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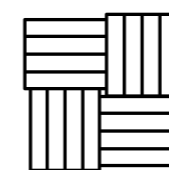
Making our district safer

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Our kaupapa and our story can be told through this woven diamond pattern.

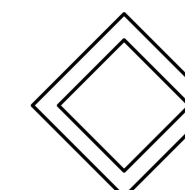
It shows our purpose, our strength and our commitment to working within a bicultural framework. The four colours interwoven in the pattern represent our services and what we are committed to doing within our hapori every day.



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.



Passing on knowledge and teaching new skills.



Strengthening and supporting those in need.



Hospitality, providing for a hapori/community.



**Me uru kahikatea
Together we're safer**

Kahikatea grow tall with greater success when they are in groves. Their shallow roots interlock with each other, providing the necessary foundation to stand tall.

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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 since 1994. It provides free and confidential community services for the Ashburton district. We prioritise the delivery of early intervention programmes, to support and strengthen individuals and whānau. 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 30 years ago 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 throughout 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.

Supporting community agencies

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



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Governance and management structure



Safer Mid Canterbury Board Chairperson's report

It goes without saying that communities in New Zealand have been through some hard times over the last few years. COVID-19 was, and still is, an issue for us all. The cost of living, the availability of accommodation, and the pressures on families have all become problematic for many people. It is important to recognise that the work done by Safer Mid Canterbury is as necessary as ever, and perhaps even more so now.

I am proud to say that this organisation is doing what it does well, ably led by General Manager Kevin Clifford and his team, to support and encourage our community in a range of ways.

We have maintained almost all of our traditional services, and expanded in the last year. For example, we now work out of a new building adapted for our purposes; we provide Restorative Justice to both Oamaru and Timaru as well as Ashburton; we have purchased a second house to assist with accommodation requirements for refugees; and we have supported and managed the revival of food rescue provision in Mid and South Canterbury. This is the "tip of the iceberg" stuff. The wider range of our work can be seen elsewhere in this report, and is equally valuable.

The mahi is done by a team of professional and volunteer staff, and I thank them all for their tireless efforts. We are fortunate to have the backing of the District Council, both financially and in other forms of support. While costs have risen, overall we are in a sound financial situation, and our management team provides prudent and careful oversight. The Safer Mid Canterbury Board also continues to deliver thoughtful and wise governance for the organisation – my thanks to them, too.

Our partnership with Community House Mid Canterbury continues to prosper, and exemplifies the ability this district has always shown to work cooperatively for the greater good of its people. It has often been noted that the Mid Canterbury district is remarkable for the amount of community support it offers its residents.

I am delighted to say that this tradition continues in a major way through the contributions of Safer Mid Canterbury.



Don McLeod
Chairperson

General Manager's report

I usually end my reports with a big thank you to our Safer Mid Canterbury team who always go above and beyond for our organisation and the people we support, but this year I would like to start with them. Their patience and hard work as we have transitioned into our new building and taken on new endeavours has been outstanding. They have pitched in wherever additional work has been needed and adjusted well to our new environment and ways of working.

Moving into our new building was also one of the biggest pieces of work for myself in the first half of the financial year. We had reached the point at Community House Mid Canterbury that we were bursting at the seams and our team was spread across several buildings – far from ideal for the practicalities of delivering our work and maintaining a cohesive culture. It took three years before we had accumulated enough money to think about shifting and even then a huge amount of work was required to make it fit within budget.

We are incredibly grateful to the Community House Board for finding the funds to buy the building next door to Community House, allowing us to retrofit it, and then leasing it to us for the very long term. Other options at the time would not have allowed us to create the wonderful purpose built space we now have. We are all very much enjoying being back working together in an environment that is not only a comfortable office space, but a warm and welcoming place for clients. You can read more about our new premises on page 19 of this report.

Another major event of the year was our response to the potential loss of the Mid and South Canterbury food rescue service. As an organisation, we knew the benefit of this valuable work, and there was no hesitation in responding to the call for help from Manager Helen McKeown and her team when Foodbank Aorearoa announced it was closing down. Thankfully, the Lion Foundation, Community Trust Mid and South Canterbury, and a very generous local businessperson were equally supportive and agreed to provide funding for it to continue.

After six months, the newly named Food Rescue Aoraki is back on its feet and delivering an exceptional service to the Ashburton and Timaru communities under the Safer Mid Canterbury umbrella. Visit page 22 of this report to read more.

During the year, we also bought a second three-bedroom home to help provide refugee families with safe, warm, affordable accommodation. While we have positive relationships with several Ashburton landlords, it has become more difficult to find social housing in the district and our own rental properties have been a good investment for the people we support.

All of our other services have continued to be busy and during the year a Second In Charge role was introduced to spread the knowledge and work of the General Manager. As an organisation with about 40 staff and nearly 20 contracts, Safer Mid Canterbury definitely needed someone else with an overview of what we do and how we do it.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board who have been wholeheartedly supportive of the changes within our organisation and as always the ongoing work that we do for our community.

Ngā mihi nui.



Kevin Clifford
General Manager

Safe Communities Chairperson's report

It has been a significant year for Safe Communities Mid Canterbury as we have now reached the end of our initial five year plan. A lot of important milestones were achieved in this time, including establishing a local branch of Citizens Advice Bureau and setting up the Mid Canterbury Connector to help bridge the public transport gap in the district. It is fair to say Safe Communities has become well engrained in the district.

For four of the five years Safe Communities Mid Canterbury has been running we have faced challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It truly is a testament to the hard work of our partner agencies and Coordinator Lesley Symington that Safe Communities has been able to pivot, where possible, during interruptions and delays to continue delivering initiatives to improve people's safety.

A great example of the impact Safe Communities has had is that to date, more than 400 passengers have used the Mid Canterbury Connector. The service, like most Safe Communities initiatives, would not be possible without its dedicated volunteers who pick people up and bring them into town for appointments or to help reduce isolation. Following on from this, we have also worked with Ashburton District Council over the last year to run a survey to determine the level of demand for public transport in Ashburton township. More than 400 people took part in this survey and the report from it has now gone to the Council for further discussion.

Another highlight from the last year included having more than 500 school pupils learn about ski and snowboard safety through our collaboration with Mt Hutt ski field. During visits from safety experts, including Boots the dog, the children learned about snow safety and injury prevention before their school ski trips to help keep them safe on the slopes.

We also continued to work with various service clubs across the district, Sport Canterbury, and the Council to establish plans for an off road bike skills park in the Ashburton Domain. This work has been progressing well and we are currently looking for funding for the project management of the tendering and construction stages of the project. It is likely the facility will cost \$400,000 to build but will be widely used to help people gain confidence when cycling, and learn about road safety, as the park will feature street signs for people learning road rules.

Along with our bimonthly steering group meetings, where our partner agencies get together to discuss updates to the Safe Communities action plan, we've continued to hold well-attended falls prevention sessions, and have run a series of talks about scams, theft and burglary. These sessions, which have been held in some of the smaller towns in the district, have been a great way to share important messages about how to keep yourself safe online and make sure your property is protected. We are planning to hold at least two of these community talks each year.

We also organised the Safety Village at the Ashburton A&P Show again in 2023. This is a great collaboration between agencies but as with the previous year, poor weather had an impact on the number of attendees at the show, and the first day had to be cancelled due to hail and strong winds. Despite this, we had nine agencies take part.

Safe Communities has achieved a tremendous amount in its first five years and I would like to thank the Ashburton District Council for its funding which enables this work to continue. Thank you also to Safe Communities Ashburton District Coordinator Lesley Symington who year after year does a fantastic job of bringing all of the partner agencies together and keeping the various projects moving along.

A business plan for the next three years has been prepared to replace the five year plan which finished on 30 June. We will continue to run successful projects and add a few new areas of focus, including developing an Age Friendly Ashburton Strategy and Action Plan in 2025. One of the benefits of delivering such a localised initiative is that we can be responsive to any arising needs or safety issues in the community.

I look forward to seeing even more great outcomes being achieved next year and beyond.



Liz McMillan
Safe Communities Ashburton District Chairperson

Hapori Haumaru Safe Communities

The final year of Safe Communities' five year strategic plan has certainly been a busy one with many important milestones achieved, and new ones identified for the future.

Safe Communities Ashburton District is a collaboration between 27 agencies involved in a wide range of community safety initiatives. By combining the skills, expertise and resources of different local organisations, a district-wide, strategic approach can help to address community safety issues.

Partner agencies include Age Concern Ashburton, Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service (ACADS), Sport Canterbury, and Neighbourhood Support Mid Canterbury.

The 12 month period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 was the fifth and final year of the Safe Communities Ashburton District Strategic Plan (2019-2024). The document was prepared when the steering group was formed to outline priorities and key initiatives.

Over the five years, some projects had to change course or be postponed to navigate hurdles caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Safe Communities Ashburton District Coordinator Lesley Symington said that despite these challenges, the steering group was still going strong and delivering great outcomes.

