

NELSON COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN NIGHT SHELTER TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending 30 June 2020

A feature of the 7th year of my being Chairman and 36th year of the Trust's existence has been, as with everyone else, it's being affected by the Pandemic, Covid-19.

During that period we experienced a six-week shut down. Our clients taking advantage of alternative accommodation provided by the Government. Our numbers of clients have slowly returned since. To illustrate the point, of the 2,940 bed nights available in a normal year, the Trust was occupied 2,009 nights, last year 2,496. Further statistics reveal, 2,576 meals were provided to 134 guests. That is 19 meals per guest who stayed an average of 15 nights. As requested, an ethnicity count has been instituted. This indicates that, of our guests, 66 were New Zealand Pakeha, 58 Maori, 8 Pacific Island and 3 Overseas visitors. Contributions to cost of accommodation averaged \$8.33 per night compared with \$9.35 last year.

While I'm on the subject, I can confirm that the Trust remains financially sound despite two years of negative operating results. The Trust benefited substantially from the generous donation from Mrs Isabelle Johns. This was given in memory of her late father.

Treasurer Graham Warner, continues with his successful funding approaches to funding organisations. It is anticipated that sufficient funding to meet our annual employment costs will be the current year's result.

The Covid lockdown contributed to a shortfall in meeting the cost of accommodation for this year resulting in a deficit of \$1,503 compared with a small surplus last year. The Trust's Executive Committee met only on two occasions indicating how smoothly the operation runs. No material issues arose further cementing this view.

This brings me to acknowledging some of the personnel contributing to the smooth running of the Trust. It goes without saying that we continue to be blessed by the able management coupled with a deep personal involvement by Edward. Please ensure you continue to include him and our enterprise in your prayers.

Graham Warner, mentioned above, continues to make a valued contribution and deserves our gratitude.

Faith has indicated a reluctant desire to relaxing more in the future, indicating a replacement will be necessary in the near future.

I wish to thank also my fellow Trustees who continue to maintain a keen interest in the valuable work and contribution that we make to our city's welfare.

Before I finish I pay tribute to the Reverend John White. Sadly John left us earlier this year. His contribution to the Trust, amongst a myriad of his other interests was huge. His Institutional knowledge will be sadly missed as, also, his sage advice. The Trust has expressed condolences to John's family.

It remains for me to thank the Anglican Centre for its continued administrative support of the Trust and the Anglican Diocese for maintaining interest in the site we occupy and the outreach accomplished.

I thank also our other Trustee, the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

I wish you all , our guests and supporters, a happy, holy and joyful Festive Season.

Anthony W. Finnigan
Chairman