



Wesley
Community
Action

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Annual Report 2018 – 2019



THE WESLEY WAY

The Wesley Way is the heart of our work.

The Wesley Way is based on the belief that people are the experts on their own lives. We support them to identify their strengths and skills, and the changes they believe will allow them to have a better life.

We know that respectful and open relationships are essential to work effectively, and we are committed to shifting power to the people we work with.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi shapes our work as we journey to becoming a Kaupapa Te Tiriti organisation.



From the Director and Board Chair

Kia ora tātou

Our communities are changing. People with high levels of personal wealth are becoming wealthier, while people without capital and born into inter-generational hardship are being left further behind. This fuels complex responses reflected in rising levels of meth addiction, poor mental and physical health, and educational failure.

Old ways of thinking about social services that date from the welfare state era are inadequate to turn these issues around. We need new ways of thinking and new approaches to create an environment for people who are currently excluded from living fulfilled lives to step into something better. This is where Wesley Community Action works.

This work is challenging and highly rewarding. The positive change that we are seeing, a summary of which is shared in this report, is largely the result of the hard work done by the people experiencing the hardship. They are the heroes of the Wesley Community Action story.

The most challenging aspect of this process of change is working with the old, still-dominant thinking which believes that 'helping organisations' know how to fix people.

So our greatest acknowledgement goes to the people we work for. Thank you for your hard work and for choosing to work alongside the Wesley Community Action team to create something better for you and your whānau. Our apologies if we lacked patience or if we didn't listen fully. We are working hard to change this and you are our teachers.

Thanks also go to our staff who, despite being poorly paid and facing challenging situations, are committed to keeping possibilities open for people. The work of our staff is not well understood or acknowledged. We have a stable and dedicated staff team – hopefully this is proof that we are doing something right.

Lastly, thanks to our supporters and partners, big and small, who believe in what we are doing. You provide us with funding, advice, prayerful support and your belief that what we do is important. This is critical. The process of changing a dominant system means we value external support from all places and in all forms.

One exciting development is the growing movement of people and organisations who share a desire for robust systems change to create more just and caring communities. Wesley Community Action is proud to be just one member of this vital movement.

Nāku iti nei

David Hanna Director
Peter Glensor Board Chair

OUR MAHI

Wesley Community Action works in communities throughout Wellington to help people create better lives for themselves and their whānau.

We believe in the power of the **community** and we are motivated by **compassion**. Our work tackles injustice as we seek transformative **change** at both individual and institutional levels.

We work with people and communities of all ages, backgrounds and stages of life.

Our mahi spans four inter-related foundations that communities need to support a good life:



CONNECTED AND SUPPORTIVE WHĀNAU



FINANCIAL STABILITY



WARM, SAFE AND DRY HOUSING



GOOD FOOD



OUR HIGHLIGHTS 2018 – 2019

During 2018–2019 much of our work was a continuation of our work from previous years. However, some of it was completely new – including many initiatives developed and led by local communities in response to local needs.



CONNECTED AND SUPPORTIVE WHĀNAU

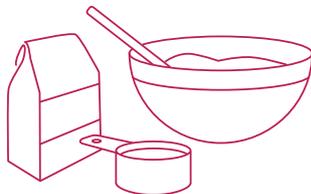
Most of our work to help build connected and supportive whānau is focused on tamariki and their carers, and on older people.

TAMARIKI AND THEIR CARERS

During the year we:

Supported 275 whānau to give their tamariki the best possible start in life through Te Kākano / the Family Start programme.

Advocated for and supported another 108 whānau experiencing challenges through the Strengthening Families and Family Wellbeing programmes based at Wesley Waitangirua.



Provided foster care and social work support to 14 young people and their whānau through Te Waka Kotahi, our foster care programme for young people aged 12 to 17.

Supported 86 tamariki and their whānau at three schools in Otaki through the Social Workers in Schools programme.

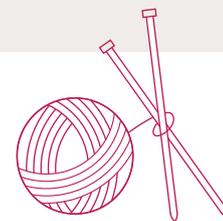
Hosted 135 Porirua intermediate and high-school students at our weekly Bakers Club where they connected with each other while cooking up a storm.

Ran 3 Real Talk parenting courses, a free, 6-week course designed to meet the needs of very vulnerable families.



“It’s given me happiness and friendship for which I am thankful.”

Ageing Well course participant



OLDER PEOPLE

During the year we:

Supported 144 vulnerable older people to stay living in their own homes through the Supported Independent Living programme.

Responded to 333 referrals to the Elder Abuse Response Service from people living in the greater Wellington region.

Had lots of laughs with 32 vibrant seniors/kaumātua who attended 4 Ageing Well courses at Wesley Rātā Village.

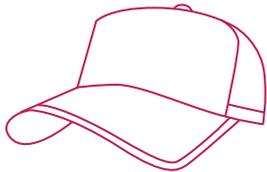
Began the process of becoming accredited as a dementia-friendly organisation by Alzheimer’s New Zealand.

NEW PROGRAMMES

During the year we helped develop several new programmes to build connected and supportive whānau, including:

Mama Celia's Table, which is based at Wesley Waitangirua and provides wāhine with a **safe space to talk about challenging or traumatic life events** and begin the healing process.

Mana Whānau, a programme supported by Oranga Tamariki that provides **intensive parenting support** to keep whānau together and reduce the number of children going into – or staying in – care.