"When the programme started in 2019, there were 27 signatory agencies. Today, many of these agencies are still actively participating in projects and we have been joined by several others, who have seen the value of collaborating, and sharing information and resources," Lesley said. "Working together gives us the opportunity to have a district-wide, strategic overview of community safety concerns. It also enables us to have a greater reach within the community and a lot of knowledge we can draw upon to respond to issues."

A recent significant moment for the programme was receiving funding to keep it running for the next three years, Lesley said.

"Thank you to the Ashburton District Council for funding the programme last year and for supporting it by including Safe Communities in the Long Term Plan for 2024-2027."

The security of the Council's support has meant Safe Communities has been able to develop a new strategy that will cover its work for the next three years.



Ā mātou tutukitanga Our achievements

Safe Communities Ashburton District continued to deliver its key initiatives over the last year, as well as new projects, to help improve safety across Mid Canterbury. Below is a summary of these.

Ski Safety Roadshow

Mt Hutt Ski Area staff and the Deputy Mayor visited four local schools in July 2023, ahead of their annual ski day at Mt Hutt. About 500 children took part in this and learned about ski and snowboard safety. Staff from Mt Hutt said they were pleased to see that the children who had heard the presentation were able to recite the key safety messages when visiting the ski field.

Ashburton A&P Show Safety Village

Significant time was spent planning and coordinating the Safety Village at the Ashburton A&P Show, which was held in October.

Nine agencies took part to promote a wide range of safety initiatives to attendees. However, the Safety Village has been affected by bad weather every year it has been organised. Last year was no different, with rain, hail and a temperature of three degrees on the first day. Agencies are considering another option for the future, such as holding a local community safety day on a weekend and taking it around the district to indoor venues.

Unintentional Injury to Children

This programme uses the Safekids Aotearoa Toolkit to talk to groups of parents, teachers and children, including Plunket groups and early learning centres, about dangers in the home such as medicines and poisons.

To date, 189 people have heard the presentation and received a Home Safety Checklist to assess safety issues in their homes.

Rural Safety/Isolation: Mid Canterbury Connector Community Transport Service

The Mid Canterbury Connector aims to reduce rural and social isolation by providing a low-cost community transport service. Volunteer drivers use the Mid Canterbury Connector vehicle to bring people living in rural areas into the Ashburton township for medical, dental, and Work and Income appointments, and to see whānau and friends.

Between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024, there were:

- **333** passengers (up from 188 the previous financial year)
- **28,562** kilometres travelled (up from 23,493kms)
- **694** volunteer driver hours (up from 463.88 hours)
- **99** other volunteer hours (such as trustee involvement), (up from 40 hours).

Since the service began in 2021, more than 500 trips have been completed. A six-month local newspaper advertising promotion began in September 2023 which helped attract new users.

Other notable happenings from the past year included getting a replacement vehicle for Rakaia. This was funded by the Rakaia Community Association, the Lion Foundation and the Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust. It will be owned by the Rakaia Community Association, and used by the Mid Canterbury Connector, Rakaia Community Patrol, and Meals on Wheels. This will help relieve some of the pressure on the existing Connector vehicle.

Applications have also been made for funding to hire a part time coordinator to better support the service as it continues to grow.



Public Transport Service for Ashburton

Deputy Mayor and Safe Communities Ashburton District Chairperson Liz McMillan, Councillor Carolyn Cameron and Safe Communities Coordinator Lesley Symington were asked by Ashburton Mayor Neil Brown to initiate a project to look at the viability of a public transport service for Ashburton.

An independent social researcher was engaged and funded by the Council to undertake community and social service agency research about demand, preferred destinations, people's willingness to pay, and more. The community's response to the research was significant, with more than 500 online survey responses received.

A final report and several recommendations about how a service could operate were presented to the Council in June. The Council has scheduled a workshop in September to look at the recommendations.

Falls Prevention for Older People

A newspaper feature in the Ashburton Courier newspaper promoting strength and balance classes, and profiling a local person who has benefitted from attending them, was run in October 2023 and did a great job of raising awareness of the programme.

Two Ageing Well sessions were also held in October at the Ashburton Library. These sessions promoted the next series of strength and balance classes; hydration; being smokefree; the ACC Nymbi app; the Mid Canterbury Connector Community Transport Service; and moderating alcohol intake. About 100 people attended these.

An "April Falls" promotion was also held in 2024, which included newspaper advertising and a mini falls prevention expo at the new library, Te Whare Whakaterere. Twelve local agencies took part in this, and the expo was visited by between 200 and 300 people.

Theft and Scams

A local promotion about theft and scams was run in the Ashburton Courier newspaper, alongside talks hosted by the Mid Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Coordinator and displays at Te Whare Whakaterere.

Safe Communities also helped run a roadshow about scams with Neighbourhood Support Mid Canterbury, ASB bank, and Digital Waitaha. It included four community talks in Ashburton, Hinds, Rakaia and Methven, focussing on how older adults can keep themselves safe from being scammed.

Age Friendly Ashburton Strategy and Action Plan

Background research has been completed on the requirements for developing an Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan for Ashburton. Work on implementing this is expected to start in 2025.

Bike Skills Park

A site in the Ashburton Domain has now been secured for a Bike Skills Park.

A working group of service clubs, Safer Mid Canterbury, Sport Canterbury, and Ashburton District Council Open Spaces staff has been established to get this project up and running.

A final concept design was completed and approved by the Council, and at the time of publishing this report, the resource consent had been approved. A fundraising plan and calendar have also been prepared which will include sessions to inform the public and local schools about the facility.

The Working Group is also looking at becoming a legal entity to enable it to apply for funding to construct the facility.

Safety Promotion

The Ashburton Courier's monthly Safe Communities column has continued over the last year. This has been a great way for member agencies to promote their safety messages and services, and for the Safe Communities programme to be profiled by local media.

Our Facebook page has also been used to promote various activities over the year, including a series of Let's Talk Safety sessions.



Ā mātou tauanga Our statistics

In the past 12 months, we have been proud to support...



Ō mātou taratī 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 Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust and was Chair of the Caring for Communities steering group when it was active during the district's COVID-19 response.



Don McLeod, *Chair of Trustees*

Don has been a Safer Mid Canterbury Board member since 2013, including several years as 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 served on the board of Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drug Service (ACADS) for 17 years, including 10 as Chairperson. Other offices held have included being a member of the Community House Mid Canterbury and Neighbourhood Support Boards, and he has twice been President of the Rotary Club of Ashburton.



Jeanette Tarbotton

Jeanette has a long history of community involvement and has been with Safer Mid Canterbury since its early days. She is a representative of the local chapter of Age Concern, which works in the interests of elderly residents, and has also been involved with Federated Farmers, Rural Women New Zealand, and the Ashburton Lions Club.



Max Cawte

Max is the managing director of Ashburton Powdercoating and has been contributing his skills and knowledge to Safer Mid Canterbury since he joined us as a trustee in 2011. Max is also a long-term member of the Ashburton Lions Club, and has previously served as their President.



Russell Ellis

Russell first came on board as a representative from Ashburton District Council and served for about five years until he moved away from the district. On his return, we were quick to invite him back as a trustee. Russell brings strong business skills and an enthusiasm for his community, particularly a passion for supporting the wellbeing of young people.



Tony Todd

Tony was appointed to the Board following the 2022 local body elections. He is a first-time councillor and this is his first appointment with Safer Mid Canterbury. Tony is well known in the community and has served on many boards and committees, along with being an Ashburton clothing retailer for many years.



Houhou Rongo Restorative Justice video

A new video created for Safer Mid Canterbury's Restorative Justice programme has been helping people understand how the programme works and what its benefits are.

The video was created in late 2023 and includes an animated scenario to demonstrate each step of the Restorative Justice process, from a crime being committed to how a referral progresses to a Restorative Justice conference and what happens afterwards. It also explains how the conferences work and who is involved.

Court Services Team Leader and Restorative Justice Facilitator/Coordinator Bronnie McKenna said the video has been useful to explain the process to people and it has been well-received by stakeholders and participants.

"We now have a QR code on the back of our business cards for participants to scan and view the video. I've used the video at a few different public speaking engagements about Restorative Justice and it has been an awesome tool," she said. "We've received a lot of positive feedback on the clarification it has given about the process."

One of the goals of the video was to highlight that offending can be quite complex as there is usually something driving it, such as addiction or anger issues. It also explains the values of the programme and what offenders and victims of crime can gain from the experience.

Safer Mid Canterbury has delivered Restorative Justice Services in the Ashburton District Court since the programme started in 1999. It also delivers the service in the Timaru and Oamaru District Courts.



The video can be watched on the Restorative Justice page on the Safer Mid Canterbury website www.safermidcanterbury.org.nz/what-we-do/restorative-justice/

New homes purchased for refugee families

A big move in recent years has been Safer Mid Canterbury's investment in social housing to provide refugee families a safe, warm place to call home.

