

Pūrongo ā-tau Annual report 2022-2023



CCS
disability action
Including all people

TE HUNGA HAUĀ MAURI MŌ NGĀ TĀNGATA KATOA

CCS Disability Action Waitaki Incorporated



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Waitaki Incorporated

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Te Aronui



Every disabled person/whānau hauā is interwoven into the lives of their whānau and community.

Ā mātou whāinga rautaki matua

Our strategic priorities

Disabled people – Whānau hauā

Our purpose and focus. This sits centrally in Te Aronui as a reminder that everything we do will be underpinned by the self-determination of disabled people.

Knowledge – Mātauranga

All people have knowledge to contribute to our society. We recognise disabled people/whānau hauā as the experts in their own lives. We recognise that we benefit from receiving the knowledge that disabled people hold. We will also share our knowledge freely to ensure disabled people can access the information that they need.

Connectedness – Whanaungatanga

Understanding that all people and systems are interconnected. We will seek to identify connections between people and systems to ensure that disabled people have access to the relationships and resources they need.

Wellbeing – Hauora

Acknowledges that being well means different things to different people. We will ensure that the voices of disabled people/whānau hauā guide us in enabling people to lead their own lives, in their own way.

Our work will be organised to ensure that:

- Disabled people and their whānau have access to information, resources, support and advocacy at the right time.
- The community is supported to become disability aware, engaged, physically accessible, inclusive and welcoming of all people.

Te hunga hauā mauri mō ngā tāngata katoa

Our foundation statement

This statement forms the foundation of our identity and means that all people have Mauri, unique life force, and that we value every person equally.

Te whakatara

Our challenge

One in four New Zealanders lives with an impairment. Our society does not always operate in a way where everyone can participate. This lack of participation can be due to a physical barrier; a barrier created by other people's attitudes and behaviours; or by a lack of access to information, resources and support. These barriers create an environment that can make life even more challenging for disabled people.



Tō mātou tōpūtanga

Our organisation

CCS Disability Action, formerly known as the Crippled Children Society, was founded by Rotary in 1935 to support children affected by polio.

CCS Disability Action is the largest disability support and advocacy organisation in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We support people with all types of impairments and have been working alongside disabled people since 1935. We are at the forefront of service provision, advocacy and information sharing in the disability sector. We partner with disabled people, their families and whānau to enable them to have choice and control in their lives. Our vision is to see every disabled person and whānau hauā interwoven into the lives of their whānau and community.

We work from a Human Rights perspective within a disability rights framework, and this is reflected in everything we do. We partner with disabled people, their families and wider whānau, to support them having choice and control in their lives. We also work with local communities, to assist and challenge them to become more inclusive.

In our work, we connect with all parts of Aotearoa/New Zealand. We acknowledge Māori as Tangata Whenua. We are committed to being in relationships with Hapū and Iwi so that we continue to develop our ability to support disabled Māori and their wider whānau.

We use the term “disabled person” in our documents to align our vision with the social model of disability, Enabling Good Lives Principles, and the NZ Disability Strategy. We respect the right of all people to define their individual and varied identities for themselves.

Ā mātou peka

Our branches

CCS Disability Action is a national organisation made up of 18 incorporated societies. These consist of 17 branches and a national entity (CCS Disability Action Inc.).

The 17 branches are organised into four regions (Northern, Midland, Central and Southern) and provide a range of direct support services as well as community development programmes to disabled people and the communities they live in. Each region operates a business support hub.

The Waitaki Branch was formed in 1935. This branch covers the area of Palmerston in the south through to the Waitaki River in the north and inland through Waitaki Valley. The centre for service delivery within this geographic area is Oamaru.



Branch report

Richard Buchanan, general manager

Jacqui Eggleton, chair, local advisory committee

Umi Asaka, regional representative to the national board

The mahi the Waitaki CCS Disability Action branch delivers to the community is stable with the number of disabled people supported remaining at approximately 55. We continue to see the rise in people under 19 connecting with us to support them, which shows demand and need in this area continues to grow. We employ approximately 25 people in service, support, and administrative positions in branch.

