access to specialist counselling services when needed.

The team also works with each young person to determine their strengths and interests, what motivates them, and how they can be encouraged to develop their skills. Importance is placed on maintaining and strengthening whānau, hapū, iwi, marae and encouraging family relationships.



There is also a strong focus on continuing education and young people obtaining their driver licence to help grow their independence.

During the school holidays, activities are organised with three other Transition kaimahi/workers from Timaru, Oamaru and Temuka, to take young people on new outdoor experiences, such as quad bike tours, waka ama, horse trekking, team building activities and challenges. Camping and hiking are also being considered. The Transition Service likes to think outside the box and get creative. The team are grateful for any funding they receive that supports the goals and aspirations of our young people.

*Me mahi tahi tatou mo te oranga o te katoa  
We should work together for the well-being of everyone.*



# Ō mātou tāngata

## Our people



### Kevin Clifford

Kevin has been the General Manager of Safer Mid Canterbury for 15 years. His favourite part of his job is working with people who are dedicated to helping others, and the enjoyment of making a difference in people's lives. Kevin is also involved with a number of other community boards and trusts, and is an active community volunteer. In his spare time, Kevin enjoys spending time with his family.

### Toni Sowman

Toni runs the Restorative Justice programme. She has also previously worked in an Attendance Services role. 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.



### Anna Arrowsmith

Anna is the Families Without Violence Coordinator. Her qualifications and background are in Psychology and Counselling. Born and bred in Ashburton, Anna enjoys being a part of our close community and all that it has to offer. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and being with her family and friends.

### Jenny Rae

Jenny is a Senior Youth Worker with Safer Mid Canterbury. Jenny has been with Safer Mid Canterbury for nine years, previously as an Attendance Officer. Jenny loves the outdoors and in the weekends can be found hiking or spending time with her children.



### Marie McAnulty

Marie has been the S.E.E.D.S Coordinator since 2014. Originally from Masterton, she managed Supergrans Wairarapa. Marie is involved with a number of clubs in Ashburton. She enjoys travelling overseas, exploring the South Island and sport (and is still a Hurricanes supporter).

### Maddie Reed

Maddie is our Children's Programme Coordinator, working with children aged 5 – 12 years for three weeks during the summer school holidays. Maddie has previous experience working with children at an after school programme, and started her Bachelor of Nursing studies in 2019. In her spare time she enjoys skiing, playing competitive netball, fitness training and nutrition.



### Wendy Hewitt

Wendy Hewitt is the Coordinator for the Rural Driver Licensing Scheme. She has a strong background in the dairy industry as a dairy farmer and in the agri sales sector. She also provides mentoring/support for 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 Safe Communities project aims to address safety issues for the District (e.g. falls in older people) by agencies pooling their skills and resources to devise solutions. Lesley has a background in local government community services and enjoys developing programmes and initiatives to help people. In her spare time, she enjoys walks with her dog, wine, antiques, reading and travel.



### Tayla Wright

Tayla is a Children's Programme Coordinator working with children aged 5 - 12yrs during the summer holidays. She has volunteered with the CACTUS programme for six years as a peer support leader. She was runner up in the Canterbury Youth Awards and is a recipient of the TrustPower Community Awards Youth Spirit Award for her volunteer work in Ashburton. Tayla enjoys supporting young people and loves the outdoors including hiking, camping, and swimming.

### Bronnie McKenna

Bronnie is one of our Restorative Justice Facilitators. She has been involved in all sorts of people-based roles, from being a teacher aide and advocate for mental health, to a sports coach and health and safety officer. In her spare time she is a Mum, wife, a cattery owner and an avid sideline supporter of her children's sports and hobbies.



### Sheree Kershaw

Sheree has been the Coordinator of the HYPE Youth Health Centre since November 2017. She has a background in teaching, psychology and mental health. Sheree is passionate about helping youth access health and other community services they need and supporting them on their road to wellbeing. Her interests include spending time with her family, walking and enjoying the outdoors.