General Manager Kevin Clifford said the purchase of two three-bedroom, 1950s-style houses has improved the housing stock for the Refugee Settlement Support Service (RSSS). One home was purchased in the 2022/2023 financial year and the newest addition was purchased in the latest financial year.

Safer Mid Canterbury holds the local Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) contract to deliver the RSSS. It was set up to support families who have had to flee their countries and seek a safe and welcoming place to resettle.

Kevin said the purchases had come at a time when it was becoming more difficult to find social housing in Ashburton. "We have a number of refugee families living in the district now, so we still have a relationship with various landlords as well as supporting the people living in these new houses," he said. "It's been a good investment for our organisation."



Purpose-built offices enable future growth

Safer Mid Canterbury shifted into new purpose-built offices in October 2023, providing a better working environment for the team and the opportunity for future growth.

The move was needed as the organisation had outgrown its former location at Community House. "Investigations into other rental opportunities had been underway for some time, so it was fortunate the building next door on Moore St became available," General Manager Kevin Clifford said.

"It was an amazing opportunity but it took a lot of budgeting, planning, and a big investment to make the building fit-for-purpose. It was essentially a storage shed that we transformed into an office."

The work involved engineering, cutting holes in the tilt slab, having windows retro-fitted, and other internal refurbishments. Safer Mid Canterbury has a 13-year lease with three rights of renewal.

The roomy open plan office features separate cubicles for kaimahi, meeting spaces, and outdoor seating - a welcome relief after "bursting at the seams" for the past three years. "Having the team split across several buildings and working from home didn't make for the best working environment, so there was a real need to shift," Kevin said. "The new space can fit up to 47 people, and we currently have 39 staff members, so we have the potential to grow a bit."



PHOTO / Ashburton Guardian

An official blessing, led by Tipene Philip and Michelle Brett from Hakatere Marae, was held on site before the move. Members of the community were also invited to the official opening, attended by Ashburton District Council Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan and Safer Mid Canterbury Chairperson Don McLeod.

"It's been great to have everybody back together in one location," Kevin said. "We're really happy with how the move has turned out. It's a good work environment, a nice place for clients to visit, and even has more parking options."

Te Hōtaka Whai Raihana ki Taiwhenua Rural Driver Licensing Scheme

For seven years the Mid Canterbury Rural Driver Licensing Scheme has been helping to reduce isolation and empower migrant women living rurally by teaching them how to drive and obtain their driver's licence.

The scheme is a partnership between the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust and Safer Mid Canterbury. It provides free support, tuition and subsidised driving tests to help migrant women learn to drive. Volunteers in the programme pick the women up and take them into Ashburton township for road code classes or driving lessons, while also minding their children.

Coordinator Wendy Hewitt said that in the last year the programme has been able to purchase its own car to be used by mentors and learners. "The car is brilliant for learners because it is quite small, so it is more comfortable to park, and it has a five star safety rating. It's also economical and means there is less reliance on volunteers using their own cars."

"For 90 percent of our learners, English is their second language which adds another layer on top of rural isolation. Or, their family might only have one car which is used by their partner to get to work. Getting their licence can help open many possibilities for them in terms of meeting people and being independent."

Wendy said the scheme had increased in popularity to the point where advertising had to be scaled back because the courses were filling up so quickly. "We have some great volunteers who have been with us from the start but we are always looking for more people to help, so that we can in turn help more women."

One person who has greatly benefited from the programme is Claire.

Having spent most of her life in an urban Chinese city, Claire never had any need to learn how to drive. However, when she moved to Ashburton with her husband, the lack of public transport and the walking distance to amenities were quite a contrast.

She started volunteering with the Rural Driver Licensing Scheme in its first year to look after the children of the learner drivers.

After volunteering for several years, the team behind the programme asked Claire if she would like to learn how to drive as a way to give back to her for her years of volunteering. Her English wasn't very good at the time, so she initially sat in on road code classes to listen and learn until she felt ready to sit her learner licence. After gaining this, she was then matched with one of the volunteer driving mentors who worked with her to sit and pass her restricted driving test, followed by her full licence.

"During the last course we had 10 people to pick up from all around Mid Canterbury, so we needed three cars," Wendy said. "Claire went out and helped with picking people up which has been huge for her because she's had to drive out in the country, bring them in and then look after their children and take them back home afterwards."

"As a mature woman, when she first started volunteering, Claire never thought she'd be able to drive. She thought that ship had sailed. But now, she's driving all over the place, has got a part time job, and her English has improved immensely."

Wendy said that when Claire's husband became ill about a year ago, he was taken to Burwood Hospital in Christchurch. Claire was able to drive up to see him while he recovered, something that would not have been possible without her involvement in the scheme.

Claire also got along so well with her driving mentor that they became good friends. Even though the mentor has since moved to Rolleston, Claire has kept in touch and drives up to see them for a regular coffee and catch up.

"The connections people make through the programme are priceless," Wendy said. "Being able to gain a driver's licence is life changing. Some of our driving mentors are past students and it is great seeing them wanting to give back and help other people."



Ratonga Whakatau Taurewa Refugee Settlement Support Service

The Refugee Settlement Support Service (RSSS) continues to work with families as they build new homes and lives in the Ashburton district.

RSSS is a collaboration between Safer Mid Canterbury and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). It was set up to welcome families who have had to flee their homes in other countries and seek a safe and welcoming place to resettle. RSSS provides intensive support for families in their first 24 months living in New Zealand, including sourcing housing, enrolling with schools and a local GP, arranging English lessons, and finding opportunities to socialise with others.

RSSS team leader Kathy Harrington-Watt said 130 people have now resettled in Ashburton, including 28 families and 79 children. "The community is growing and as families continue living in Ashburton, they have an increasing sense of belonging," she said. "There are children in every school and college in Ashburton and the families are spread throughout the suburbs."

Young people in the community have been provided with opportunities that have seen them take part in a range of sporting and social activities. With the support of funding from Sport Canterbury, five to 18-year-olds now have access to sport clubs and teams. They are involved in football (two at representative level), volleyball, netball, Taekwondo, swimming, badminton, and mixed martial arts. The youth group also recently participated in a MIXIT dance and music workshop. Kathy said the majority of men in the group are now

employed in either full or part-time work, and many of the young people are also working part-time locally in retail and hospitality roles. With the support of RSSS, the Afghan community has been able to celebrate important religious festivals and share their stories at local occasions.

On 22 June, an event was held at the Ashburton Seniors Centre to mark World Refugee Day and was attended by most of the families RSSS supports. "It was a wonderful evening with speeches presented by children and youth from the community," Kathy said. "They told their family stories, about their experiences being refugees, and the changes to their life now they are in New Zealand. The Afghan community are excellent at hosting events and are happy to share their special days with others in Ashburton."

As they continue to settle into their new lives and form strong bonds here, several members of the community have been nominated for local leadership roles, Kathy said. They are also hoping to start their own Farsi classes for children so that their language and culture can remain an active part of their new lives in Aotearoa. In the year ahead, two representatives from the Afghan community have been sponsored by MBIE to travel to Wellington to participate in the National Refugee Resettlement Forum. Two staff members from the RSSS team will travel with them to provide support.



Food Rescue Aoraki

Just days before Christmas in 2023, the Canterbury region was taken aback by the sudden news that Foodbank Aotearoa was closing its doors.

The organisation, based in Christchurch, was responsible for collecting unsold food from local supermarkets and food producers, and redistributing it to organisations and food banks throughout Canterbury, which in turn helped people and families in need. The food was of good quality but couldn't be sold by stores because it was close to its best before date.

Foodbank Aotearoa had a significant presence in Mid and South Canterbury, where it was run by four staff and 10 volunteers, including its Manager Helen McKeown. Following Foodbank Aotearoa's announcement, work in Christchurch was picked up by other organisations but there was no money in the bank and nobody to step in and keep the service operational for the Southern parts of Canterbury. Not prepared to see these communities lose such an important service, Helen approached Safer Mid Canterbury and asked for help.

Safer Mid Canterbury immediately saw the value in the organisation's work and General Manager Kevin Clifford met with Helen, and Community Trust Mid and South Canterbury and The Lion Foundation, to see if they could help financially to keep the operation running. Funding was secured from both Charitable Trusts, as well as a \$30,000 donation from a local business person Helen had approached. This meant staff could be employed by Safer Mid Canterbury and resume work by 8 January at the newly named Food Rescue Aoraki. "Taking on Food Rescue Aoraki is a great example

of how Safer Mid Canterbury can quickly respond to needs and make things happen," Kevin said. "This important work would not be possible without the financial backing of our funders like the Council, whose investment enables Safer Mid Canterbury to keep supporting the community's evolving needs, and other funders who support projects, initiatives and operational costs. We are here for the community and when we see need or opportunities we will always look at how we can provide support."

