



*Canterbury
Horticultural Society*

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



OUR MISSION

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*Connecting people to
the art, science and
practice of gardening
and horticulture*

ACTIVITIES - 2017

All about Gardening - 22 times a year

Ramblers - 22 time a year



Workshops and seminars - 10

Winter Speaker Series - 4 sessions Including Barnett Memorial

Certificate in Horticulture - 2 offerings with 5 sessions each

Orchards in Schools - 19 in total



Pruning Demos - 4 Orchard, roses (2), general

Shows - 3 Spring, Autumn and Oderings Schools Garden Show

Displays - 3 A&P, Spring Show and Autumn Garden Show

Awards Evening and AGM

Members Activities

Volunteers and New Members evening, Mid Winter Lunch

Garden Clubs Representatives

Regular monthly meeting attended by a Board Member

Circles

Fruit and Vegetable, Chrysanthemum and Floral Design Group each with 10 regular meetings

Garden Judging - 2 times a year



FLOWERWORKS

Edible Garden Awards - annually but for increasing numbers of community boards

Margaret Watling Memorial Demonstration - Flowerworks, November 2017

Junior Gardeners - 10 meetings

Tours - Local, National and International

Social Media

Facebook, HortTalk facebook group, Twitter, Website, Neighbourly



REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT



2017 has been a year of adjustment for a renewed Canterbury Horticultural Society. The Board, staff and members have all responded to the challenge to continue our legacy in Christchurch and as a leader of our of horticulture and gardening organisations in New Zealand.

There are many recreational organisations which are facing bigger obstacles than us. These being, lack of members, volunteers, buildings that are no longer fit for purpose and activities attracting smaller and smaller numbers.

I am not saying we are perfect, that would be complacent, and does not help our Mission

“Connecting people to the art, science and practice of gardening and horticulture.”

Our focus must be on people not things. People who:

- **seek to learn more about all aspects of gardening**
- **want to learn more about their environment**
- **make their section of land more productive**
- **live healthily and happily**
- **improve their outdoor living spaces with great gardens**
- **extend their social networks and contribute to the community**
- **seek instant access to knowledge through digital environment**
- **share their knowledge and discuss ideas**
- **learn new and modern ideas and techniques**
- **keep up to date with latest knowledge and technology**

In the calendar year 2017, which is also our financial year, we ran 154 activities and events for members and non-members. That is a fantastic number for any organisation. It surprises groups when I tell them. They are detailed in the Annual Report document.

Our Facebook page has over 740 LIKES (April 2018) and our gardening help Facebook group Hort Talk has 255 members. I would love to see our numbers doubled this year and with your help we could do that. Just LIKE our page and Share our page with your friends. We are still a long way behind other NZ Facebook pages like NZ Flower Gardeners (9850) and NZ Vege Gardeners (61500). We will have to get smarter and get all those people liking our pages as well.

All About Gardening has continued with many of our meetings attracting close to 100 people. Our workshops and seminars also attract full quotas and sometimes we have run them twice.

A small disappointment is the number of people attending our CHS Speaker Series. With your help I would like to see this increase dramatically in the next two years. It provides a chance for a series of 4 themed talks to provide a forum to help people understand new ideas and latest techniques.

One area that we have reinvented and invested in over the last few years is our shows. Currently we run two shows which have been started in the last 4 years.

- **Oderings School Garden Show**
- **Autumn Garden Show**

In both cases each year they have got better and better and we can claim that they have been noted by the Council and others as being a very important part of our City's events. Not only are they showcases but also places for learning, sharing ideas and connecting with people.

We are also involved with the Spring Show run by the Alpine Society and have been involved in the National Chrysanthemum Show and will be helping with the National Daffodil Show and possibly the National Rose Show in 2018.

Last year I noted our challenges were

- **Quality activities in comfortable and modern venues**
- **Available to a wider audience through new venues and channels**
- **Locate activities where the people are or can easily access them**
- **Accurate information and knowledge**
- **Welcoming environment for everyone no matter how tentative they are about joining in.**

I hope we have addressed some of these and continue to do so.

In any one year there are many people to thank for all their efforts over the last 12 months

- **The current Board members**
- **Committee members from the membership who do a tremendous job**
- **Volunteers in every activity we do**
- **Members**
- **Our staff, Tony Kunowski, Liz Parder, Emma Velde, and Gail Scrivener**
- **Our partners, Oderings, Terra Viva Home & Garden, Magic Moss**
- **Our Sponsors. All are acknowledged with logos in this report**

Finally to you our members I want to say thank you for your ongoing support of the Board and for your active participation in all our activities.

We like other similar organisations are suffering from an aging membership or members who are time poor. This makes it difficult to increase our membership. We need to keep trying new things, new times, new activities in new locations. Your support in promoting the CHS and these activities is important. 500 public relations officers (Members) are wonderful assets for the CHS.

