



NELSON WOMEN'S CENTRE  
TE WHARE ĀWHINA MŌ NGĀ WĀHINE PUAWAI



**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2020**



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# Convenor's Report

Kia Ora,

It is my privilege as joint co-chair of the governance collective to submit this report for the

Annual General Meeting of Nelson Women's Centre for the year July 2019 to June 2020.

And what a year this has been! We have had a number of successful fundraising events this year. Most notably, a film night screening 'Ophelia' at The Suter Gallery, pub quiz and raffle at Speights Bar, vintage garden fete at the Women's Centre, a musical event at East Street bar, Feminist Fables at The Granary in Founders Park and a Christmas Raffle on Trafalgar Street.

Our Op Shop has been modernised and moved from a rear out building to the front of the house making it more visible and accessible.

And our varied, four termly programme of workshops continues to be well supported by the community.

This year has however been an unprecedented one in so many ways, at a global and local level.

In March we went into lockdown due to Covid 19.

Thank you to our centre co-ordinator Georgie Kerby and our Social Workers Lin Ginty and Joanne Thomson who continued to operate a telephone service to provide support for those women and whanau in greatest need during this time.

There is no doubt staff and volunteers have had to face some significant challenges in the last year. Covid 19, as we anticipated, has led to an increased client need for support.

The challenges of this year have resulted in a number of changes. In particular, the formation of a new governing collective post lockdown.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Hilary Mitchell and Sharon Johnson for their outstanding service over many years to the NWC, as volunteers as well as in their capacity as secretary and co-convenors on the governance collective.

I also want to personally thank Cristina Fon and Ros Bradley for going above and beyond in their support and contributions to keep the centre ticking over during lockdown.

There is no doubt Covid-19 impacted on our ability to fundraise over the lockdown period and this is reflected in our accounts for the latter quarter of the year.

However, this year has also presented us with some golden opportunities to embrace the challenge to recover and rebuild.

This is reflected in our new strategic plan and vision for the future of the Nelson Women's Centre. To restructure, and modernise; to update the centre's computers, IT support and data management systems; to re-write the NWC's constitution, policies and procedures; to put in place a programme for staff and volunteer development which is both receptive and responsive to the changing needs of staff, volunteers and the evolving needs of women in Nelson.

For those of you who have moved on to new pastures during the last year, I thank you for all that you have contributed and I wish you well.

To all staff and volunteers,

I thank you for your resilience, and for embracing these new challenges and changes.

I also wish to extend my gratitude to our new governance team for your positivity, enthusiasm and commitment to governance. In particular to Penny Molnar who joined me as co-chair mid year. Your support and experience has been invaluable. Also to our Patron Annette Milligan, sponsors and funders, your contributions keep the Nelson Women's Centre doors open.

Thank you one and all for your dedication. Your combined and continued efforts have enabled Nelson Women's Centre not just to survive but to thrive as a supportive place where all women can flourish.

Te whare āwhina mō ngā wāhine puawai.

Arohanui,



Diane Young and Penny Molnar

*(on behalf of the governance collective)*

1st December 2020



# Coordinator's Report

Kia ora koutou katoa.

As we approach the festive season and the end of 2020, it is a good time for us to reflect on the 2019-20 year at the Nelson Women's Centre. It has certainly been an interesting and at times challenging one.

The global pandemic has intensified some of the difficulties that women and girls face and this has been true for us in New Zealand too, where the impact of job losses has been felt disproportionately by women. Our māhi of working alongside women is now more important than ever.

Throughout the year, we have successfully maintained our drop-in space, counselling, social support and workshop services to women. We have also met our goals to provide advocacy, resources, support and advice in the Nelson Whakatu region.

The Centre also hosted MP Louisa Wall, Minister for Women Julie Anne Genter, NCC women local candidates and then elected councillors (joined by members of the Nelson Youth council).

This has all been possible because of the generous support from our funders; (thank you Lotteries, COGS, Nelson City Council, St Joans Trust, RG Macdonald, Frimley Foundation, ACN Creative Communities) and our contract provider (thank you Oranga Tamariki).

We also give gratitude to those fantastic local business and community hearted people; Caron Proctor / the TRIBE network and Kindra Douglas for outstanding fundraising efforts, Foxy Boxy, Mitre 10 Helping hands Nelson, Louise Douglas Jewellery, Methodist Church Parish, Kush Coffee, Pomeroy's Coffee & Tea, for supporting our fundraising events, Bees Brilliance and Good Bitches Baking for your significant donations.

Your support is truly appreciated and has a substantial positive impact on the lives of many in our community. Your support matters. Although our work at the Centre is tough at times, it is also uplifted by the generosity, care and community spirit of others. Thank you.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the staff who we farwelled over the 2019-20 year: Keri Flood, Ruth Halsey, Gabes Syben and Tegan Dunlop. Thanks also to our current staff team of Joanne, Lyn, Christine, Kaela, Lisa and Marianne.