### Ani Koperu

Ani Koperu is our new administrator, PA, and receptionist. She says no two days are ever the same at Safer Mid Canterbury and loves the variety of the role. One of six children, she hails from the North Island. Ani's husband is from Samoa, and he can often be seen running around the rugby field as a referee for Mid Canterbury. Ani has taken over the administration position from Mary Bailey and wishes to thank her for her unwavering support during handover and "the invaluable contribution that she made to Safer Mid Canterbury".



# Ō mātou tāngata

## Our people



### Brad Raukawa

Brad is the Safer Mid Canterbury Youth Justice Worker. He has spent the past 14 years doing youth support work in a variety of ways including supporting high risk youth, and working in church groups, sporting clubs, and schools. He has a passion for helping young people achieve goals that will direct their lives in a positive and empowering way. He and his wife have three children and outside of work, Brad enjoys spending time outdoors, hunting, tramping, attending his local church, and growing food.

### Keri Kuru

Keri is the Safer Mid Canterbury CACTUS Coordinator. CACTUS is an adventure-based programme for 10-14 year olds. Keri enjoys spending time with her whānau and friends. She is also a keen traveller, gym-goer and outdoor adventurer. Keri is passionate about seeing young people achieve, and enjoys the challenge of her role.



### Rae Magson

Rae is the Minute Secretary for Safer Mid Canterbury. This is a role that Rae fulfils for a range of organisations and boards around Ashburton.

### Kim Hamill

Safer Mid Canterbury contracts 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.



### Kathy Harrington-Watt

Kathy Harrington-Watt is our Refugee Settlement Support Service team leader. This is a new service for Safer Mid Canterbury and Ashburton. Kathy is a registered Social Worker with experience in Child and Family Mental Health. She recently 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.

### Tania King

Tania is a Resource Worker at Safer Mid Canterbury and a S.E.E.D.S Volunteer. Tania enjoys reading, cooking and spending time with family.



### Connie Quigley

Connie has been at Safer Mid Canterbury since September 2019, working as one of two Lives Worth Living coordinators. Connie was born in Ireland and moved to New Zealand with her family in 2012. She has worked as a mental health clinician for more than 27 years, both in management and clinical roles in primary and secondary services. In her spare time, Connie enjoys the outdoors and loves spending time with her family.

### Di Cleverley

Di has worked for Safer Communities Timaru as dual coordinator for the last 11 years. When Safer Mid Canterbury took over the South Canterbury restorative justice contract in early 2020, Di took on the reporting and spreadsheet management required for the Ministry of Justice. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, working in her garden, and being involved in her many music commitments, which include community choirs and organising Christmas on the Bay.



### Pup Chamberlain

Pup has been at Safer Mid Canterbury since September 2019, working as one of two Lives Worth Living coordinators. He has had previous experience in health and education and spent many years as a Police Officer, mostly in the Mid Canterbury region. With a degree in Adult Education, Pup enjoys working with adults and young people, supporting them to enjoy fulfilled lives. When not at work, Pup likes spending time with his family, fishing and watching his pacers.

### Navid Bashir

Navid Bashir has been working as a Cultural Navigator with the Refugee Settlement Support Service since April 2021. He helps the team to communicate with the refugee families and understand cultural needs. Navid is originally from Afghanistan and speaks Farsi/Dari. He is enjoying being part of this new service and is looking forward to seeing many families settle in Ashburton District in the future.



### Selwyn Price

Selwyn has been the kaiāwhina for school attendance with Safer Mid Canterbury since March 2021. His career in education spans more than four decades and five continents, most recently as a provider of professional development workshops for international school teachers in the Asia Pacific region. He sits on a number of boards, has been involved in many sports and outdoor activities, and has an abiding passion for the visual arts.

### Sue Abel

This is Sue's first year with Neighbourhood Support. She enjoys meeting and talking to people and says Neighbourhood Support is a great connector in the community. Prior to joining Safer Mid Canterbury, Sue worked for Idea Services in administration, and prior to that, her background was in business. With her two sons now grown up and enjoying their own lives, Sue is working on developing a lifestyle block.



# Ō mātou tāngata

## Our people



### 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 Safer 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 is the coordinator for Safer Mid Canterbury's CACTUS youth programme. The course 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.