Supported independent living contract

During Covid-19, we successfully delivered around 80% of our Supported Independent Living contract and we are now back to around 92% of normal delivery of service. The new reporting in CCS Disability Action's new management system, Te Puna Kōrero, will ensure that our team have access to good data and information, to inform their work.

Learning Nest

The branch, through grants, has established a 'learning nest' that is available for disabled people of all ages. The Learning Nest offers activities such as art and crafts, music, technology, life skills, as well as an opportunity for visitors to connect with and team and with others.

Successful branch planning day

We had a successful branch planning day where we discussed how we could bring our new Strategic Priorities, Te Aronui, to life. Our strategic areas of focus are Disabled people: Whānau hauā, Knowledge: Mātauranga, Connectedness: Whanaungatanga and Wellbeing: Hauora. The simpler but meaningful areas of focus supported an effective planning process.

Some of the areas of focus that came out of this planning were:

- Advocating for an increase in inclusive activities/spaces/groups so disabled people have more choices.
- Ensure our services continue to meet the needs of the disabled community.
- Create opportunities where disabled people can be recognised and supported to share their knowledge and experiences with the Waitaki community. ►



- ◀ • Consider how disabled people and whānau can connect through peer mentoring to strengthen their knowledge and resources.

We look forward to putting these ideas into action in the coming year.

Local advisory committee update

The local advisory committee has had another busy and successful year. We have existing projects still on going and new projects. The 'Have a Go' sports days for primary school children that we helped establish are now run each school term. It has been great to create an opportunity for disabled children to get involved in sports.

Advocating for improved mobility parks is an ongoing project with upgrades to footpaths and new traffic lights being installed at the North end of Oamaru. We have also begun new projects this year including an 'On Demand Bus Service' – a hospital shuttle service to Dunedin hospital and worked with agencies and business to improve access to the Work and Income New Zealand building and the BNZ building. It is really pleasing to have our voice heard, but most importantly to see accessibility improved for disabled people and their families in the district.

Acknowledgments

We would like to express our gratitude to the Waitaki branch team for their hard work over the past year. Despite being short staffed on occasion, they are committed to the people we support and always look at every opportunity to improve the support they provide.

Of special note, is service manager Kay Page for her leadership and management. Kay has worked with her team over the last six years to get the branch to where it is now – financially and service focused. Congratulations!

We would also like to thank Sheryl Catchpole and the Business Support Team for your assistance throughout the year. We also acknowledge the time and contribution of our Local Advisory and Executive Committees – thank you for your guidance and stewardship. Your commitment to the branch is sincerely appreciated as is your advocacy, support in feedback and submissions to local councils and networking with other organisations in the community.

Thank you to our volunteers, funders, and sponsors and members of the branch for your support.

Finally, thank you to disabled people and families who allow us into their lives. It's a privilege and one we never take for granted.



Local Executive Committee report

David Matthews, board appointed chair, local executive committee

Kia ora koutou katoa – Greetings to you all.

During this last financial year, the local executive committee (LEC) has focused on ensuring the branch achieves its goals during a time of on-going financial and social challenges. These include changes as the world enters the post-Covid period, persistent high local and overseas inflation as well as on-going world instability. All of this continues to impact on the New Zealand economy and way of life. Given these financial and social challenges, the year-end financial situation is impressive. The branch continues to serve its community and support disabled people and their families in the Waitaki district.

I would like to once again, acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of the staff, who have kept the branch functioning well during these times of challenges and change. The financial challenges for the branch remain despite all efforts to control costs and increase income.

This branch 'punches well above its weight' given its limited financial resources and reserves. The new Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People is now over one-year old. It is obvious that the new structure will take some time to develop its relationships, systems, and processes but hopefully this will not impact too negatively on the lives of disabled people and their families.

