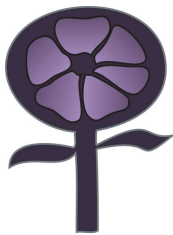




ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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

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CONVENOR'S REPORT

Tēnā Koutou Wahine Ma o Te whate Awhina mo Nga Wahine Puawai

Welcome to Nelson Women's Centre AGM

Here we are at the end of another year of ups, downs, surprises and survival.

It gives me pleasure to present the Annual Governance Report for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 on behalf of the Governance Committee

Just like the last two years this one has had its rocky times for the Women's Centre as it has for so many across the country and the world. The good news is the Centre has been in good heart despite continuing not to be able to carry out many of the services, activities, 25th birthday celebrations and fundraising as hoped.

Over the year we have bedded in the Constitutional changes from being a Collective with a Coodinator to having a Governance Committee and a Manager who is responsible for all other staff and volunteers. The Collective now refers to all women who are members of the organisation.

Our thanks to Anna Mae and staff for managing to continue to provide a welcoming and supportive Centre to many women and their whanau even when the door needed to be closed for the safety of all. Earlier in the year it was not so easy for Course Facilitators and volunteers to contribute but lately everything has started to pick up again. The variety of workshops have been amazing – giving women the opportunity to try new skills and self-care practices. Thank you facilitators.

Through the pandemic upheavals it has become even more obvious how essential it is for the Centre to be able to be here, for women to know it is a consistently safe shelter, where they can reach out for assistance for themselves and whanau and receive professional guidance. The battle is finding enough funding to pay professional staff at a rate that respects the skills and commitment they bring to their work. Although the local funding advisors are very supportive and helpful, grants do not keep up with rising costs and contracts are even more difficult to obtain for a small organisation like this to secure.

Governance

We started the financial year with Katie O'Donnell, Di Young, Kate Morrison, Laura Tinnelly, Letitia Meadows, Ripeka Hoerara and Penny Molnar.

During the year there was a big change of members: Di went to Auckland, Ripeka was busy with family and work, Letitia went to Christchurch to take up a lectureship at Canterbury University

and Katie went to Australia to care for a family member. Laura had time out with her pepe but was always in the wings when called upon.

Thanks to women's networks and Volunteer Nelson's volunteer recruitment programme other wonderful women have joined Kate, Laura and Penny. Clare Fairbrother, Jan Henderson, Maree Dunlop and Astrid Sayer all joined in this financial year. Astrid has joined us through the Youth Governance Programme and it is exciting to have her younger viewpoints.

There are a great deal of constitutional and employment matters for a volunteer governance committee to keep up with so we have been really fortunate to have Anna Mae's input and the Policy Place alongside the knowledge of governance members. Members have also ensured promotional material is gender inclusive. Due to Government changes to the Charities Act and Incorporated Societies Act there is likely to be further constitutional changes in the year ahead. This will require a Special General Meeting which members will be invited to participate in.

Special Projects/Workshops

The Garden Landscape Project:

A centre for all women is an amazing asset to cherish and it needs looking after! We have been so spoilt with Landscape Architect Heidi Meadows who has donated a refreshing design for the garden and exterior of the house. Funding for 3/4 of the work has been received which means we can now proceed. Nelson Soroptimists have taken us under their supportive wing and are assisting with this garden development with working bees and fundraising plans. This project ties in with the strategic plan to lift the profile of the Centre, making it a welcoming place to walk into and enjoy.

Ami Kennedy has already contributed to the garden changes by starting organic gardening workshops.

Women's Centre Book Group started early in 2022 by Hilary Mitchell. Thank you Hilary for following up on a request women had made prior to the pandemic.

New Project Partnership:

CAN (Community Action Nelson Trust) asked Nelson Women's Centre to partner with them in a new housing for women venture called Home Share for Her. It is to assist women who may have space in their home to match with a woman needing a new, safe place to live. It is now a Trust in its own right and Anna Mae is one of the Trustees.

Fundraising:

Twice Anna Heinz with Evey McAuliffe's assistance organised a fantastic Women's Concert for the Centre. Both times it had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. Thank you for trying so hard and let's hope it can happen one day.

Members Kindra Douglas and Liz Price organised another series of movies which was great entertainment as well as a good fundraiser.

The Soroptimists have fundraising plans in the pipeline for 2023 which is incredible and will be lots of fun.

The Op Shop has been cared for by volunteers during the year. With their creative display of clothes it has brought in a regular income despite the reduction in foot traffic some of the year.

Funding:

It would be impossible for the Centre to be open for all women and to achieve any of the work it does without the support of all the funders the Manager applies to. They are allocating grants from \$1,000 upwards. The local advisors of Department of Internal Affairs, Rata Foundation and Nelson City Council have been very helpful with guiding us through the maze of grants and access to their funds. Thank you to you all. The Centre is going to need your assistance even more during the recognised difficult funding year ahead.

Finally, a very sincere thank you to all who have contributed in so many ways throughout the year. I would like to especially acknowledge Katie O'Donnell who stepped into the Convenor role in 2021, Kate Morrison for being both Treasurer and Secretary during many Governance membership changes, Anna Mae Angeles who was leading the team through the worst of the pandemic and many changes of staff. Also, Joanne Thomson, senior Social Worker who has carried the exhausting load at the same time as providing professional support to a new recruit and student Social Workers. And Rechelle Apondar our finance administrator who has managed the finances so well through personal and agency struggles.

I left my last meeting as Convenor of Governance feeling really invigorated and excited by the diverse, enthusiastic skilled group of women who are now governing the organisation. Best wishes for the year ahead.

Arohanui.