### Natalia Scott

Natalia has returned to Ashburton after spending 13 years in Western Australia working in Social Services. She has joined the Safer Mid Canterbury Youth Team as our Youth Support Worker. Natalia has been a Wellness Assessor and Disability Assessor for the Australian Federal Government. She has also worked as the Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the 1Life Suicide Prevention Strategy in Western Australia and worked in the non-profit, non-Government sector for mental health as a case worker and team leader for Mental Health and Carer programmes. Natalia is passionate about supporting people to achieve their goals and live their best lives.



### Emma Stagg

When she's not studying geography and environmental management at university, Emma Stagg works as one of our children's holiday programme coordinators. The role sees her supervise and run activities for children ranging from ages five to 12. Emma says the work is incredibly rewarding and a lot of fun. Recent activities have involved groups travelling to Timaru and Christchurch to visit The International Antarctic Centre and Adrenalin Forest.



We are sad to farewell four team members who made the decision to leave Safer Mid Canterbury this year. We wish Administration Officer Mary Bailey; Attendance Officer Struan Duthie; and Neighbourhood Support Coordinator Christine Richards, all the very best for their retirement. Adi Avnit, our Mid Canterbury Newcomers' Network coordinator, has also now moved on to new challenges. Thank you all for your contribution to Safer Mid Canterbury. We wish you all the very best for the future.



Mary Bailey



Struan Duthie



Christine Richards



Adi Avnit

# Whakaahua

## Photographs



Nicolee Ayton and Navid Bashir  
Photo: The Ashburton Courier



Pup Chamberlain and Ani Koperu  
Photo: The Ashburton Courier



Kathy Harrington-Watt, Adi Avnit and Peter Reveley  
Photo: The Ashburton Courier



Rural Driver Licensing Scheme  
Wendy Hewitt  
Photo: Ashburton Guardian



Jenny Rae  
Photo: The Ashburton Courier



CACTUS programme adventures at the Rata Falls near Mt Peel led by Keri Kuru and Amanda Walker



Neighbourhood Support Coordinator Sue Abel  
Photo: Ashburton Guardian

# Performance Report 2021

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board  
For the year ended 30 June 2021

Prepared by Nimba

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## Entity Information

### Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2021

#### 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 2021

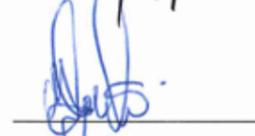
The Trustees are pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board for year ended 30 June 2021.

APPROVED



Trustee

Date 8/9/21



Trustee

Date 8/9/21



## Statement of Service Performance

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board  
For the year ended 30 June 2021

### 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 - 2021
<b>A Safer, Stronger Community</b>		
<b>Reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in our community</b>	Neighbourhood Support	4,942 households involved
	Turnaround Ashburton and Timaru	230 conferences
	ROCK ON	10 referrals
	Families without Violence	14 initiatives run
<b>Provide a welcoming environment for newcomers to Mid Canterbury</b>	Mid Canterbury Newcomers Network	62 groups and activities run. 37 individuals supported one on one
<b>Working Together</b>		
<b>Add value by collaborating with other local agencies</b>	Safe Communities	27 organisations on working party
	Rural Support Trust Migrant Driving Programme	36 Individuals supported
<b>Support families to be safe, strong and successful</b>	SEEDS Programme	34 referrals
	Supervised Access	617 hours Access
	Resource Work	780 hours support
	Migrant Service	32 Referrals
	Court Contact	388 hours contact
	Community Connector	7 Referrals
	Refugee Service	5 Individuals



<b>Coordinate agency interventions to improve outcomes for families</b>		
<b>Improve outcomes for our youth by supporting them to be confident, healthy and safe.</b>	Children's Programme	30 referrals
	Hype Youth Health Centre	1,067 client interactions
	Lives Worth Living	58 Groups & 1,519 Participants
	Youth Support	36 referrals
	Youth Development Programme	27 referrals
	CACTUS	48 places used
	Transition Service	8 referrals
<b>Reduce youth offending levels</b>	Youth Justice (Fresh Start)	14 referrals
	Attendance Services	110 referrals
	Supported Bail	1 referral this year