We acknowledge the amazing contributions of our Centre volunteers (thank you Rona, Katie, Vanessa, Kazumi, Emma, Lynda) and our fantastic volunteer

counselling team (thank you Donna, Nancy - past counsellor, Rachael, Cath and Liz). Your work and expertise provides a vital support service to our local women. 2020 has brought many changes, including to our governance members. Thank you to our current governance who graciously volunteer their time for the wellbeing of women in the region.

Our shared vision that "all women in our community are supported and empowered" unites us in our meaningful day-to-day work.

In the year ahead, the centre is continuing the focus on consolidating our policies, procedures and systems, in order to continuously improve and provide relevant support services to women and their families.

With change being the only certainty, we will strive to adapt and embrace any new opportunities the year ahead may bring.

Ngā mihi o te tau hou,



Georgie Kerby

*Centre Coordinator*

1st December 2020

“  
**WOMEN BELONG IN ALL  
PLACES WHERE DECISIONS  
ARE BEING MADE. IT  
SHOULDN'T  
BE THAT WOMEN ARE THE  
EXCEPTION.**  
”

- Ruth Bader Ginsberg



## Statement of Financial Performance

Nelson Women's Support Incorporated  
For the year ended 30 June 2020

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

Account	Notes	2020	2019
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contracts and Grants		105189	164334
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	1	27957	19035
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	2126	3877
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>135271</b>	<b>187245</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Volunteer and employee related costs	2	112163	130942
Costs related to providing goods or service	2	38703	29475
Other expenses	2	4976	956
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>155842</b>	<b>161373</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>-20571</b>	<b>25873</b>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report and Audit Report.





# Statement of Financial Position

Nelson Women's Support Incorporated  
As at 30 June 2020

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

Account	Notes	30 Jun 2020	30 Jun 2019
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank accounts and cash	3	30385	21236
Debtors and prepayments	3	1565	1092
Investments	3	56393	80703
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>88343</b>	<b>103031</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	331076	335946
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>331076</b>	<b>335946</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>419419</b>	<b>438976</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and accrued expenses	4	1533	3500
Employee costs payable	4	13602	10622
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>15135</b>	<b>14122</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>15135</b>	<b>14122</b>
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)</b>		<b>404284</b>	<b>424854</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
WIN Asset Transfer	6	362627	362627
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	6	-20571	25873
Retained Earnings	6	62227	36355
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>		<b>404284</b>	<b>424854</b>

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## Statement of Cash Flows

Nelson Women's Support Incorporated  
For the year ended 30 June 2020

'How the entity has received and used cash'

Account	2020	2019
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	133145	132769
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	2127	3289
Net GST	964	1399
Payments to suppliers and employees	-150419	-157505
<b>Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>-14183</b>	<b>-20048</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>		
Receipts from sale of investments	26432	0
Payments to purchase investments	-2123	-3150
Cash Flows from other investing and financing activities	-978	0
<b>Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>	<b>23332</b>	<b>-3150</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>9149</b>	<b>-23198</b>
<b>Bank Accounts and Cash</b>		
Opening cash	-21236	44433
Opening Balance	0	0
Nelson Women's Support (NWC)	-30275	-21223
Petty Cash	-110	-13
Closing cash	-30385	-21236
<b>Net change in cash for period</b>	<b>-9149</b>	<b>23198</b>



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **To the Members of Nelson Women's Support Incorporated**

#### **Qualified Opinion**

We have audited the performance report of Nelson Women's Support Incorporated (the Society) on pages 9 to 16, which comprises the entity information, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2020, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our qualified opinion, except for the effects described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the performance report on pages 9 to 16, presents fairly, in all material respects the entity information for the year ended 30 June 2020; and the financial position of the Society as at 30 June 2020, and its financial performance, and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit).

#### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

In common with similar organisations, the Society has limited controls in place over the collection of cash donation prior to entry into its financial records. Our audit procedures with respect to cash donations received were restricted to the amount recorded in the financial records. There are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limitation. We therefore are unable to express an opinion on whether the recorded cash donations are complete.

We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and of the entity information in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000. Our responsibilities under these standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Society in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* 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 Society.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

We draw attention to Note 10 of the financial statements, which describes the effects of the World Health Organisation's declaration of a global health emergency on 31 January 2020 relating to the spread of COVID-19. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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### **Other Matter**

We are not responsible for expressing an opinion on the statement of service performance.

### **Information Other Than the Performance Report and Auditor's Report**

The Governing Collective Members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included on pages 3 to 8 but does not include the performance report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the performance report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the performance report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the performance report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Responsibilities of the Governing Collective Members for the Performance Report**

The Governing Collective Members are responsible on behalf of the entity 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 Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board; and

- (c) For such internal control as the Governing Collective Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the Governing Collective Members are responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governing Collective Members either intend to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that



includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 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 decisions of users taken on the basis of this performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000, 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 Society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Governing Collective Members and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Society'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 Society 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 Governing Collective Members 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.

#### **Restriction on Use**

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Crowe".

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