Food Rescue Aoraki rescues more than 40 tonnes of food from Mid Canterbury supermarkets and other producers annually and distributes it to 27 community groups which in turn provide food parcels or pantry top-ups for people in need. This includes distributing food to some of the district's early childhood centres too. It also rescues more than 60 tonnes of food per year in South Canterbury.

"The conservative value of the food that is rescued by the service is about \$12 per kilogram, and the cost of rescuing and redistributing is about \$1.75 per kilogram – which is an excellent return on investment," Kevin said. "I would like to acknowledge Helen who has done a huge amount work, and gone above and beyond, to keep the service operating. There has also been a lot of support from local supermarkets. Nobody wants to see good food going to waste, especially when there are so many people who can use it."

The benefits of the service to the environment are also impressive, with a substantial amount of food being diverted away from landfill. Between January and May 2024, the service rescued 55,236.456kg of food – an increase of 13,220.40kg on the same period in 2023.

Helen said Food Rescue Aoraki has recently purchased a new van to replace its smaller 20-year-old one. At the time of writing this report, the new van was being fitted with all of the refrigeration equipment it required as well as ventilation and lining. A Board is also being established, with the aim of setting up a trust to help govern and ensure the service remains viable well into the future.

"Similar services have been popping up across the country as demand for help with the cost of living has increased. There is definitely a big need out there," Helen said. "All of the steps being taken since joining Safer Mid Canterbury are to help ensure Food Rescue Aoraki can keep going for many more years."

Food safety is top of mind for the service and all staff and volunteers complete food handling and safety training. The service is fully compliant with health and safety regulations.

"The concept of rescuing food that would otherwise get dumped and distributing it through other organisations and food banks is easy to support and get behind because it is so beneficial," Kevin said.

"Being able to provide food to people in need is a very practical way to help them. Everyone is feeling how tight things are at the moment, even people who own their own homes. Giving a parcel of rescued food to a family may mean they can use their grocery money for other things like their power bill or school costs. It helps to lighten the load."

Food Rescue Aoraki Statistics

- 55,236.456kg of food rescued between January and May 2024
- Increase of 13,220.40kg of food rescued in January - May 2024 compared to the same period in 2023.
- \$12 value per kg of food rescued versus \$1.75 per kg to rescue it.





Manaaki Tamariki Supervised Access

Alex* had not been in regular contact with his children for a number of years when he was put in touch with the Supervised Access service.

Because of the time lapse, he lacked parenting confidence and was unaware of what behaviours were considered to be 'normal' at each age and stage of his children's lives. While Alex wanted to restart building a relationship with them, the primary-school aged children were hesitant about taking part in the process.



Supervised Access supervisor Tania King worked with the whānau to arrange for Alex and the children to have supervised contact on a weekly basis. She says she encouraged Alex in a positive way, helping him to understand child behaviour, and suggesting activities that would help them interact with each other, all while helping to build his confidence and mana. "Alex was consistent and engaged with the children well," Tania says. "With time, the children wanted to see him more and returned home happily afterwards."

This soon led to unsupervised visits with the children and overnight stays. Alex is now a confident parent. He has improved his relationship with the children's mother, and they are now successfully co-parenting.

Safer Mid Canterbury has provided the Supervised Access service since 2013 for children who are not in their parents' care. This is part of a contract with Oranga Tamariki where staff oversee and monitor visits, ensuring appropriate behaviour and child safety.

**Names have been changed to protect identities.*

Ratonga Whakatangata Transition Service

Hazel* was 16 when she first began working with the Transition Service. Fast forward to age 19, and with the dedicated support of Transition kaimahi Paula,* she is thriving, with a scholarship offer and work prospects in the pipeline.

Transition Service youth workers walk alongside rangatahi who are, or have been at any point after the age of 15, in the care of Oranga Tamariki. The service supports young people through the transition into adulthood up to the age of 21. They can then access further assistance if they need it up to the age of 25.

With the support of Hazel's whāngai family, Paula has worked with Hazel since she was first introduced to the service. "It's all about assisting young people wherever they are at in their current stage of life," Paula says.

During their time together, Paula has supported Hazel to receive extra tutoring to lift her NCEA credits; helped her to prepare her CV; and improve her wellbeing and fitness. Hazel enjoyed being active so much that she has inspired her friends to join her on hikes. Paula also supported her to join a harakeke wananga workshop.

"We can help rangatahi tap into Te Ao Māori if that is what they are wanting," Paula says. "We are very happy to have conversations with them that can inspire them in their culture."

Paula and Hazel also spent time together applying for scholarships. Hazel went on to win a national award and a financial scholarship. She also completed an Outward Bound course, which was a great confidence booster.

Hazel is currently working fulltime to save money to pursue a social work career in the future. Paula supported her to build connections and network with people in the social work sector at her request.

"She now has good contacts no matter what she decides to do in the future," Paula says. "It's all about inspiring her to continue whatever path she chooses to take."

Paula is currently still working with Hazel alongside her "amazing" whāngai family to help her achieve her goals and transition into adulthood.

**Names have been changed to protect identities.*



Ā mātou ratonga

Our services

Youth Support Manaaki Rangatahi

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury provides one-on-one support to tamariki and their whānau to target issues that are creating obstacles in young people's lives. This service has been operating in the Ashburton district since 2005. Youth Support Workers, together with young people, develop an action plan and a timeline for achieving their goals.

This year: We received many referrals, picking up and intensively working with 36 young people.



Community Youth Programme Hōtaka Rangatahi

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 very busy with 21 referrals. Most young people on this programme have successfully made changes in their lives, which is positive for our community.

Supervision with Activity Kaitiaki Whakahono

What we do: Supervision with Activity has been operating since 2018. This contract is aimed at higher level youth offenders and is an intervention before 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 stopping their offending.

This year: Staff working in this service did not receive any referrals for the third year running. This indicates that we have no high level youth offenders currently in our community.

CACTUS (Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit and Support) Toi Rangatahi Toi Ora

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: Our basic CACTUS programme had 33 young people participate this year, and an additional 14 young people took part in the advanced CACTUS programme.

Refugee Post Settlement Support Service Ratonga Nohonga Taurewa

What we do: We receive funding from the Ministry of Social Development to support refugee families once they are settled and no longer receive support from the Refugee Settlement Service. This service runs groups, social activities, and a youth group, and provides ongoing education and skills supporting families to settle well in New Zealand.

This year: Over the last year we worked with 24 adults in group work activities and 30 young people through our youth group activities. We also supported 12 families with growing a garden.

Family Wellbeing Service Ratonga Hauora Whānau

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury has been operating the Family Wellbeing Service for more than 10 years. It is a free programme for families with children aged 10 and under. Whānau needing support are matched with a trained volunteer, who works in the family's home environment, teaching practical parenting and household skills. Volunteers use techniques that reduce stress and improve the confidence of families.

This year: We have received 33 referrals for this service. It remains busy, with referrals coming in from a range of agencies. Our ability to handle the constantly high workload is only possible due to the significant contribution of our many dedicated volunteers.



Court Contact Service Ratonga Toro Kōti

What we do: We have been providing this service to the Family Court since 2018. This is a similar service to Supervised Access, however this work 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 tamariki unless supervised. Our role 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 623 hours of contact time. 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.

Food Rescue Aoraki

What we do: Food Rescue Aoraki became part of Safer Mid Canterbury at the start of 2024, after its parent organisation, Foodbank Aotearoa, had to close its doors at the end of 2023. Food Rescue Aoraki has four staff and many volunteers who collect food that can't be sold from local supermarkets and food producers. The team then redistributes it to organisations providing food parcels to people in need throughout the Mid and South Canterbury districts.

This year: We became involved with this service in January 2024. Since then, more than 52 tonnes (52,000kgs) of food has been distributed throughout Mid and South Canterbury, and saved from going to landfill.

Refugee Health Navigation Service Ratonga Whakatere Hauora Taurewa

What we do: The Refugee Health Navigation Service links refugee families with health care providers in the Ashburton district. It is part of Safer Mid Canterbury's Refugee Settlement Service. When a new family arrives in the district, Health Navigators can enrol them with a local GP, book medical appointments, offer transport to and from their appointments, and provide interpretation services. The Health Navigators liaise with other health providers including dentists, optometrists, community labs, and other specialists to ensure refugee families are well supported.

This year: We have assisted with 410 health related appointments providing support, navigation and interpretation.

Transition Service Ratonga Whakatangata

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 can gain a high level of support up to the age of 21 and can come back for assistance up to the age of 25.

This year: We are actively working with six clients in this service. It can be quite intensive work and clients remain with us for a number of years.

Ā mātou ratonga

Our services

Attendance Services

Ratonga Kuranga

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury has delivered Attendance Services in the Ashburton district since 2002. They aim to improve the school attendance of children and young people by working with whānau, schools, and other groups.

Non-attendance can be due to a range of factors, and our attendance kaimahi assist young people and families to get the support they need.