As more control moves away from organisations to individual disabled people, it is essential that disabled individuals do not fall through the cracks during these transitions. Reputable and experienced organisations like CCS Disability Action Waitaki need to be always available to provide support and interventions when crises arise, and systems fail to deliver.

Our team continues to submit funding applications. Improving interest rates should increase the pool of money available to support grant applications. These funding streams are essential to a small branch such as ours as is the occasional bequest.

Kay Page, services manager leads the branch along with our administrator, Jill Hall. Sheryl Catchpole, regional business support coordinator and her team continue to provide financial advice reporting information to the committee. Richard Buchanan, general manager provides strategic oversight and support.

Finally, I would like to thank my LEC colleagues, Richard Cruise, Virginia Wilson, and regionally elected representative to the national board, Umi Asaka for their hard work over the year and commitment to supporting this branch.



Brent's story

While Brent Harpur has worked and travelled extensively overseas and in Aotearoa, he's found his spiritual home in Oamaru, now famous for its artistic scene.

"I've taken a few detours, but I knew in my heart that this was a good place to be," he says.



Brent Harpur.

Brent is an artist and an educator, working as a cartoonist. He runs classes out of a small studio called Blue Butterfly Art Studio and Learning Space, nestled in the heart of the historic Victorian precinct.

He has been teaching for well over 30 years and was first drawn to the South Island town when he was invited to work as a cartoonist at the annual Victorian fete.

"It's a place where the locals and the creative community both benefit from each other's contribution to the place. Oamaru has something special as a result," he says. "It's a great place to be part of."

Brent has had a relationship with CCS Disability Action since the 1980s. When he was around 11-12, his sight began to significantly deteriorate. He was supported by the South Canterbury branch at the time and has happy memories of getaways at the CCS Disability Action-owned holiday home in Tekapo with his mum, dad, two older brothers – one of whom shares his impairment – and younger sister.

With mainstream school a struggle, except for English which he loved, he eventually attended school for the blind in Auckland, run by the Blind Foundation (now known as Blind Low Vision New Zealand).

As Brent got older, with his sight getting worse, he gravitated to drawing. *"It was all I could see to do."* He found the thick black lines of cartoons something that he could not only master, but teach others to enjoy.

"I attended art school in Wellington and then I began teaching adults, then teaching kids. The thing I enjoy most about teaching is that no two students are the same. I'm always excited to see what people do 10, 20, 30 years down the track after I've taught them," he says.

He also appreciates kids' honesty and natural creativity. *"I love teaching young people. They'll tell you if they think you're rubbish," he jokes. "You have to be yourself with kids and be genuine, or they can see right through you."*

Judging by his popularity, Brent must be doing something right – his classes, online tutorial videos, and online book about drawing are hugely popular. He's often approached by people who he taught in their younger years and

experiences a few 'full circle moments' when they bring their own kids to see him. *"It's a privilege and a responsibility to teach. People seem to respond to me and remember me. Plus, it's fun,"* he says.



Perhaps ironically for someone working in such a performative profession, Brent describes himself as an introvert. *"Cartooning is a kind of international language,"* he explains. *"I often draw in public – and have always done that on my travels, like in an airport lounge for example. It's interesting how people are drawn to someone who is creating. I find it can help start a conversation with someone new when I am naturally quite shy. It's a great way to meet people."*

Brent is interested in teaching more than art.

In a culture where sport remains king, he's keen to provide a beacon for those 'quiet kids' who might prefer to have their nose in a book or spend their time on solitary activities. *"It's important to give those kids a creative outlet and a voice, I think. I often get calls from parents worried because their children spend so much time drawing alone, for example. I live a pretty good life that's full of people, so I can reassure them that just because their child might be shy, they won't necessarily be lonely,"* he says.