A weekly Men's Group at Wesley House in Cannons Creek to provide local men with opportunities for support, challenge and growth.

Mums and Cubs, a programme to support isolated mums in the Strathmore area to connect with each other and share parenting challenges and accomplishments.

WE ALSO:

Helped launch **Te Roopu Tiaki Rangatahi**, an initiative involving four organisations that **supports young people in Porirua to design projects and programmes that will enhance their future.**

Signed an MOU to provide support to **'P'Pull**, a community-driven movement that **educates and supports whānau experiencing the impact of the drug 'P'.**



FINANCIAL STABILITY

During the year we:

Celebrated the graduation of 21 adults from our Good Cents financial wellbeing course.

Worked with another 52 young people taking our Good Cents Youth course.

Established the Porirua Time Bank to help people get things done by spending time, not money.

Set up the Porirua Wealth Pool, a savings pool to give people access to no-interest loans and help them to save.



"I'm hardly ever going to WINZ any more. My debt's gone down massively and I've stopped spending money I don't really have."
Good Cents graduate



“It’s so good when you can see that a young person really gets it. Often it’s the little changes that give you the greatest satisfaction.”

Te Waka Kotahi foster parent



WARM, SAFE AND DRY HOUSING

During the year we:

Provided warm, safe and dry homes to a total of 80 mostly older people in our 50 existing rental houses.

Started work on an \$8.4m project to build 25 new rental houses at Wesley Rātā Village in Naenae.

These will be made available to people who have been assessed by the government as eligible for social housing.

Completely refurbished 7 rental properties in the Wellington suburb of Newtown.

Supported 20 vulnerable households to stay living in their rental homes through the Sustaining Tenancies programme.



GOOD FOOD

During the year we:

Helped distribute 369.6 tonnes of well-priced, good-quality fresh produce to people in 12 communities through the Wellington Region Fruit and Vegetable Co-op. We run the co-op in partnership with Regional Public Health.

Provided 644 parcels of healthy kai to 1127 adults and 1506 tamariki who accessed our Community Pantry at Cannons Creek.

These were supplemented with produce from our community garden.

Mentored 28 people to learn how to cook affordable, healthy, tasty food at our Real Good Kai cooking classes.

“I realised why I parent the way I do and how just a little time given to my kids can go a long way.”

Real Talk parenting course graduate



Summary statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Revenue from non-exchange transactions	625,806	462,242
Revenue from exchange transactions	5,013,865	4,832,935
Total revenue	5,639,671	5,295,177
Employee-related expenses	3,336,490	3,166,413
Other expenses	1,888,478	2,017,111
Total expenses	5,224,968	5,183,524
Total surplus / (deficit) for the year	414,703	111,653
Other comprehensive revenue and expense		
Revaluation of land and buildings	-	3,796,600
Total comprehensive revenue and expenses	414,703	3,908,253
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year	414,703	3,908,253

Summary statement of financial position

	2019	2018
Assets:	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	1,057,350	865,009
Trade receivables	322,328	253,280
Other current assets	762,991	515,976
Investments held at fair value	4,546,627	4,301,782
Total current assets	6,689,296	5,936,047
Non-current assets:		
Fixed assets	10,009,260	10,046,522
Asset under construction	1,537,211	-
Total assets	18,235,767	15,982,569
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	1,961,631	1,373,136
Non-current liabilities	1,250,000	-
Total liabilities	3,211,631	1,373,136
Funds and reserves as at 1 July	14,609,433	10,701,180
Total surplus / (deficit) for the year	414,703	111,653
Movement in asset revaluation reserve / other reserve	-	3,976,600
Funds and reserves as at 30 June	15,024,136	14,609,433
Total liabilities funds and reserves	18,235,767	15,982,569

Summary statement of cash flows

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	614,632	(879,405)
Net cash inflow from investing activities	(422,291)	1,221,335
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	192,341	341,930
Balances as at 1 July	865,009	523,079
Balances as at 30 June	1,057,350	865,009

Notes to the summary financial statement

These summary financial statements have been taken from the full audited financial statements of Wesley Community Action (the 'Entity') for the year ended 30 June 2019.

The audited summary financial statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense, Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity.

The specific disclosures included in the summary financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements which were authorised for issue on 13 August 2019. These summary financial statements were authorised for issue by Wesley Community Action on 13 August 2019.

Copies of the full financial statements are available from Wesley Community Action.

Wesley Community Action is a public benefit not-for-profit entity and qualifies as a Tier 2 reporting entity on the basis that it does not have public accountability and in the previous two reporting periods it has had operating expenditure between \$2m and \$30m. Wesley Community Action has made an explicit statement of compliance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime ("PBE Standards RDR") in its full financial statements which have been audited and an unmodified audit report issued.

These summary financial statements comply with PBE FRS 43 Summary Financial Statements. The amounts in the financial statements are in New Zealand dollars and are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Many thanks to the organisations that funded our work in 2018-2019:

Health Promotion Agency

Hutt City Council

Hutt Mana Charitable Trust

J R McKenzie Trust

Methodist Church of New Zealand / Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa

Nikau Foundation

NZ Lotteries Grants Board

Porirua City Council

S.K.I.P.

St Joans Charitable Trust

The Tindall Foundation

The Winton and Margaret Bear Charitable Trust

Todd Foundation

Trust House Foundation

Vodafone NZ Foundation

Wellington Community Trust

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