## Statement of Financial Performance

### Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2021

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

	NOTES	2021	2020
<b>Revenue</b>			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	1	12,298	37,395
Revenue from providing goods or services	1	1,596,249	1,229,033
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	7,718	8,594
Other revenue	1	220,521	131,450
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>1,836,785</b>	<b>1,406,472</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Volunteer and employee related costs	2	964,441	764,019
Costs related to providing goods or service	2	802,752	514,862
Other expenses	2	66,993	41,262
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>1,834,186</b>	<b>1,320,143</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>2,600</b>	<b>86,329</b>



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 2021

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

	NOTES	30 JUN 2021	30 JUN 2020
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank accounts and cash	3	709,696	650,337
Debtors and prepayments	3	70,630	58,407
Other Current Assets	3	301	299
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>780,627</b>	<b>709,044</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	143,203	102,201
Investments	3	78,442	76,436
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>221,645</b>	<b>178,636</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,002,272</b>	<b>887,680</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and accrued expenses	4	492,275	318,618
Employee costs payable	4	62,311	123,686
Other current liabilities	4	160	450
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>554,747</b>	<b>442,754</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>554,747</b>	<b>442,754</b>
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)</b>		<b>447,526</b>	<b>444,926</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Accumulated surpluses	6	426,578	423,978
Reserves	7	20,948	20,948
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>		<b>447,526</b>	<b>444,926</b>



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## Statement of Cash Flows

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board  
For the year ended 30 June 2021

'How the entity has received and used cash'

	2021	2020
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	11,656	16,395
Receipts from providing goods or services	1,783,633	1,429,835
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	7,716	8,682
Cash receipts from other operating activities	3,868	13,050
GST	(23,816)	(8,477)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,553,314)	(1,133,116)
<b>Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>229,742</b>	<b>326,371</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>		
Receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment	18,000	-
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(115,089)	(41,394)
Repayment of Wage Subsidy	(71,289)	67,247
Cash Flows from Other Investing and Financing Activities	(2,007)	(2,490)
<b>Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>	<b>(170,384)</b>	<b>23,364</b>
<b>Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>59,358</b>	<b>349,734</b>
<b>Cash Balances</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	650,437	300,703
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	709,796	650,437
Net change in cash for period	59,358	349,734



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 2021

#### 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 Stmt 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 2021

	2021	2020
<b>1. Analysis of Revenue</b>		
<b>Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue</b>		
Donations Received - Families Without Violence	1,955	3,987
Donations Received	10,343	12,408
Mayfield County Lions	-	21,000
<b>Total Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue</b>	<b>12,298</b>	<b>37,395</b>
<b>Revenue from providing goods or services</b>		
Accident Compensation Corporation	15,000	15,000
Advance Ashburton	25,161	7,840
Ashburton District Council Grants	211,806	211,806
Ashburton District Neighbourhood Support	25,362	27,013
Ashburton Youth Health Trust	48,642	35,927
Base Youth Centre	-	3,310
Community Organisation Grants	4,525	-
Community Trust Mid Sth Canty	32,000	30,000
Department of Courts - Supervised Contact	22,283	38,949
Discretionary/Emergency Fund - Income	8	-
Fundraising Income - FWV	3,339	-
Laura Fergusson Trust	-	332
Lion Foundation	16,800	16,800
Lottery COVID Wellbeing Fund	20,209	-
Mackenzie Charitable Foundation	39,000	24,000
Methven Lions Club	2,520	-
Mid Canty Hakatere Multi Cultural Council	67,159	36,005
Oranga Tamariki	349,625	303,577
Oranga Tamariki Fees for Service	43,017	24,881
Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment	146,406	60,043
MOJ Restorative Justice	205,694	154,898
Ministry of Social Development	28,231	5,000
Lottery Board N.Z.	38,215	60,000
Pegasus Health (Charitable) Ltd	-	15,000
Public Trust	7,361	-
Recovered Vehicle Mileage Income Court Access	3,179	-
Recovered Vehicle Mileage Income Restorative Justice (NO GST)	14,801	796
Recovered Vehicle Mileage Income Supervised Access	18,648	18,982
Rental Income - Heat Pump	821	1,094
Restorative Justice Sundry Income	399	-
Rural Support Trust	62,264	28,938
Safer MC Vehicle Mileage Income	54,153	42,183
Te Ora Hou Otautahi	29,149	29,149
Te Ora Hou Otautahi COVID Funding	2,961	-