This year: We received 243 referrals in the last year. The young people we worked with were generally referred to us for non-enrolment or unjustified absence from school for more than 20 days, or an attendance level below 70 percent.

Lives Worth Living

He Oranga Whai Hua

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 people to work in suicide prevention and provide support in the event of a death by suicide in the district.

This year: This work has been very busy with the delivery of a range of programmes, support and educational awareness activities. This year, we had 379 client sessions and 379 people attending group education programmes.

Safe Families Network

Ngā Whānau Tūkinu Kore

What we do: The Safe Families Network was formed in 2008 in response to increasing levels of family violence. The coordinator promotes the prevention and awareness of family violence, runs activities and events, and develops resources to help victims and offenders access information and assistance. The coordinator brings agencies together to work collectively to reduce family violence.

This year: We worked with, and supported, 20 agencies over the course of the year, organised eight collaborative meetings, and ran six training and education events.

Refugee Settlement Support Service

Ratonga Taurewa

What we do: The Refugee Settlement Support Service provides intensive support to new refugees in their first 24 months of settlement in a new area. It assists them in every aspect of settling in, from housing and enrolling with a local GP, to school enrolments and social engagement.

This year: We have supported 119 Afghan refugees to settle in the Ashburton district.

Community Service Support

Ratonga Hapori

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury works in close partnership with several smaller trusts 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.

This year: We have supported a range of organisations including Neighbourhood Support, HYPE Youth Health Centre, Hakatere Multicultural Council, and Ashburton Senior Citizens.



Rural Driver Licensing Scheme

Te Hōtaka Whai Raihana ki Taiwhenua

What we do: The Rural Driver Licensing Scheme provides free support, tuition and subsidised driving tests to migrant women living in rural parts of the district. It is a partnership between Safer Mid Canterbury and the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust. The test fees and tuition are subsidised by the programme. Because many of the women have young children, there are also volunteer child minders available and a volunteer who can drive participants into town if transport is a barrier.

This year: We received 74 referrals from people needing support to gain their licence.



Safe Communities

Hapori Haumarū

What we do: Safe Communities Ashburton District is a collaboration of 27 agencies involved across a range of community safety areas. It aims to reduce injury and crime, and enhance safety over time. By combining agency skills and resources, we can have a bigger impact on identifying and responding to community safety concerns.

This year: This was our fifth year delivering our work plan. We continued to bring together the 27 organisations who signed a charter committing themselves to work collectively towards achieving the goals outlined in the plan.



Community Connector

Te Here Hapori

What we do: The Community Connector service works with individuals and whānau who need help finding support in the community, whatever that may be. A Community Connector can assist people with navigating or accessing government agencies and other services, connect them with social groups, or find people who can help with issues such as budgeting, preparing for employment, developing parenting skills and learning English.

This year: We received 376 whānau referrals for the Community Connector service.

Restorative Justice Service

Houhou Rongo

What we do: Safer Mid Canterbury has delivered Restorative Justice Services in the Ashburton District Court since this initiative was established in 1999. We have also picked up the contracts for the Timaru and Oamaru courts. When a person appears in court charged with an offence, the Judge may refer them to the Restorative Justice service, if they have pleaded guilty to their offence. 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.

This year: We carried out 367 pre-conferences and 58 full conferences for this service, across the Ashburton, Timaru and Oamaru courts.

Ō mātou tāngata

Our people



Kevin Clifford – General Manager

Kevin has been the General Manager of Safer Mid Canterbury for 18 years. His favourite parts of the job are working with people who are dedicated to helping others, and the enjoyment of making a difference in people's lives. Kevin is involved with a number of other community boards and trusts, and is an active volunteer in the community. He enjoys the outdoors and spending time with family.

Leigh Lawless – Team Leader Child, Youth and Family Community teams

Leigh is the Team Leader for Safer Mid Canterbury's Child, Youth and Family Community teams. She enjoys supporting kaimahi to thrive in their roles and seeing the positive outcomes that result. Leigh is also a registered counsellor with experience in private practice, care and protection, and in the education sector. She enjoys spending time with her family, dabbles in painting, and loves getting out on a good adventure, such as hiking and travelling.



Pup Chamberlain – Team Leader Family and Community Services

Pup has been at Safer Mid Canterbury since 2019 as a Suicide Prevention Coordinator. He has had previous experience in health and education and spent many years as a Police Officer, mostly in the Mid Canterbury region. Pup enjoys working with adults and young people, supporting them to enjoy fulfilled lives. When he's not at work, Pup likes spending time with family, fishing and watching his pacers.

Kathy Harrington-Watt – Team Leader Refugee and Migrant Services

Kathy is our Refugee Settlement Support Service team leader. She is a registered social worker with experience in child and family mental health. She has also 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.



Bronnie McKenna – Team Leader Court Services

Bronnie is the Court Services/Restorative Justice Team Leader, and a Restorative Justice Facilitator for both Ashburton and Timaru Courts. She is passionate about her work and helping victims and offenders of crime move forward positively. In her spare time, Bronnie and her family love spending time together, having fun on the water.

Anna Arrowsmith

Anna is the Safe Families Network Coordinator. Her qualifications and background are in psychology and counselling. Born and raised in Ashburton, Anna likes being part of our close community and all that it has to offer. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and being with her whānau and friends.



Wendy Hewitt

Wendy is the Rural Driver Licensing Scheme Coordinator and also the Refugee Settlement Coordinator. She has a strong background in the dairy industry as a farmer and in the agri-sales sector. She also provides mentoring and support to 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 initiative aims to address safety issues for the district by having agencies pool their skills and resources to devise solutions. Lesley has a background in local government community services and enjoys creating programmes to help people. In her spare time, Lesley enjoys walks with her dog, antiques, reading, and travel.



Susan Triska

Susan is a family caseworker with the Refugee Settlement Support Service. She has previous experience working in community education; teaching CPR for the Heart Foundation NZ; and teaching stress management and communication in the Royal Australian Navy. Susan has also worked as an English tutor for speakers of other languages. In her spare time, she loves to explore second-hand shops and enjoys writing short stories.

Keri Kuru

As Safer Mid Canterbury's Transition Kaimahi, Keri works alongside rangatahi to support and guide them as they transition to adulthood. Keri has worked with young people most of her adult life including running outdoor activities, adventure-based programmes, and youth-focused community events. Keri enjoys spending quality time with her whānau; hiking; trail running; going to the gym; travelling, and riding her Indian Scout Motor bike. Me mahi tahi tātou, mo te oranga o te katoa (we should work together for the wellbeing of everyone).



Tania King

Tania is a Supervised Contact Supervisor who helps to reconnect children with their parent or parents in a safe way. Aside from working in a job she loves, she enjoys cooking, reading and spending time with her family.

Navid Bashir

Navid has been working as a Cultural Navigator with the Refugee Settlement Support Service since 2021. He assists the team to understand the cultural needs of refugee families settling in Mid Canterbury, as well as helping with communication support. Navid is originally from Afghanistan and speaks Farsi/Dari. He enjoys being part of this service and helping refugee families to settle in well.



Karen Henderson

Karen works with the team at Food Rescue Aoraki maintaining and operating the work van. Before this role, she spent six years working as a rest home caregiver. Outside of work, Karen enjoys spending time with her three adult children, daughter-in-law, and five grandchildren. She lives with her partner, four small dogs and two cats, and enjoys camping and spending time outdoors.

Ō mātou tāngata

Our people



Selwyn Price

After working as the Kaiāwhina for school attendance since 2021, Selwyn took on the role of Pou Whirinaki, working with school communities to improve attendance outcomes. His career in education spans more than four decades and five continents, and has included leading professional development workshops for teachers across the Asia Pacific region. He chairs the Hakatere Multicultural Council and sits on several other boards. He has a lifelong passion for the visual arts.

Sue Abel

Sue has been with Mid Canterbury Neighbourhood Support, which focuses on community and neighbours looking out for each other, since 2021. Alongside her role with Neighbourhood Support, Sue also runs the Civil Defence Get Ready programme. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time in the outdoors and gardening.



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 Mid Canterbury Newcomers' Network Coordinator. Outside of work, Nicolee enjoys spending time with her horses either at the races or competing in jumping competitions.

Ana Taufa

Ana is the new Coordinator for the Hakatere Multi Cultural Council. Originally from Tonga, Ana moved to the Mid Canterbury District 16 years ago, and says it is now a place she proudly calls home. She oversees three main areas of work, including the Mid Canterbury Newcomers' Network, the Mid Canterbury Migrant and Ethnic Leaders' Forum, and supports new residents moving to the district. In her spare time, Ana enjoys camping with her family and supporting her children in their sporting endeavours.