As a disabled person, he also sees his role as challenging people's perceptions of disability – shifting unconscious bias through his work and his presence in the community.

"I think people have perceptions of what a legally blind person will look like, and I suspect I'm not what they have in mind. The fact I make a living out of being an artist is surprising to a lot of people. As an educator, it's not just cartooning that I'm teaching," he says.

He would like to see the barriers that disabled people face reduced in our society. *"Living as a disabled person in an environment that isn't designed for us is challenging every day. I would like to see more compassion and empathy for disabled people as I think that's when things will start to change,"* he says.

**Brent and
community
coordinator
Christine Gilbert.**



CCS Disability Action's Waitaki branch work with Brent to help remove some of the barriers he faces. His community coordinator Christine Gilbert has known Brent for a few years now and, as his needs have changed along with his sight, she's been there to put things in place to assist him. This has included equipment for his home and organising a small team of support workers, so he can keep doing the things he loves.

"Their support is invaluable. It makes such a difference," says Brent.

With no public transport in the town, his support workers take him to work, accompany him to buy supplies or assist with everyday jobs. *"They're there for those little behind-the-scenes things that other people would take for granted,"* he says.

As a person who's self-employed, he also values the company they provide. *"We have a good relationship – they're more than just 'support' to me,"* he says.

Christine describes Brent as a very kind, generous person who is community minded. *"It's so incredible to play a role in supporting Brent to continue what he's so passionate about and has such talent for,"* she says.

Brent, for his part, is keen to continue. *"I'd like to keep going as long as I can and as long as people keep wanting to come along."*

**You can purchase a copy of
Brent's book or find out more about his art
www.bluebutterflyart.bigcartel.com**

**Te maha o ngā tangata i
tautokohia e mātou**
**Number of people we
supported in Waitaki**

Last year

56

This year

50

<17 years of age

14

<17 years of age

13

17- 65 years of age

39

17- 65 years of age

33

Māori

7

Māori

7

Pasifika

1

Pasifika

1



Mahi kirimana

Branch contract performance

Hours last year

20,289

Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People

1,487

Ministry of Social Development

305

Other (Individuals or non-Ministry)

Hours this year

19,127

Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People

1,528

Ministry of Social Development

461

Other (Individuals or non-Ministry)



