



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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

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GOVERNANCE REPORT

Tēnā Koutou Wāhine Mā o Te Whare Āwhina mō Ngā Wāhine Puawai

This last year has been a difficult and challenging time for the NWC. It has been a year of upheaval, revisioning and realigning. A Special General Meeting was held on 8 February to inform our members of the NWC's dire financial position and discuss the way forward to sustainability. The Governance Committee started a strategic review of the NWC services, property usage and funding streams. Unfortunately, the financial challenges required a reduction in services and staff. The NWC shifted from being open several hours each weekday, to access by appointments only.

Ashlyn Hornsby was contracted as the Counselling and Workshop Coordinator and later added admin support to her role. More recently, Augusta van Wijk was contracted to employ her strategic planning and funding skills and experience. Both women have made an invaluable contribution to the NWC and are committed to realising the full operation of the Centre.

Many meetings have been had with community groups and outside interests to find a clear path forward. Our desire is to continue to meet the NWC mission to support and empower women and non-binary people of all backgrounds and create a safe and inclusive space where they can connect, access resources, and build community.

The Governance Committee engaged a Business Advisor and a Business Development Manager to assist with strategic planning, which includes a strategy review and implementation plan, a membership survey, and a business plan for 2025. The business plan aims to explore how the organisation can become more financially sustainable. Options include collaborating with other social service providers, reinstating a social worker, expanding counselling services, fundraising, and investigating our current assets.

Through this challenging time, we've been heartened by the ongoing demand for our services and the workshops, and by the support from our members and the community. We are indebted to our volunteers and supporters who have worked tirelessly to enable our services to continue. We thank them for their commitment to the Centre, for doing the

everyday mundane jobs, and for the warmth and welcome they give to visitors to the Centre.

Recently, The Goodward Group was contracted by the Governance Committee to investigate possible future options for the NWC property. This is in response to our members asking the GC to consider other possibilities at the SGM held in February. Once we have the Goodward Group's report, we will share the recommendations with you.

Arohanui
NWC Governance Committee
November 2024

*Titiro whakamuri. Whakarite ināianeī,
hei hāngai whakamua*
Embrace the past, prepare now to shape the future



CENTRE UPDATE

Despite the operational challenges this year we have continued to offer a range of services. Although we moved to an appointment only model in March 2024, we have had over 3,000 visits to the centre by women and non-binary people accessing our services and support.



Our Services

Counselling

Throughout this year, our counselling service has been uninterrupted and continues to play a very important role in servicing women and non-binary people in need. The service is managed by Ashlyn, our part-time Counselling Coordinator. Accessing counselling services through the Centre has low barriers to entry, as it does not rely on a referral and is affordable. We have seen a continued growth in need and are operating at capacity. We are very grateful to our volunteer students and graduates and look forward to welcoming many of them back next year.

Social Work Assistance

The Centre's Community Social Worker provided social work support up until March 2024. Now, some volunteers and our Counselling Coordinator can speak with women in need and where appropriate, refer them on to Work & Income, Kainga Ora, Te Korowai Trust or other services within the community.

Workshops

The Centre's workshops continue to empower and upskill women in our community. They are well attended, and we continue to receive positive feedback on our courses. Our desire is for the number and variety of workshops to increase to further benefit women and increase engagement with our membership.



Social Groups

Social groups use the Centre's facilities. These include a book club, a weekly art circle, a menopause chat group, and the popular Wāhine Connect group, which meets fortnightly. A weekly morning tea for members is happening and thus far has been a valuable addition for connecting with other women. Next year we hope to start another morning tea for the wider public. These groups are so important as they foster connection, and inclusion, while bringing purpose and vibrancy to the Centre.

Food Assistance

We continue to act as a depot for food donations and can give this food to women experiencing hardship. This is managed by the volunteers and the counsellors.



Te Tangata - Our People

Volunteers

It cannot be understated the amount of support we have had from such a wide range of people volunteering their time and expertise to keep the centre running. We are deeply indebted to you all. THANK YOU!

Governance

The work of the Governance team behind the scenes has been intense this year while there has been limited operational staff. We are very grateful for the support received from members and we are committed to seeing the NWC operating to its full potential.

Members

Our membership continues to grow steadily. The survey we conducted with members some months ago gave the Governance Committee much needed information for the Strategic Plan review. It also guides us in our future planning and decision making.

Our members are the foundation of our organisation, and it is important to us that we continue to be as responsive to them and our community as possible. We appreciate your continued support and feedback.

Te Whare Āwhina – Our place is your place

Our Centre is open to different groups of women throughout the year – individual rooms, the garden space and/or the whole Centre can be booked for gatherings of different sorts.

We are fortunate to have a number of supporters, sponsors and volunteers that keep our special place looking lovely. Special acknowledgement of our gardening support team. Our garden plantings are settling in nicely. Please feel free to come and enjoy this space.



Ā Pūtea - Focus for the Year Ahead

The Governance Committee is focused on developing a business model that has some longer-term funding streams that sit alongside the funding it receives from community funding organisations.

Once we are confident that the funding is secure, we will look to re-employ a small team with the objective of reopening the Centre more fully by International Women's Day on March 8th, 2025. If this does not seem possible, then we will look at how best to use the current asset for the benefit of women and non-binary people in the Nelson-Tasman region. We are open to ideas and proposals on what that might look like, and if necessary, will seek strategic funding to explore these options should the need arise.