Rachael Price

Rachael is Safer Mid Canterbury's administrator and receptionist. Her work is varied, changing day-to-day, but you will usually find her at reception welcoming visitors, answering phone calls and emails, and helping to ensure everything runs smoothly for her colleagues. Rachael was born in Aotearoa but lived in Malawi and Hong Kong from the ages of six to 18. She enjoys following figure skating competitions, listening to music, learning languages, and hosting a weekly quiz night.

Tayla Wright

Tayla has been the HYPE Youth Health Centre Coordinator since 2023. After first stepping in to cover a maternity leave position, she is now a permanent member of the team. Tayla has also coordinated the Community Connector Service and was a volunteer Peer Support Leader for seven years with the CACTUS programme. She is passionate about supporting young people, loves getting out into the great outdoors, and travelling.



Christine Phillips

Christine has been employed by Food Rescue Aoraki for the past three years. She enjoys working with an awesome team and finds her mahi supporting people in Mid and South Canterbury very rewarding. Christine is also passionate about reducing food wastage. When she's not at Food Rescue Aoraki, Christine works with the elderly and enjoys caring for her grandson.



Rachel MacIntosh

In her role at Food Rescue Aoraki, Rachel is kept busy collecting food from supermarkets and redistributing the kai to organisations. Previously, Rachel had worked in community mental health roles, so understands the stress that food insecurity can bring to whānau. Now semi-retired, Rachel enjoys spending time with her family and friends, cooking and gardening.

Ruth Swale

Ruth is an accredited Restorative Justice Facilitator based in Timaru. She also coordinates advocacy for Anglican Care South Canterbury, and has previously worked in mental health and disability roles. Ruth likes tending to her 'food forest', reading voraciously, walking beside the sea, and enjoying cat therapy with her tortoiseshell companion.



Haider Ahmadi

Haider has been working as a Bilingual Health Navigator with the Refugee Resettlement Support Service since 2021. He helps refugee families navigate through the New Zealand health system. Haider is originally from Afghanistan, and has been living in New Zealand for 20 years. He looks forward to supporting more refugee families to resettle in Ashburton in the future.

Coby Snowden

Coby is the Minute Secretary for Safer Mid Canterbury and some of its groups. With a background in accounting, she is also treasurer for many organisations. When not spending time with her daughters, Coby's spare time is filled with creative writing and Fullbore Target Shooting.



Elizabeth (Ferg) Ferguson

Elizabeth is the Refugee Post Settlement Support Service Coordinator. She joined the team after working as a secondary school teacher for 36 years in both Australia and New Zealand. Elizabeth loves vegetable gardening, crafts, travelling and trying delicious food with friends and family.

Michael Henderson-Purdom

Mike works with the Refugee Settlement team as a Family Caseworker. He has spent the last several years studying towards becoming a social worker. Mike is very family orientated and loves spending time with his kids



Kim Hamill

Safer Mid Canterbury contracts bookkeeping and payroll company 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.

Ō mātou tāngata

Our people



Kirsten Dixon

Based in Ōamaru, Kirsten works for Safer Mid Canterbury as a Restorative Justice Facilitator across Waitaki and South Canterbury. She has a specialist endorsement in facilitating cases involving family harm. Kirsten also works in conflict resolution, communications coaching and as a professional supervisor for the social services sector.

Nuria Abdullah

Nuria is a bilingual Health Navigator with the Refugee Settlement Support Service. Born in Ghazni, Afghanistan, she moved with her family to Pakistan as a child, growing up in Karachi. Nuria was educated at Karachi University and can speak several languages, including Farsi/Dari, Urdu, Hindi and English. She has lived in New Zealand for the last 13 years. Nuria loves to work alongside people from all cultures and communities, and to learn something new from them.



Toni Sowman

Toni works with the Restorative Justice programme. She has also previously worked in the Attendance Service. 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.

Connie Quigley

Connie has worked with Safer Mid Canterbury since 2019 as a contractor for Lives Worth Living. She was born in Ireland and moved to New Zealand with her family in 2012. Connie has worked as a mental health clinician for more than 29 years, both in management and clinical roles in primary and secondary services.



Hayley Dunlop

Having previously worked at Allenton School for eight years, Hayley is now a member of the Kaiāwhina attendance team. She also works as a gymnastics coach. In her spare time, she spends quality time with her children who play a range of different sports, and she enjoys riding dirt bikes and going on adventurous 4WD trips. You can also find her down at the track with her partner, who races in the 2K Cup.

Dagmar Rohrbach

Dagmar joined the Ōamaru Restorative Justice team as a facilitator trainee in 2022. She trained as a lawyer in Germany and has a background in corporate law and communications. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring Aotearoa with her family, and playing in and on the water.



Jacqui Paterson

Jacqui joined Safer Mid Canterbury in 2024 as the Coordinator for Ashburton Senior Citizens Inc. She considers it a privilege to work alongside the Safer Mid Canterbury team, because everyone is working for the good of the community. Jacqui also works as a Front of House Assistant and Researcher at the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum. In her spare time, she enjoys walking, reading, writing, op shopping, spending time with whānau, and developing her artistic talents.



Helen McEwan

Helen is the Operations Manager for Food Rescue Aoraki for both the Ashburton and Timaru warehouses. She is passionate about her work helping people in the community and preventing waste from going to landfill. Helen says her role is very rewarding and she feels privileged to have such wonderful staff and volunteers working together for an amazing cause.

Rana Kohunui

As Safer Mid Canterbury's Youth Justice kaimahi, Rana supports rangatahi by guiding them towards making positive changes, and accessing new opportunities. In her spare time, Rana is passionate about embracing Te Ao Māori, and enjoys learning, teaching, and creating in this space.



Brenda Kingsford

Brenda understands many of the pressures facing families in the community and how important wellbeing is to the overall family dynamic. Brenda has qualifications in psychology and mental health, and is also working towards becoming a qualified social worker. She is passionate about sport and can often be found navigating the soccer field, and netball and basketball courts with her four children. Brenda also enjoys going to the gym, spending time with her family, and getting out into the great outdoors.

Matilda Dellow

Matilda is a driver for the Refugee Resettlement Service. She enjoys getting to know the families she works with, and welcoming them into the district. Matilda enjoys knitting, reading and shopping, and is keen on travel.



Stacey Barnett

Stacey has been working with our Youth Support and CACTUS programmes since 2023. Her background is in special education and working with at-risk youth, both here in New Zealand and back home in the UK. Outside of work, Stacey enjoys mountain biking, ocean-based activities, and spending time with whānau and friends.

Tania Trusler-Clark

Tania is a Kaiāwhina with Safer Mid Canterbury's School Attendance Service. Outside of work, sport is a big part of Tania's life and she can often be found coaching hockey and managing a local First XV girls' rugby team. She also enjoys spending time with her family, and supporting her three daughters and three grandsons.



Mercedes Walkham

Mercedes has moved into the role of Welcoming Communities Coordinator after serving as the Hakatere Multicultural Council Coordinator since 2021. Originally from Guatemala, she moved to New Zealand in 2014. During this time, she has done amazing work helping to support migrants settling into the District.

Farewells

We farewelled several team members from Safer Mid Canterbury in the last year. We wish Jenny Rae, Kathryn Page, Patrick Sandrey, Scotty Nelson, Ani Koperu and Amanda Walker best wishes on the next stage of their careers. Thank you all for your contributions to Safer Mid Canterbury.

Whakaahua Photographs



CACTUS visit to the local police station.



One of the fun team activities held during a CACTUS session.



Refugee Settlement Service (RSS) volunteer Malcolm Dellow, RSS Driver Matilda Dellow, and RSS Volunteer Coordinator Wendy Hewitt with bicycles donated to the service.



General Manager Kevin Clifford and 2IC Manager Leigh Lawless outside the new Safer Mid Canterbury office.



CACTUS programme participants on a hike.



Neighbourhood Support Mid Canterbury scam awareness talk at Rakaia Community Centre in collaboration with Digital Waitaha.



One of this year's Rural Driver Licensing Scheme learners with her driving mentor in the service's new car.



Some of this year's CACTUS participants having fun.

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Performance Report 2024

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Prepared by Nimba

Entity Information

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2024

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

255 Moore Street, Ashburton, 7700

Postal Address

255 Moore Street, Ashburton, 7700

Approval of Financial Report

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board
For the year ended 30 June 2024

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 2024.