	2021	2020
Trevor Wilson Charitable Trust	44,000	24,000
Youth Institute Ashburton	13,510	13,510
<b>Total Revenue from providing goods or services</b>	<b>1,596,249</b>	<b>1,229,033</b>
<b>Interest, dividends and other investment revenue</b>		
Interest Received	7,718	8,594
<b>Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue</b>	<b>7,718</b>	<b>8,594</b>
<b>Other revenue</b>		
Gain on Disposal of Assets	10,937	-
Overheads Recovered	208,744	125,102
Sundry Income	840	6,348
<b>Total Other revenue</b>	<b>220,521</b>	<b>131,450</b>
	2021	2020

## 2. Analysis of Expenses

	2021	2020
<b>Volunteer and employee related costs</b>		
Training Workshop Delivery (LWL)	1,012	1,863
Travel & Conference	7,317	3,119
Wages Salaries & KiwiSaver	956,112	759,036
<b>Total Volunteer and employee related costs</b>	<b>964,441</b>	<b>764,019</b>
<b>Costs related to providing goods or services</b>		
Recoverable Personal Vehicle Mileage Expenses	1,865	16,266
Accident Compensation Levies Paid	1,674	1,629
Accountancy Fees	375	375
Advertising	28,177	21,515
Bank Charges	355	250
Cleaning & Laundry	1,776	1,800
Client Expenses	-	1,209
Client Expenses Transition	987	-
Client Expenses - YHC	45	26
Client Expenses - YJ	3,996	2,299
Client Expenses - YS	223	1,881
Computer and Website Expenses	15,752	13,919
Consumables	4,702	4,550
Contractors and Consultancy	77,705	57,339
Discretionary/Emergency Fund - Seeds	63	-
Discretionary/Emergency Fund - Transition	841	-
Donations Made	560	-
Entertainment	-	893
General Expenses	542	10
Insurance	14,330	12,162
Lease Vehicle Expense	7,610	8,174
Motor Vehicle Expenses	30,616	26,329
Office Equipment & Plant < \$1000	16,283	6,353

	2021	2020
Personal Vehicle Mileage Reimbursed	10,127	1,541
Plant & Equipment Hire	893	98
Postage Printing & Stationery	32,778	21,416
Professional Accounting Services	48,845	39,495
Project Costs	37,924	19,075
Project Resources	-	2,865
Rent	46,835	36,121
Repairs & Maintenance	2,047	4,206
Rural Driving Programme Licencing	15,118	3,651
GPS Safer MC Vehicle Mileage Expense	53,153	32,168
Security	8,212	7,187
Share of Overheads	208,744	125,102
Staff Expenses	7,474	1,993
Subscriptions	3,192	3,295
Supervision	11,109	8,008
Telephone Tolls & Internet	22,901	15,544
Training & Resources	6,659	9,846
Venue Hire	9,767	4,558
Volunteer Expenses	1,180	1,712
Waitaki RJ Expenses	67,320	-
<b>Total Costs related to providing goods or services</b>	<b>802,752</b>	<b>514,862</b>
<b>Other expenses</b>		
Auditor	5,700	5,500
Depreciation	43,338	35,762
Legal Expenses	435	-
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	17,520	-
<b>Total Other expenses</b>	<b>66,993</b>	<b>41,262</b>
	2021	2020

## 3. Analysis of Assets

	2021	2020
<b>Bank accounts and cash</b>		
Heartland Capex Account	118,803	44,152
Community Vehicle Cash Fares	85	-
Westpac Debit Card Account	7,821	3,913
Heartland Cheque Account	468,714	554,448
Petty Cash	-	208
Main Petty Cash Account	194	178
Prezzy Card	-	538
Transition-Cactus Petty Cash	45	-
Westpac Restorative Justice	160	450
Westpac Transactional Account	113,731	46,098
Youth Health Centre Petty Cash	83	150