Te poipoi i te tapatahinga o ngā hapori

Building inclusive communities

Last year

197

total number of
branch members

154

Mobility Parking
permits issued

597

people using Mobility
Parking Scheme

0

education or training
sessions provided

0

local council
submissions made

This year

159

total number of
branch members

202

Mobility Parking
permits issued

660

people using Mobility
Parking Scheme

0

education or training
sessions provided

2

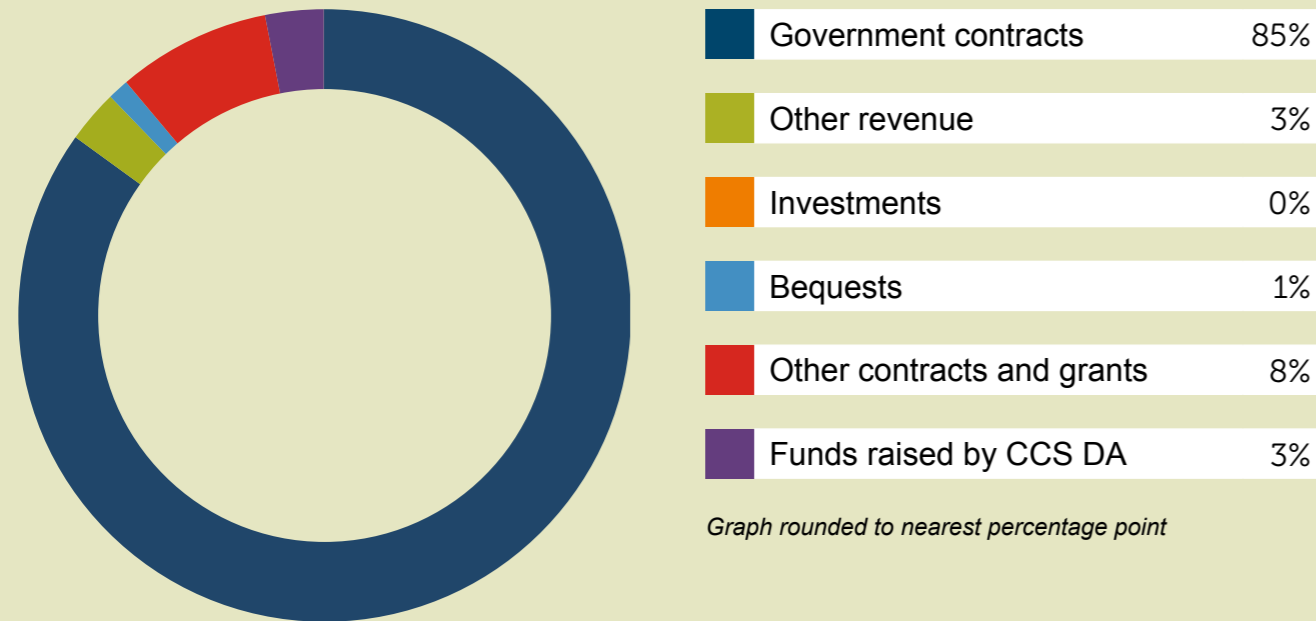
local council
submissions made



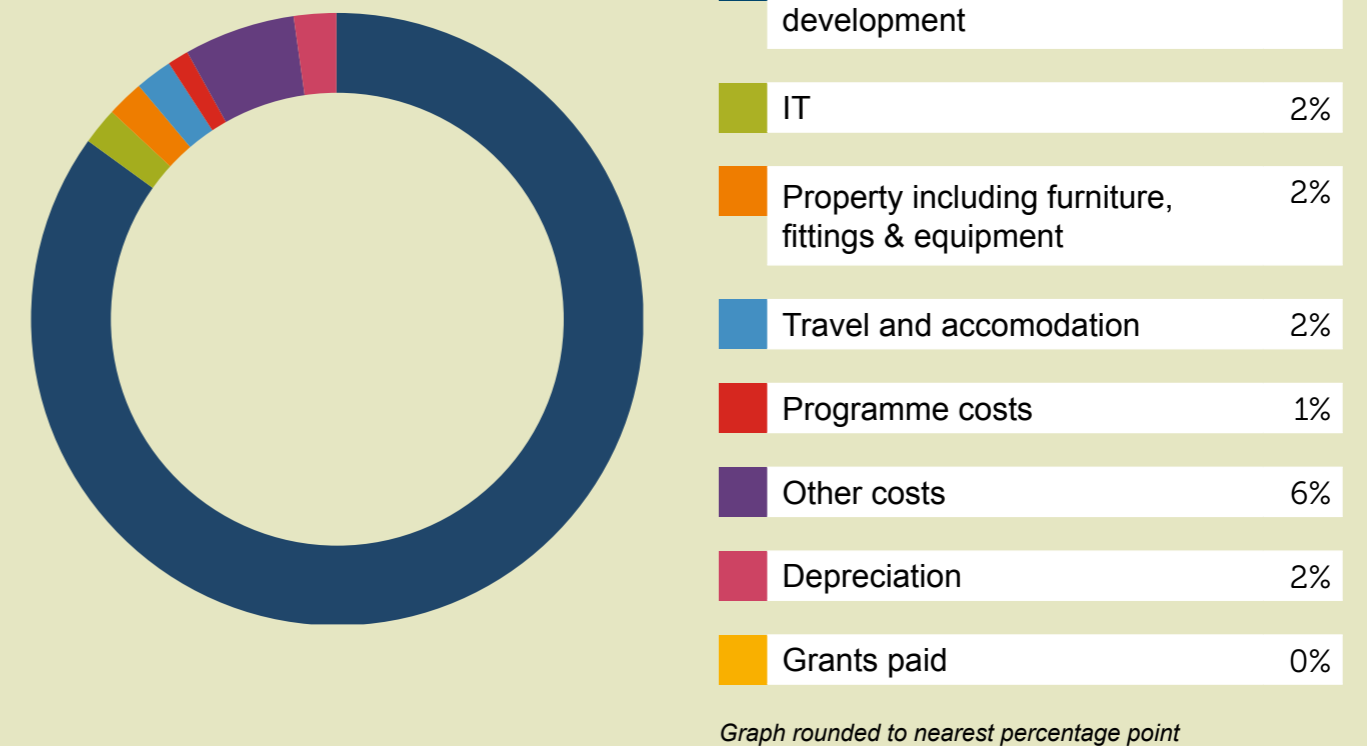
Financial summary

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Revenue



Expenditure



Summarised statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

	2023 \$000's	2022 \$000's
The operating revenue was	1,125	1,046
The expenditure was	1,046	1,070
Operating surplus/(deficit) before bequests, gains on investments and gains on sale of assets	79	(24)
Bequests received	15	18
Less social innovation fund contribution	(1)	(1)
Southern regional fund contribution	2	-
Grants received/(paid)	10	3
Other comprehensive revenue and expense	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE	105	(4)

Summarised statement of changes in equity

	2023 \$000's	2022 \$000's
Opening society funds as at 1 July	683	687
Total comprehensive revenue and expense	105	(4)
Closing Balance as at 30 June	788	683

Summarised statement of financial position

	2023 \$000's	2022 \$000's
Current assets	514	449
Non-current assets	466	473
Total assets	980	922
Current liabilities	192	239
Non-current liabilities	-	-
Total liabilities	192	239
Net assets	788	683
Represented by:		
Society funds	788	683

Summarised statement of cash flows

	2023 \$000's	2022 \$000's
Cash flows from operating activities	107	(4)
Cash flows from investing activities	(12)	(28)
Cash flows from financing activities	(53)	(2)
Operating cash and bank balances	78	112
Total cash and bank balances	120	78

Notes to the financial summary of CCS Disability Action Waitaki Incorporated