APPROVED



Trustee

Date 14-10-24



Trustee

Date 14/10/24

Statement of Service Performance

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board
For the year ended 30 June 2024

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 - 2024	Annual Measures - 2023
A Safer, Stronger Community			
Reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in our community	Neighbourhood Support	5,049 households involved	5,034 households involved
	Restorative Justice	367 Pre Conferences 58 Full Conferences	409 conferences
	Safe Families	20 Agencies / Six trainings	12 Agencies / Five trainings
Provide a welcoming environment for newcomers to Mid Canterbury	Hakatere Multi Cultural Council	Four groups and activities run. 146 Referrals	6 groups and activities run, 190 individuals supported one on one
Working Together			
Add value by collaborating with other local agencies	Safe Communities	27 organisations on working party	27 organisations on working party
	Rural Support Trust Migrant Driving Programme	74 referrals	74 referrals
Support families to be safe, strong and successful	Families Wellbeing Service	33 referrals	29 referrals
	Resource Work	N/A	N/A
	Refugee Health Navigation Services	410 Sessions	N/A
	Post Settlement Refugee Support	24 Adults Group Work 30 Youth Group Work	50 referrals
	Court Contact	623 hours contact	669 hours contact
	Community Connector	376 Referrals	375 referrals
	Refugee Service	119 Active Clients	66 Individuals

Coordinate agency interventions to improve outcomes for families			
Improve outcomes for our youth by supporting them to be confident, healthy and safe.	Lives Worth Living	379 Client Contacts	505 Group attendees, 295 one on one
	Youth Support	36 referrals	29 referrals
	CACTUS	30 places used	41 places used
	Transition Service	Five Clients	Six Clients
Reduce youth offending levels	Youth Justice (Fresh Start)	21 referrals	16 referrals
	Attendance Services	243 referrals	195 referrals
	Supported Bail	0 referral this year	0 referral this year

Statement of Financial Performance

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2024

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

	NOTES	2024	2023
Revenue			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	1	70,725	25,830
Revenue from providing goods or services	1	3,060,681	2,451,614
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	19,227	15,204
Other revenue	1	578,992	359,782
Total Revenue		3,729,624	2,852,430
Expenses			
Volunteer and employee related costs	2	1,935,475	1,599,032
Costs related to providing goods or service	2	1,525,700	1,093,384
Other expenses	2	123,217	91,782
Total Expenses		3,584,392	2,784,198
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		145,232	68,232

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 2024

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

	NOTES	30 JUN 2024	30 JUN 2023
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash	3	711,354	949,214
Debtors and prepayments	3	169,790	88,052
Other Current Assets	3	89,124	84,715
Total Current Assets		970,269	1,121,981
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	1,532,827	785,645
Other non-current assets	3	63,677	2,730
Total Non-Current Assets		1,596,504	788,375
Total Assets		2,566,772	1,910,356
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	4	695,829	575,056
Employee costs payable	4	189,242	116,304
Other current liabilities	4	5,691	11,194
Total Current Liabilities		890,761	702,554
Non-Current Liabilities			
Loans	12	651,743	328,766
Total Non-Current Liabilities		651,743	328,766
Total Liabilities		1,542,504	1,031,320
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		1,024,268	879,036
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses	6	1,003,321	858,088
Reserves	7	20,948	20,948
Total Accumulated Funds		1,024,268	879,036

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Performance Report and the Independent Auditor's Report.

Statement of Cashflows

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	71,343	25,830
Receipts from providing goods or services	3,179,368	2,558,327
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	19,193	15,530
Cash receipts from other operating activities	578,992	28,400
GST	(1,397)	35,452
Payments to suppliers and employees	(3,562,175)	(2,361,794)
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities	285,324	301,745
Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities		
Receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment		35,652
Receipts from sale of investments		100,000
Proceeds from loans borrowed from other parties	322,920	340,000
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(835,573)	(650,474)
Repayments of loans borrowed from other parties	(6,254)	(4,924)
Cash Flows from Other Investing and Financing Activities		69,039
Westpac Tem Deposit 1	(3,013)	(1,230)
Westpac Term Deposit 2	(1,363)	(556)

Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	(523,283)	(112,492)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	(237,960)	189,252
Cash Balances		
Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of Period	949,314	760,062
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	711,354	949,314
Net Change in cash for period	(237,960)	189,252

Statement of Accounting Policies

Ashburton Safer Community Council Trust Board For the year ended 30 June 2024

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 Statement 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 diminishing value 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 50% DV	Furniture & Fittings	4 to 15 yrs 10% to 48% 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 2024

	2024	2023
1. Analysis of Revenue		
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue		
Donations Received	14,134	21,340
Donations Received - Families Without Violence	6,756	4,490
Donations - Food Rescue Aoraki	49,400	-
Lions Club of Ashburton Charitable Trust	435	-
Total Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	70,725	25,830
Revenue from providing goods or services		
Ashburton District Council - Vehicle Bookings	-	3,600
Accident Compensation Corporation	6,465	15,000
Ashburton College	2,072	-
Ashburton District Council - Grants	257,048	246,937
Ashburton Youth Health Trust	48,753	33,721
C/Fwd MOJ Provider Capability Report	10,000	-
Lottery Board NZ - Income carried forward	62,738	1,769
MacKenzie Charitable Foundation - Income carried forward	-	8,531
Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust	900	-
Ministry of Social Development - Income carried forward	39,504	600
Ministry of Social Development - Carried Forward	84,705	(300)
Neighbourhood Support	53,467	42,082
Oranga Tamariki - Income carried forward	-	5,000
Oranga Tamariki - Pay Equity	35,228	-
Te Ora Hau Otatahi - Income carried forward	-	8,673
Trevor Wilson Charitable Trust - Income carried forward	-	8,531
CCS Disc Income Fund A	-	6,068
CCS Discretionary Income Fund B - SIQ	24,376	51,591
Dept of Courts - Supervised Contact	67,330	53,888
Discretionary/Emergency Fund - Income	16,813	9,214
Fundraising Income - Safer Families	800	3,821
Home Views - Refugee Support	840	520
DIA Lotteries - Funding for Change Grant	15,279	3,130
Lion Foundation	50,332	-
Lottery Board NZ	73,641	99,361
Mackenzie Charitable Foundation	50,012	50,000
Hakatere Multi Cultural Council	61,560	79,429
Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment	477,773	378,064
Ministry of Justice - Income carried forward	108,013	-
Ministry of Education - Income carried forward	35,000	-
Ministry of Social Development	165,182	270,538
Ministry of Social Development - Pay Equity	36,071	-
MoE - Attendance Service Contract	76,893	13,846

	2024	2023
MoE - Attendance Officer Contract	86,600	18,329
MoE - Attendance Non Enrolled Funding	28,710	-
New Zealand Red Cross	-	247
Oranga Tamariki	280,973	289,939
Oranga Tamariki - Fees for Service	1,275	1,225
MoJ Restorative Justice	326,398	321,905
Pegasus Health Charitable Ltd	183,093	162,570
Pegasus Health Charitable Ltd - Discretionary Fund	2,000	3,389
Recovered Vehicle Mileage Income Court Access	-	5,126
Recovered Vehicle Mileage for Rural Driving Programme	482	-
Rental Income (GST)	5,089	7,800
Rental Income 31 Galbraith St (No GST)	25,480	19,110
Rental Income 13 Middle Rd (No GST)	7,840	-
Restorative Justice Sundry Income	-	360
Rotary Club of Ashburton	4,735	-
Rotary Club of Ashburton Plains	5,261	-
Rural Support Trust	54,262	59,434
Senior Citizens Income	22,591	-
Sport Canterbury	7,791	1,326
Te Ora Hou Otatahi	-	30,503
Trevor Wilson Charitable Trust	50,000	50,000
Vehicle Mileage Income Recovered - SMC	93,798	72,626
Wage Subsidy ex MSD	-	600
Youth Institute Ashburton	13,510	13,510
Total Revenue from providing goods or services	3,060,681	2,451,614
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		
Interest Received	19,227	15,204
Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	19,227	15,204
Other revenue		
Gain on Disposal of Assets	-	4,108
Overheads Recovered	578,992	354,240
Sundry Income	-	1,434
Total Other revenue	578,992	359,782
	2024	2023
2. Analysis of Expenses		
Volunteer and employee related costs		
Training Workshop Delivery LWL	-	157
Travel & Conference	10,397	23,356
Wages Salaries & KiwiSaver	1,925,078	1,575,520
Total Volunteer and employee related costs	1,935,475	1,599,032
Costs related to providing goods or services		
Accident Compensation Levies Paid	3,071	2,643