	2021	2020
Youth Justice Petty Cash	60	204
<b>Total Bank accounts and cash</b>	<b>709,696</b>	<b>650,337</b>
<b>Debtors and prepayments</b>		
Accounts Receivable (Xero)	70,630	45,370
Prepayments - Nimba	-	13,037
<b>Total Debtors and prepayments</b>	<b>70,630</b>	<b>58,407</b>
<b>Other current assets</b>		
Interest Accrued	301	299
<b>Total Other current assets</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
Westpac TDP 001	54,014	52,632
Westpac TDP 002	24,428	23,803
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>78,442</b>	<b>76,436</b>

	2021	2020
<b>4. Analysis of Liabilities</b>		
<b>Creditors and accrued expenses</b>		
Accounts Payable (Xero)	76,567	80,245
GST	2,651	17,104
Income In Advance Less Income Accrued	413,058	221,270
<b>Total Creditors and accrued expenses</b>	<b>492,275</b>	<b>318,618</b>
<b>Employee costs payable</b>		
MSD Wage Subsidy	-	67,092
Provision for Holiday Pay	49,934	50,460
Wages Accrued	12,377	6,134
<b>Total Employee costs payable</b>	<b>62,311</b>	<b>123,686</b>
<b>Other current liabilities</b>		
Reparation Contra Account	160	450
Rounding	-	-
<b>Total Other current liabilities</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>450</b>

	2021	2020
<b>5. Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Buildings</b>		
Buildings at cost	-	6,048
Accumulated depreciation - buildings	-	(2,795)
<b>Total Buildings</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,253</b>
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>		
Vehicles owned	194,911	142,353
Accumulated depreciation - vehicles owned	(90,268)	(93,885)
<b>Total Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>104,643</b>	<b>48,469</b>



	2021	2020
<b>Furniture and Fittings</b>		
Furniture and fittings owned	15,598	28,575
Accumulated depreciation - furniture and fittings owned	(7,239)	(14,749)
<b>Total Furniture and Fittings</b>	<b>8,359</b>	<b>13,827</b>
<b>Other Fixed Assets</b>		
Owned fixed assets	56,872	105,237
Accumulated depreciation - fixed assets owned	(26,671)	(68,585)
<b>Total Other Fixed Assets</b>	<b>30,200</b>	<b>36,652</b>
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>143,203</b>	<b>102,201</b>

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

	2021	2020
<b>6. Accumulated Funds</b>		
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Opening Balance	444,926	358,597
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	2,600	86,329
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>447,526</b>	<b>444,926</b>
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>447,526</b>	<b>444,926</b>

	2021	2020
<b>7. Breakdown of Reserves</b>		
<b>Reserves</b>		
Capital Gain on Sale of Investments	20,948	20,948
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>20,948</b>	<b>20,948</b>

#### 8. Commitments

<b>Commitments to lease or rent assets</b>	Current	Non Current
Ashburton - Community House Rental Agreement Expires on the 31st of March 2022 \$3,626.41 per month - this includes carpark rental	\$32,638	\$0
Timaru - Rental Agreement Month by month \$299 per month	\$299	\$0
Holden Spark Vehicle MQA651 Lease expires on 13 January 2023 \$296 per month	\$3,552	\$1,925
Mitsubishi ASX NLL59 Customer Fleet Lease expires January 2024 \$355 per month	\$4,260	\$11,360
Heartland Technology Photocopier MPC3504 & MP201 - Expires November 22 \$382 per month	\$4,584	\$1,910
Heartland Technology Photocopier ES5473 Expires July 23 \$95 per month	\$1,140	\$1,235
Heartland Technology Photocopier ES5462 Month by month \$55 per month	\$55	\$0



### 9. Related Parties

There were no transactions involving related parties during the financial year ending 30 June 2021 or for the year ending 30 June 2020.

### 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 impact of Covid-19 has not been measured or recorded in these financial statements.

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 2022 in the event of a lack of support from funders.

The entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

## Depreciation Schedule

### Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2021

NAME	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
<b>Buildings</b>						
Colonial Glass Houses	1,508	630	-	630	-	-
Colonial Glass Houses	2,040	798	-	798	-	-
Garden Shed	2,500	1,825	-	1,825	-	-
<b>Total Buildings</b>	<b>6,048</b>	<b>3,253</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,253</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Furniture &amp; Fittings</b>						
12 Blue Stacker Chairs	1,357	243	-	243	-	-
12 Chairs for the meeting room	1,409	1,240	-	-	198	1,041
2 Drawer Filing Cabinets (2)	567	89	-	89	-	-
Credenza	1,262	321	-	321	-	-
Heat Pump	5,470	3,267	-	-	653	2,614
Heat Pump - RAS-10N3KV22.5 Install new heat pumps to offices	1,886	760	-	760	-	-
Installation of new heatpump	3,387	1,590	-	-	318	1,272
Manager's Table & Cupboard	928	112	-	112	-	-
Mobile Screens	2,178	389	-	389	-	-
New bench Tops	1,367	1,203	-	-	192	1,011
Office Furniture	1,052	572	-	572	-	-
Reception desk & Cupboard	796	102	-	102	-	-
Refrigerator	522	266	-	266	-	-
Storage Cupboards	2,429	812	-	812	-	-
Workstations	1,817	969	-	-	194	775
Workstations x2, filing cabinets, chairs	2,148	1,892	-	-	246	1,646
<b>Total Furniture &amp; Fittings</b>	<b>28,575</b>	<b>13,827</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,666</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>8,359</b>
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>						
2012 Holden Captiva GLJ212	27,826	4,560	-	-	1,368	3,192
2016 Holden Spark LT 1.4 Blue. KFY322	10,000	7,917	-	-	3,958	3,958
2016 Holden Spark LT 1.4 red. KFY304	10,000	7,917	-	-	3,958	3,958
2017 Holden Captiva KYQ265	35,726	5,582	-	-	2,791	2,791
2020 Holden Colorado MY20 Trailblazer Lt 4x4 Auto Diesel. Rego Number MZL229	43,274	-	43,274	-	9,917	33,357
2020 Holden LT MY20	15,435	14,792	-	-	7,396	7,396
Holden Colorado 7 LT GUY403	34,609	7,063	-	7,063	-	-
Mitsubishi Outlander 2021. 2.4P LS 2WD CVT. Rego NHU365	23,029	-	23,029	-	1,919	21,110
New Mitsubishi Outlander Red Reg: NNU210	29,622	-	29,622	-	741	28,881
Single Axle Trailer J266U	7,674	550	-	550	-	-
Trailer Lighting Kit	1,084	89	-	89	-	-
<b>Total Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>238,278</b>	<b>48,469</b>	<b>95,924</b>	<b>7,702</b>	<b>32,048</b>	<b>104,643</b>
<b>Office Equipment + Plant</b>						



