

The Declaratory Judgement from the High Court around the End of Life Choice Act

In April 2020 Hospice NZ petitioned the High Court for a Declaratory Judgement related to our concerns at the lack of clarity in the End of Life Choice Act. This action was necessary to fully understand the potential implications of the then proposed Act ahead of the election. Justice Mallon's judgement released in June gave excellent guidance to both hospices and all providers of palliative care.

Approving and funding the establishment of the National Data Commons

The purpose of the data commons is to provide information to support the patient/whānau experience and to improve the organisational performance of hospices and their role in the health care system.

In the long term we will be able to use the data commons work to inform national discussions around funding, to demonstrate the value of the hospice sector and inform discussions on equity and access.

Extending partnerships and unity across the palliative care sector

We continue to work closely with providers of palliative care across all settings. In early 2019 we established a cross sector collaboration group with ANZSPM, the palliative medicine specialists' group, Palliative Care Nurses New Zealand and Hospital Palliative care.

The initial discussion focused on issues of equity and access and joint representation at a Ministry and Government level. We made a joint written submission to the Māori Health Select Committee and presented in person. We worked very closely in our response and action around the End of Life Choice Act – a highlight being the joint press conference that took place at the Beehive just prior to the third reading of the Bill.

The relationships we had established put us in an excellent position to lead a united response to the pandemic in March 2020. We quickly established a pandemic working group and were pleased to have a representative

from the Ministry of Health on that Collaboration team. We worked closely with Maori leadership groups and the Funeral Directors Association to try and mitigate some of the pain the necessary policies and guidelines around tangihanga and visiting were having on people.

Our response focused on issues of relevance to all groups – e.g. access to PPE and guidelines for all health sectors. The Collaboration repository of resources, hosted on the Hospice NZ website, were accessed by all groups' membership both nationally and internationally. Our experience concluded with a presentation to the Government Pandemic Response Committee.

Budget Bid 2020 and Covid-19 relief funding

As in previous years an area that takes priority in terms of contributing to our strategic purpose is the advocacy role we take with Government. There are two parts to this – the work models of care and service delivery of palliative care which sits very closely to what funding is received from Government and how we can influence equitable funding across the country. Both are equally challenging, and complex given the individual nature and structure of hospice services across the membership.

In 2019 we focused on the service and sustainability project – a considerable piece of work that resulted in a Budget Bid being put to Government in anticipation for the 2020 budget announcement. This work resulted in the additional \$5M per year allocation to Hospice services. Many thanks to the CE reference group who made a significant contribution guiding the eventual budget bid and the service funding work.

More recently our advocacy work focused on hospice specific funding to compensate for the financial impact of the COVID-19 response, beyond the wage subsidy. We identified that the impact of retail activity closures and fundraising losses was going to be significant and worked swiftly to develop a case for support direct to Government. We were very relieved and pleased when the Government confirmed an allocation specific to hospices for \$7.3M.



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2019/2020 A Year In Review

Hospice New Zealand Highlights

From the Board Chair and the Chief Executive

2020 will be remembered as a year that tested us in terms of adapting to different ways of working, building resilience within ourselves and our teams whilst also creating opportunities to work together to support one another during unprecedented times.

The past 18 months have seen us focus on the work that supports members, this was particularly evident during the lockdown and pandemic response.

The Hospice NZ team quickly pivoted to focus almost solely on supporting members and understanding the issues, fostering a sense of unity and support across us all during what was an unprecedented time for our sector and NZ.

Whilst the initial and immediate response to COVID-19 has eased off it is important to say we won't be lowering our focus on members and the difficult times that are ahead as the pandemic continues to have a huge impact globally.

As a sector we are in good heart and the challenges of the past few months have reminded us all of the bedrock values that drive us in the work we do. To continue to prioritise the needs and support for people who are dying, their family.

In line with the purpose and strategic approach, we considered and progressed several key areas of work during 2019-20.



Dr Richard Thurlow
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Our purpose

Hospice NZ leads and supports the hospice movement in New Zealand. Working to ensure equity of access and consistent delivery of palliative and end of life care for New Zealanders.