Alan Jolliffe, President CHS





FINANCIAL
SUMMARY



31 December 2017

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For The Year Ended 31 December 2017

	31/12/2017	31/12/2016
	<i>12 months</i>	<i>18 months</i>
Income		
Communications	(37,897)	(63,029)
Education	(24,554)	(17,258)
Hagley Centre Rental	(9,612)	(24,393)
Investment Income incl Unrealised/Realised Gains/Losses	40,815	56,139
Member Subscriptions	22,669	22,313
Other Income	21,629	155,458
Society Activities	(1,024)	(34,853)
Tours	(3,420)	10,182
Net Income	8,606	104,559
Operating Expenses		
Administrative Wages	71,566	62,065
Administration & Financial Expenses	53,040	83,260
Total Operating Expenses	124,606	145,325
Net Operating surplus / (deficit) before depreciation, capital gain and insurance proceeds	(116,000)	(40,766)
Depreciation	4,565	45,974
Depreciation Recovered	- 292,785	-
Capital Gain on Sale of Hagley Centre	- 227,000	-
Insurance Proceeds	- 577,652	-
Net Operating surplus / (deficit) after depreciation	976,872	(86,740)

Summary Statement of Financial Position

As At 31 December 2017

Society Equity	2,199,794	1,854,649
Current Liabilities	35,514	630,231
Non-Current Liabilities	-	-
Total Funds Employed	2,235,308	2,484,880
<i>Represented by:</i>		
Non-Current Assets	2,226,211	2,450,810
Current Assets	9,097	34,070
Total Assets	2,235,308	2,484,880

Summary Statement of Movements in Equity

As At 31 December 2017

Equity at the Beginning of the Year	1,854,649	1,941,389
Net Operating surplus / (deficit) for the period	976,872	(86,740)
Other Equity Movements	- 631,727	-
Equity at the End of the Period	2,199,794	1,854,649

Notes

1. The full performance report from which these summary accounts have been derived were authorised for issue on 6 April 2018.
2. The specific disclosures included in the summary performance report have been extracted from the full performance report.
3. The full performance report of Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc for the year ended 31 December 2017 was audited and received an unmodified audit opinion on 30 March 2018.
4. A full understanding of the Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc 's financial performance and position cannot be gleaned from the summary statements. Copies of the full statements are available on request by emailing office@chs.gardens.co.nz
5. Reporting entity: Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc is an Incorporated Society. The performance report of the Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc are Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) financial statements.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

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This year is the first year we can report on 12 months of our new financial year. You will recall we changed it to coincide more with our activities. Last year was an 18 month report.

Of particular note is the full amount of capital we have invested in our portfolio. This includes all the revenue from the sale of the building, insurance pay out on the building in Hagley Park and previous cash invested. Total \$2,199,794.

All our capital is invested in an ANZ Private Bank Portfolio as a conservative investment. At the end of 2017 the Board authorised 50% of its portfolio to be invested in a slightly more aggressive, but still conservative, way. Our aim is to preserve our capital and in the future improve on it.

In today's world the Board has currently chosen not to invest in Bricks and Mortar but rather to rent venues for our activities. The current outgoings through renting are less than what we would pay in out goings on a building we owned. If we owned something we would have to rent it out to pay for insurance, heat light and power rates and repairs and maintenance.

These accounts have been prepared by our accountants (Ainger Tomlin) and independently audited by Ashton Wheelans).

The auditors noted early a few things which have been clarified in the accounts.

- **Revenue split between sale and insurance proceeds of the building.**
- **Reporting our investment portfolio at cost rather than unrealised value. Tier 2. (Or else we would have to develop a much more detailed and costly asset of accounts and audit for Tier 3 reporting).**
- **Reviewing the value of our Trophies.**
- **In the audit report they noted we need to work our accounting package Xero a bit harder.**

All these were accepted by the Board and noted.

Regarding the Trophies Value the Board will consider that during the year and it is going to be a difficult task asking some deep philosophical questions about trophies.

With any write down of the value of assets there will be a decrease in the value of the total assets of the Society.

Our accountants have prepared a summary of our Performance and this is included in the report for members. The detailed Performance Report prepared by the auditors is available for members to read.

In summary as at 31/12/2017

- CHS total Assets \$2,199,794 (Portfolio valued at cost)
- Assets include all revenue from sale of the building in Hagley Park, insurance pay, previous cash assets and other assets
- Income was down due to a Bequest of \$150,000 in 2016
- All building depreciation has been transferred to the Investment Portfolio
- The investment portfolio is managed by ANZ Private Bank.



THE BOARD

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ALAN JOLLIFFE President



ROBYN WHITE
Garden Club Representative



MICHAEL COULTER
Resigned 31 December 2017



RAY KING Vice President



SANDI MACRAE



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