Te mahere rautaki – Our strategic plan



Our Strategic Plan was reviewed in September and is now supported by an implementation plan. Due to resourcing and external factors including the funding landscape and cost of living crisis, the priority will be delivery on three of the five strategy pillars:

1. Improving outcomes for women and whānau
2. Enabling greater collaboration and involvement with other community organisations'
3. Ensuring financial sustainability

These priorities will guide the Centre's efforts over the next 12-24 months and the other two strategy pillars will be viewed as business as usual.

We are grateful for all the support we receive from so many individuals and groups, which helps us to help others.

Ngā manaakitanga (with best wishes),

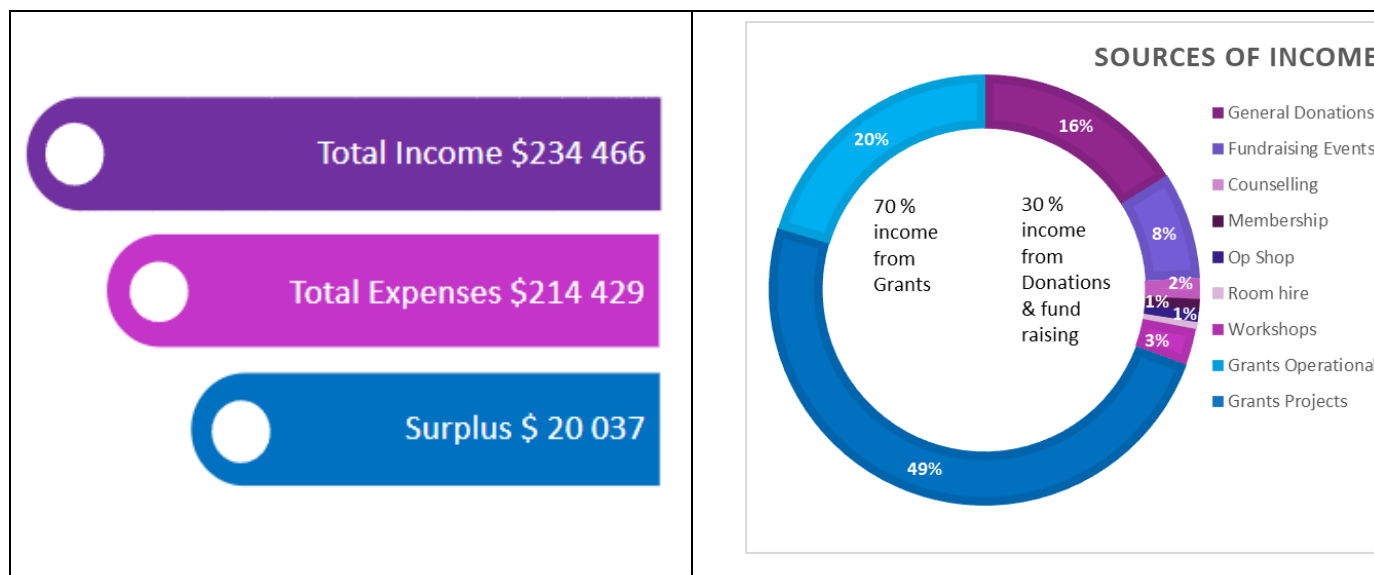
NWC Governance team

Ashlyn Hornsby - Counselling and Workshop Coordinator

Augusta van Wijk - Funding and Partnerships Coordinator

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials at a glance:



Statement of Financial Performance

Nelson Women's Centre Te Whare Āwhina Mō Ngā Wāhine Puawai Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTES	2024	2023
Revenue			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	1	231,114	178,362
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	1	1,982	1,049
Revenue from providing goods or services	1	194	28,259
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	1,176	1,521
Other revenue	1	-	959
Total Revenue		234,466	210,150
Expenses			
Volunteer and employee related costs	2	114,503	157,979
Costs related to providing goods or service	2	92,801	78,863
Other expenses	2	7,125	6,711
Total Expenses		214,429	243,553
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		20,037	(33,403)

Statement of Financial Position

Nelson Women's Centre Te Whare Āwhina Mō Ngā Wāhine Puawai Incorporated As at 30 June 2024

	NOTES	30 JUN 2024	30 JUN 2023
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash	3	61,821	107,614
Debtors and prepayments	3	919	14,658
Other Current Assets	3	1	34,022
Total Current Assets		62,740	156,295
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	315,681	320,396
Total Non-Current Assets		315,681	320,396
Total Assets		378,421	476,691
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	4	2,413	3,131
Employee costs payable	4	-	7,710
Grants in Advance		-	109,879
Total Current Liabilities		2,413	120,720
Total Liabilities		2,413	120,720
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		376,008	355,971
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	6	13,381	(6,656)
Reserves	6	362,627	362,627
Total Accumulated Funds		376,008	355,971

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 2024

	2024	2023
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	131,834	240,847
Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members	1,982	1,049
Receipts from providing goods or services	194	28,259
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	1,770	597
Cash receipts from other operating activities	-	959
GST	2,352	(9,690)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(217,946)	(247,068)
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(79,815)	14,954
Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities		
Receipts from sale of investments	34,022	93,200
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	-	(2,695)
Payments to purchase investments	-	(68,265)
Cash flows from other investing and financing activities	(1)	-
Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	34,021	22,240
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	(45,793)	37,194
Bank Accounts and Cash		
Opening cash	107,614	70,421
Net change in cash for period	(45,793)	37,194
Closing cash	61,821	107,614

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