Adapt and evolve

Hospices are positioned to meet community and funder needs and are developing services that are fit for the future.



Engage strongly

Focused and purposeful engagement with the public sector. Partnerships that create unity across the palliative care sector. Public engagement to increase knowledge and comfort about death and dying.



Belonging and togetherness

Empowering a strong and responsive hospice sector, retaining our unity as a movement.

For more information, please visit www.hospice.org.nz

2019/2020 by the numbers



Adapt and Evolve

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29

hospices participated in the national data work

27

hospices participated in the national costing ID project

\$5M

additional Government funding for hospices services in Budget 2020

\$7.3M

in COVID relief funds specifically to support hospice services (over and above Government wage subsidy scheme)



Engage Strongly

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21%

increase in hospice staff across the country accessing the new Hospice NZ website and intranet

996

new followers on Hospice NZ Instagram and 45% increase in followers on Facebook

741,851

people were reached through the video stories and resources from #weneedtotalkaboutdying awareness project

100,000

people reached watching the "What is it like to die?" animation



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10

network face to face meetings held to support member hospice groups during 2019

12

scholarships awarded to hospice allied health staff through the BNI Scholarship Programme

16

Cancer Research Trust Palliative Care Lectures presented free of charge to 5,391 attendees across Aotearoa

\$759,039

raised for hospice through the Farmers Christmas Fundraising Campaign in 2019

\$650,000+

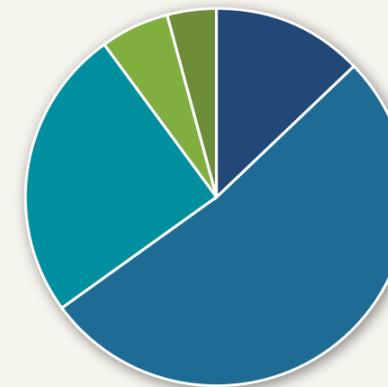
raised for hospice through our national partnerships

Financial summary

OPERATIONS	30 Jun 20	31 Dec 18
Subscriptions	1,023,316	648,294
Conference	0 [^]	271,766
MOH Contracted projects	496,885	231,106
MOH Innovation project	0	66,345
Hospice Services Funding Project	117,500	0
Other income	72,486	97,247
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$1,710,188	\$1,314,758
Wages and salaries	849,582	641,233
Conference	0	222,475
MOH Contracted projects	273,913	94,606
MOH Innovation project	0	7,845
Hospice Services Funding Project	153,074	0
Membership costs	479,081	361,205
Overheads/administration	342,900	252,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$2,098,550	\$1,579,365
Operating surplus/(deficit) before fundraising	(388,362)	(264,608)
FUNDRAISING INCOME		
Donations	70,175	144,621
Grants and Sponsorship	195,785	188,216
Net Fundraising Income	\$265,960	\$332,837
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(\$122,402)	\$68,229

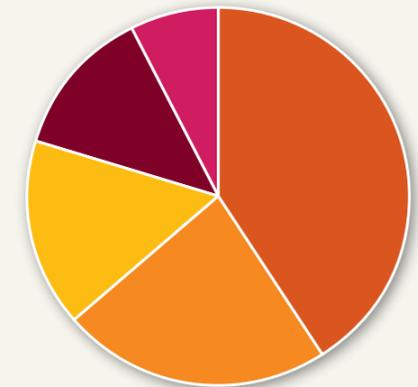
[^]Conference 2020 postponed due to COVID-19

INCOME 2019/2020



- Fundraising 13%
- Subscriptions 52%
- MOH contracted projects 25%
- Hospice Services Funding Project 6%
- Other 4%

EXPENDITURE 2019/2020



- Wages & salaries 40%
- Membership 23%
- Overheads, administration 16%
- MOH contracted projects 13%
- Hospice Services Funding Project 7.3%

* The accounts reported as at 30 June 20 were prepared for an 18 month period. This is because members voted in the May 2019 AGM, to move the balance date from December to June to align with the balance dates of members and key service providers. The previous comparative reporting period as at December is for a 12 month period.