Penny Molnar

For Governance Committee

CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS

The past year has seen many changes to the Centre. The pandemic was still a reality for many, including in our part of the world too. Despite reduced hours to allow staff to offer phone and off-site assistance to clients, the Nelson Women's Centre team managed to adjust, adapt and continue to offer its complementary services to all women of Nelson Tasman.

We have completed our pilot women's group that saw women over 55 network and explore different activities and resources in Nelson Tasman. The centre is looking forward to offer more groups in the future, made possible by funding received from NCC.

The new strategic plan has been created which we share here, which provides renewed focus on areas that are relevant to today's dynamic and challenge-filled environment. We are grateful to Rata Foundation for the support and funding which made this possible.



Despite the challenges brought about by the pandemic, the Centre was able to rally the support of the community, our generous donors and funders, the Nelson City Council, central government and agencies. We are truly grateful for your support and are inspired to do even better.

Thank you to our current staff (Ashlyn, Cath, Joanne, Lisa, and Rechelle) and volunteer counsellors (Ashlyn, Becky, Cath, Karen, Liz, Sally, Sarah) for your grit, resilience and love of service for others. Many thanks as well to our Centre daytime volunteers (Andrea, Arglynne, Kazumi, Melanie) who continue to gift us with their amazing talents which help us provide a comfortable and welcoming

space for many women. I am grateful to our governance (Penny, Kate, Jan, Clare, Astrid, Laura) who are here to guide and support the team. I would like to thank our former staff, volunteers and governance for everything you have done and generously shared with the centre and all its clients. We wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Without all of these inspiring and hardworking women, we would not be able to provide the many vital services we offer at the Centre.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE NELSON WOMEN'S CENTRE

The Garden Landscape Project:

The outdoor and home improvement project is underway, with generous funding received from Rātā Foundation, Lottery Community, NCC, and TDC.



Meadows Landscaping Proposal

Workshops:

We are currently planning the workshops for the next terms. 12 workshops have already been confirmed to be held in Term 1 with some of them being offered in the late afternoons to accommodate a wider range of women. Some of the workshops that will be offered next term are organic gardening (beginners and intermediate), holistic nutrition, self-care and self-help workshops as well as clothes mending and arts workshops. We will continue to host regular groups at the centre, such as a weekly knitting group, a book club, and aim at opening our space to new groups.

Operational improvements:

At the start of 2023, we will once again thoroughly revise existing structures and processes as well as our overall direction to ensure that we provide the best possible care and services. We will keep you informed about the progress and outcomes.

We hope that despite the ongoing challenges of securing adequate funding and the prospective of a financially difficult year ahead, we will be able to continue serving our community in the best possible way. The Nelson Women's centre is not only a supportive place where all women can flourish but also a needed structure for many who don't have anywhere else to go, who are in immediate need of support (for food or counselling) or who simply want to connect with others. We are looking forward to supporting our Nelson Tasman wāhine in the year ahead.

Ngā manaakitanga (with best wishes),
Anna Mae Angeles and Maria Busching
Former and New Centre Manager

TREASURER'S REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS



TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

Statement of Financial Performance

Nelson Women's Centre Te Whare Āwhina Mō Ngā Wāhine Puawai Incorporated
For the year ended 30 June 2022

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

	NOTES	2022	2021
Revenue			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	1	111,132	144,570
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	1	335	475
Revenue from providing goods or services	1	37,460	32,689
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	765	881
Other revenue	1	78,247	-
Total Revenue		227,938	178,615
Expenses			
Volunteer and employee related costs	2	181,323	147,672
Costs related to providing goods or service	2	37,431	39,755
Other expenses	2	7,631	7,650
Total Expenses		226,385	195,077
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		1,553	(16,462)

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

Statement of Financial Position

Nelson Women's Centre Te Whare Āwhina Mō Ngā Wāhine Puawai Incorporated
As at 30 June 2022

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

	NOTES	30 JUN 2022	30 JUN 2021
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash			
Bank and cash/(bank overdraft)	3	70,421	13,449
Debtors and prepayments	3	316	2,667
Investments	3	58,350	57,559
Total Current Assets		129,087	73,675
Non-Current Assets	5	322,159	326,537
Total Assets		451,246	400,212
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses			
Trade payables			
Accounts Payable	4	3,609	1,090
Total Trade payables		3,609	1,090
Goods and services tax			
GST		6,467	-
Total Goods and services tax		6,467	-
Total Creditors and accrued expenses		10,076	1,090
Employee costs payable	4	15,083	11,301
Income in Advance		36,713	-
Total Current Liabilities		61,871	12,391
Total Liabilities		61,871	12,391
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		389,375	387,821
Accumulated Funds			
WIN Asset Transfer	7	362,627	362,627
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	6	1,553	(16,462)
Retained Earnings	6	25,194	41,656
Total Accumulated Funds		389,375	387,821

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

Statement of Cash Flows

Nelson Women's Centre Te Whare Āwhina Mō Ngā Wāhine Puawai Incorporated
For the year ended 30 June 2022

'How the entity has received and used cash'

	2022	2021
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	147,805	144,570
Receipts from providing goods or services	37,460	32,689
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	791	1,166
Net GST	7,964	(2,237)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(214,838)	(193,410)
Cash flows from other operating activities	78,247	-
Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members	335	475
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities	57,763	(16,748)
Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities		
Payments to purchase investments	(791)	(1,166)
Cash flows from other investing and financing activities	-	978
Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	(791)	(188)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	56,972	(16,936)
Bank Accounts and Cash		
Opening cash	(13,449)	(30,385)
Closing cash	(70,421)	(13,449)
Net change in cash for period	(56,972)	16,936

THANK YOU



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