NAME	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
2 x Velocity Flip Tables for meeting room	1,190	741	-	741	-	-
Alarm - RISCO Controller and 2x Panic Buttons	830	160	-	160	-	-
Apple iPad Pro	1,493	202	-	202	-	-
Booster for charging phones	563	563	-	563	-	-
Card printer	1,334	320	-	-	128	192
Computer System	23,239	424	-	424	-	-
Container FBXU1415090	3,450	2,771	-	-	277	2,494
Cupboard	521	155	-	155	-	-
Desk	830	482	-	482	-	-
Desk Cubit Electric Highrise 1800	756	219	-	219	-	-
Garden Pump	1,498	260	-	260	-	-
Haier Fridge	1,217	742	-	-	185	556
Heat Pump	2,127	1,475	-	-	295	1,180
HeatPump	3,359	3,359	-	-	-	3,359
Heavy Duty Pop Up Gazebo.	1,225	711	-	-	284	426
Heavy Duty Popup Gazebo - New Art work for Banner.	630	441	-	441	-	-
HP Pro x 2 Tablet, Chromecast + Screen	3,674	574	-	574	-	-
HP Probook 450 - Neighbourhood Support	1,206	302	-	302	-	-
HP Probook 450 - Safe Communities	1,326	332	-	332	-	-
HP Probook 450 G4 15.6" 15-7200u	1,420	178	-	178	-	-
HP Probook 450 G4 Business Notebook	1,610	201	-	201	-	-
HP Probook 450 G4 i5/8GB/256GB SSD Windows 10	1,370	214	-	214	-	-
HP Probook 450 G4 i5/8GB/256GB SSD Windows 10	1,370	214	-	214	-	-
HP Probook 450 G4 i5/8GB/256GB SSD Windows 10	1,370	214	-	214	-	-
HP Probook 450 G4 i5/8GB/256GB SSD Windows 10	1,370	214	-	214	-	-
HP Probook 450 G4 i5/8GB/256GB SSD Windows 10	1,370	214	-	214	-	-
HP Probook 450 G6 Business Laptop 15.6"	1,703	1,419	-	-	710	710
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HP Probook 635 AERO G& 13.3 AMD serial 5CG0468VCG \$2150.00 HP 3 year NBD onsite Notebook only service \$150.00 Install and Config newlap top \$120.00 Freight \$6.00	2,426	-	2,426	-	404	2,022
HP Probook Laptop and set up	1,625	186	-	186	-	-
HP Prodesk 400 Mimi PC i5/8GB/256GB SSC Windows	1,930	302	-	302	-	-
Knight Studio 50 Screen System. 1 x 1500 3 way post 2 x 1500 x 900 screem 1 x 1500 x 1800 screen	1,303	-	1,303	-	109	1,195
Lenovo TYhinkpad x 390	2,640	-	2,640	-	110	2,530
Lenovo V14-ARE Business lapton	1,670	-	1,670	-	70	1,600
Lenovo V14-ARE Business Laptop	1,629	-	1,629	-	68	1,561
Lenovo V14-ARE business laptops 14'	1,665	-	1,665	-	69	1,596



NAME	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
Lenovo V14-ARE business laptops 14'	1,665	-	1,665	-	69	1,596
Logitech group video conferencing system	1,475	276	-	276	-	-
Mobile Ergoplan 2 drawer file lockers x 5 EVO3 Highback Chairs x 5	2,543	2,374	-	-	380	1,994
New Couches - 2 x Hogan 2 Seater	1,217	382	-	382	-	-
New Laptop for Kevin.8gb 2666mhz ddr4 memory	2,698	1,687	-	-	843	843
New Laptop for Pup.Hp probook. 450 gb 15.6 notebook.	1,513	945	-	-	473	473
New Security System	1,940	530	-	530	-	-
Office Chair	540	170	-	170	-	-
Pacer 2017 Large White Ebike	3,730	1,641	-	-	657	985
Panasonic Projector	957	222	-	222	-	-
Pop up Gazebo	1,395	614	-	614	-	-
Privacy Screens for Refugee Office	1,096	986	-	-	394	592
PV0D2x/a Ipad air WF CL 64 Gry - Aus	930	426	-	-	213	213
Supply and install RISCO alarm kit	1,997	772	-	772	-	-
Uniden Radios	652	207	-	207	-	-
Velocity flip tables x 22	1,190	559	-	-	112	447
Website	14,055	5,856	-	-	2,928	2,928
<b>Total Office Equipment + Plant</b>	<b>118,236</b>	<b>36,652</b>	<b>12,999</b>	<b>9,963</b>	<b>9,488</b>	<b>30,200</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>391,137</b>	<b>102,201</b>	<b>108,923</b>	<b>24,583</b>	<b>43,338</b>	<b>143,203</b>



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board

### Report on the Audit of the Performance Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the performance report of Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board, which comprises the statement of financial position, and entity information as at 30 June 2021, and the statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, and statement of service performance 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 as at 30 June 2021;
  - The statement of service performance for the year then ended; and
  - The financial position of Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board as at 30 June 2021, 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.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). 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.

### Board's Responsibilities for the Performance Report

The Board is responsible on behalf of Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board 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 Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of performance report that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### 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 are 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 these 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 Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Board 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 Trust 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 Board 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 Board 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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