A summary of the CCS Disability Action Waitaki Incorporated (“the Society”) unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 is shown in the Financial Summary section of this annual report. The summary financial statements have been prepared in accordance with PBE FRS-43 Summary Financial Statements.

The full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards as issued by the New Zealand External Reporting Board. The summary financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars.

The amounts stated in these summary financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements of the Society dated 2 November 2023.

Copies of these are available from the Society. This summary has been authorised by Richard Buchanan, general manager Southern region on 2 November 2023 and has not been audited.

The summary financial statements do not include all disclosures provided in the full financial statements and cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements of the Society.

The summarised financial statements should be read in conjunction with the statement of accounting policies and notes to the full unaudited financial statements.



Richard Buchanan
General manager



David Matthews
Board appointed chair,
local executive committee



Ō mātou kaitautoko

Our supporters

CCS Disability Action Waitaki is grateful for the support received from government and other agencies, individuals, trusts and foundations during this year.

Government and other agencies

- Ministry of Social Development
- Te Whatu Ora
- Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People

Bequest

We gratefully acknowledge the continued income from the Estate of Roelof C.H. Forbes

Trusts and foundations

- COGS Coastal Otago\Waitaki \$2,000 operating costs
- Colin G L Jones Trust
- Kingston Sedgfield (NZ) Charitable Trust
- Network Waitaki Ltd
- NZ Lottery Grants Board \$10,000 operating costs
- Otago Community Trust
- Rehabilitation Welfare Trust
- The Lion Foundation
- Waitaki District Council Community Grant



Donations received

Last year

19

This year

22



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Whakapā mai

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