	2024	2023
Accountancy Services - Extra to Scope	6,245	500
Advertising	20,666	27,885
Bank Charges	807	622
CCS Fund A - Discretionary Expense	-	5,828
CCS Fund B - SIQ Discretionary Expense	40,730	52,249
Cleaning & Laundry	15,400	5,810
Client Expenses - ATT	587	-
Client Expenses - CCSLF	410	5
Client Expenses - HNS	70	-
Client Expenses - RSS	18,982	15,597
Client Expenses - Transition	1,906	4,625
Client Expenses - YHC	700	271
Client Expenses - YJ	1,057	1,599
Client Expenses - YS	476	591
Computer and Website Expenses	3,739	10,971
Consumables	1,270	3,002
Contractors	112,380	49,516
Discretionary/Emergency Fund - Seeds	-	26
Discretionary/Emergency Fund Expense - Transition	2,965	17
Donations Made Towards Project Costs	1,570	170
Office Expenses	1,073	862
GPS Safer MC Vehicle Mileage Expense	91,872	72,626
Health & Safety Expenses	518	37
Insurance	24,231	23,792
Interpreting Expenses	4,034	944
Lease Vehicle Expense	4,352	10,913
Light Power & Heating	7,634	1,472
MoJ Clawback	27,074	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	62,246	47,366
Office Equipment & Plant < \$1000	7,867	9,278
Office Software Subscriptions	28,502	14,345
Personal Vehicle Mileage Reimbursed	7,060	10,383
Plant & Equipment Hire	1,979	888
Postage Printing & Stationery	31,559	39,377
Accounting Services - Monthly	84,695	81,708
Project Costs	39,041	31,837
Recoverable Personal Vehicle Mileage Expenses	745	107
Rent & Rates	78,230	56,218
Rent and Venue Hire: RJ Ashburton	361	286
Rent and Venue Hire: RJ Timaru	1,807	2,117
Rent and Venue Hire: RJ Waitaki	7,124	7,470
Repairs & Maintenance	23,074	8,403
Rural Driving Programme Licencing	19,584	21,198
Security	15,388	13,177
Share of Overheads	578,992	354,240

	2024	2023
SMC Team Benefits	2,198	1,972
Staff Expenses	22,458	15,382
Staff HR & Recruitment	24,146	-
Supervision	24,222	15,932
Telephone Tolls & Internet	32,451	36,047
Training & Resources	22,812	23,745
Venue Hire and Meeting Costs	13,649	8,973
Volunteer Expenses	1,693	362
Total Costs related to providing goods or services	1,525,700	1,093,384
Other expenses		
Auditor	7,000	6,250
Depreciation	88,392	69,466
Mortgage Interest Paid	27,383	14,886
Legal Expenses	442	-
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	-	1,181
Total Other expenses	123,217	91,782
	2024	2023

3. Analysis of Assets

	2024	2023
Bank accounts and cash		
Heartland Capital Expenditure Replacement Account	67	67
Community Vehicle Cash Fares	85	85
Westpac Debit Card Account	3,970	6,249
Heartland Cheque Account	209,761	200,840
Main Petty Cash Account	260	316
NBS Operating Account	235,959	293,919
NBS Capex Account	105,698	104,382
Prezzy Card	7	7
Satellite Office Petty Cash	-	361
Transition-Cactus Petty Cash	17	38
Westpac Restorative Justice	548	472
Westpac Transactional Account	154,769	342,269
Youth Health Centre Petty Cash	145	201
Youth Justice Petty Cash	67	8
Total Bank accounts and cash	711,354	949,214
Debtors and prepayments		
Accounts Receivable (Xero)	135,709	70,411
Fixed Asset Holding	1,739	-
Prepayments	2,750	-
Prepayments - Insurance	29,592	17,641
Total Debtors and prepayments	169,790	88,052
Other current assets		
Interest Accrued	655	621

	2024	2023
Westpac Term Deposit 1	59,129	56,116
Westpac Term Deposit 2	26,741	25,378
Refugee Settlement - Current Portion	2,600	2,600
Total Other current assets	89,124	84,715
Other non-current assets		
Community House - Carpark Loan	62,497	-
Refugee Settlement - Loan to Mustafa Karimi	1,180	2,730
Total Other non-current assets	63,677	2,730

4. Analysis of Liabilities

	2024	2023
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Accounts Payable (Xero)	81,212	143,680
GST	17,031	18,394
Income In Advance	527,586	412,983
Food Rescue - Funds for Purchase of Van	70,000	-
Total Creditors and accrued expenses	695,829	575,056
Employee costs payable		
Current Portion on NBS Mortgage	-	6,310
PAYE Payable	3,538	-
Provision for Holiday Pay	145,268	86,682
Wages Accrued	-	29,622
Wages payable - including PAYE KS and Net wages Employment Hero	40,436	-
Total Employee costs payable	189,242	122,614
Other current liabilities		
Credit Cards	5,691	4,883
Current Portion on NBS Mortgage	-	6,310
Total Other current liabilities	5,691	11,193
	2024	2023

5. Property, Plant and Equipment

	2024	2023
Land & Buildings		
Buildings at cost	964,083	487,031
Total Land & Buildings	964,083	487,031
Motor Vehicles		
Vehicles owned	314,376	281,845
Accumulated depreciation - vehicles owned	(158,706)	(107,075)
Total Motor Vehicles	155,670	174,770
Furniture and Fittings		
Furniture and fittings owned	400,643	95,258

	2024	2023
Accumulated depreciation - furniture and fittings owned	(30,385)	(8,804)
Total Furniture and Fittings	370,259	86,454
Other Fixed Assets		
Owned fixed assets	110,661	90,056
Accumulated depreciation - fixed assets owned	(67,846)	(52,665)
Total Other Fixed Assets	42,816	37,390
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	1,532,827	785,645

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

6. Accumulated Funds

	2024	2023
Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance	879,036	830,706
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	145,232	48,330
Total Accumulated Funds	1,024,268	879,036
Total Accumulated Funds	1,024,268	879,036
	2024	2023

7. Breakdown of Reserves

	2024	2023
Reserves		
Capital Gain on Sale of Investments	20,948	20,948
Total Reserves	20,948	20,948

8. Commitments

Commitments to lease or rent assets	Current	Non Current
Community Trust Charitable Trust - Rental Agreement \$5,693.56 per month - this includes carpark rental. 13 years starting 27th of July 2023	\$68,322.72	\$751,549.92
Timaru District Council - Rental Agreement Expires 15th of May 2025 \$1,525	\$1,525	\$0
Mitsubishi ASX NLL59 Customer Fleet Lease expires 5th of February 2025 \$355 per month	\$2,840	\$0
Heartland Technology Photocopier ES5473 & MP301 Expires August 2026 \$95 per month	\$1,140	\$1,330
Heartland Technology Photocopier MPC307 x2 Expires August 2026 \$120 per month	\$1,440	\$1,680
Heartland Technology Photocopier IMC 3000 Expires August 2026 \$400 per month	\$4,800	\$5,600
Heartland Technology Photocopier IMC300 Expires February 2027 \$85 per month	\$1020	\$1,700
Heartland Technology Photocopier MPC307 Expires January 2027 \$65 per month	\$780	\$1,235
Heartland Technology Photocopier MPC 307 (FRA) Expires 20 February 2029 \$55 per month, 60 Months - S/N C508P60251	\$660	\$2,420
Heartland Technology Smart Touch Screen MX275V4 Expires 20 January 2029 \$169 per month. S/N K151PW07P0252	\$2,028	\$9,464



9. Related Parties

There were no transactions involving related parties during the financial year ending 30 June 2024. 30 June 2023 (Nil).

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 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 2025 in the event of a lack of support from funders.

The entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

12. Mortgage - 31 Galbraith Street, Ashburton

The Mortgage is secured by the Land & Building at 31 Galbraith Street, Allenton, Ashburton. The interest rate is 6.05% and the term of the Mortgage is 25 years. The final repayment date is 20th of September 2047.

13. Mortgage - 13 Middle Road, Ashburton

The Mortgage is secured by the Land & Building at 13 Middle Road, Ashburton. The interest rate is 7.65% per annum and the term of the mortgage is 25 years.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the 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 (the 'Trust'), which comprises the financial statements, the statement of service performance and the entity information. The complete set of financial statements comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the performance report, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying performance report presents fairly, in all material respects:

- The entity information as at 30 June 2024;
- The financial position of the Trust as at 30 June 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- The service performance for the year ended 30 June 2024 in accordance with the Trust's service performance criteria

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-for-profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters which we are required to state to them in the 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 Trustees, as a body, for our audit procedures, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the entity information in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised) and the audit of the service performance information in accordance with the ISAs and New Zealand Auditing Standard (NZ AS) 1 *The Audit of Service Performance Information* (NZ). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report is free from material misstatement. Our responsibilities under those 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 Trust 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 Trust.



Trustees' Responsibilities for the Performance Report

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for:

- a) The preparation and fair presentation of the entity information, financial statements and statement of service performance in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-for-profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board;
- b) Service performance criteria that are suitable in order to prepare service performance information in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-for-profit); and
- c) such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a performance report that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the Trustees are responsible, on behalf of the Trust, for assessing the Trust'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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the Trust or cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report

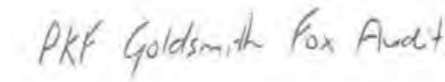
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the entity information, financial statements as a whole and the statement of service performance is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 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 this performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the entity information, the financial statements and the service performance information, 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 of the entity information, the financial statements and the service performance information 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 controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Obtain an understanding of the process applied by the entity to select what and how to report its service performance.
- Evaluate whether the service performance criteria are suitable so as to result in service performance information that is in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-for-profit).
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, content of the performance report and whether the performance report represents the underlying transactions, events and service performance in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-for-profit) in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees 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.

We communicate with the Trustees 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.



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