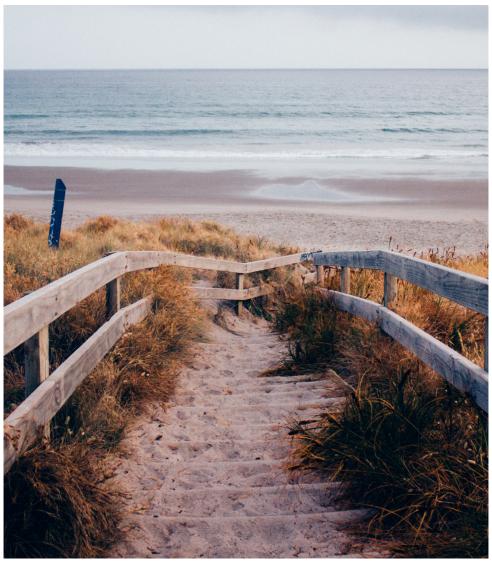


### **New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services**

### 2015/16 ANNUAL REPORT















### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Report for 2016. The New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services, is an organisation I am passionate about, as the Christian Social Services of New Zealand come together under the Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, Catholic, Salvation Army and Methodists denominations, to support the organisations that are so faithfully serving those in our communities who are facing homelessness, hardship and poverty. As was so aptly quoted in our final *Vulnerability Report* in June of 2016:

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and

sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:31–46)

This is what we hear about on an ongoing basis, as the social services of our denominations and the wider community, serve the hungry, house the homeless, clothe those who are in poverty, serve those who are sick and journey with those who are in the justice system.

I would like to say a special thank you to our small but very significant and influential team, led by Trevor, at NZCCSS. This is a team that punches way above its weight, with submissions, input into Government policy groups, conferences and informing the sector through various publications and forums. Thank you for your diligent, faithful, passionate and informed work that you undertake for NZCCSS as we work to accomplish our five strategic imperatives of Hope, Positive Change, Lived Experience, Voice and Resilience.

Thank you also to our fellow
Council members and Policy Group
members for your committed work at
Council and the three policy groups
including the Impacts of Poverty and
Exclusion; Services to Older People and
the Child and Family Policy Group.
Thank you also to our Churches and
Community Organisations that release
people to be members of these groups

as together we seek to pursue our mission to work for a more *just* and *compassionate society* in Aotearoa New Zealand. We see this as a continuation of the mission of Jesus Christ.

This year we saw the last publication of our Vulnerability Report which has run for the last six years. This has been an incredibly insightful report and I know this has had a huge impact for all of us in the sector as we seek to understand the dynamics of changes in policy and the impact this is having on the families we serve in New Zealand. Thank you to the team that have continually worked on this, I know it has been a massive undertaking, especially the last report which brought together the themes from the last six years. We look forward to the future report, which looks to highlight the journey of those who we are serving in our communities.

I would like to leave you with this challenging statement from our last *Vulnerability Report*:

2016 and the pressures in communities remain: food insecurity, unaffordable and poor quality rental properties, and family stress impacting on children. Our members report on the intergenerational nature of these impacts and the increasing complexity of family needs. While



government requirements for collecting data, reporting outcomes, and providing high quality services continue to increase, members report high demand for supports and services without additional funding. How this work will be sustained without funding concerns being addressed will be a significant challenge going forward. What will remain however is the steadfast commitment of members to respond to their Christian Mission to show love, hope and compassion and to empower people to make positive change to their lives. (Vulnerability Report, Final Edition, Issue 22, June 2016)

He aha te mea nui o te ao What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata It is the people, it is the people, it is the people

Blessings, Lisa Woolley

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

After a number of years in planning and discussion the massive changes in how government works with social services began to gain traction in the 2015/16 Financial Year. The Social Investment approach has become firmly imbedded in government department plans. The Expert Advisory Group released both its interim and final reports on modernising Child Youth and Family, resulting in the establishment of the Ministry for Vulnerable Children. The Community Investment Strategy saw some services being cut and others being expanded. The homelessness crisis finally came to the awareness of the media and public and in response new funding arrangements for emergency housing were established. Social housing providers continued to respond to the needs of their communities using the new government policies providing them with access to Income Related Rents, but still without the

capital funding support they really need to ramp up to large scale provision. Underpinning all of this change is the fact that MSD funded social services providers have had no funding increases for eight years, years of dramatic change in the levels of complexity and demand for social services.

Our member services for older people providers continue to be



impacted by rationalisation in the home and community care services sector where time and again we see District Health Boards reducing the number of service providers they contract with. This has often resulted in NZCCSS members losing their contracts and a real reduction in choice and quality of care for older people in their communities. The residential care sector continues to be impacted by funding levels which do not reflect the real costs of delivering high quality residential care. Our members are concerned that the current funding models may lead to a real loss of service provision to those older people who only have National Superannuation to live on. There is hope that the adoption of a National Health Strategy and the emerging Older Peoples' Health Strategy may lead to more focus on the delivery, and funding, of services for older people - particularly for those with the least.

NZCCSS has worked hard to ensure it carries the voice of our members to the decision making tables. Once there Council reflects the lived experience of those our members serve to the decision makers and policy implementation developers. The wide range and depth of service provision of our members strengthens our ability to be effective. This size and scope of our members' provision is huge. The services provided by NZCCSS membership makes a critical contribution to the wellbeing of New Zealanders. As we develop a greater awareness of how we can use our combined influence to create positive change at both a societal and community level then together we can truly achieve the NZCCSS Mission of creating a "... just and compassionate society in Aotearoa New Zealand".

Mā te Atua koutou e tiaki.

Trevor McGlinchey

### HOPE

NZCCSS carries a message of hope



The ongoing commitment of the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services to a hope-filled society and its belief in transformation at personal, whanau, community and societal levels was demonstrated through its work in the 2015/16 year. Many facets of a hope were portrayed in NZCCss publications, particularly in *Policy Watch* and *Kete Kupu* where the good works of our members were showcased.

This theme was further highlighted in the many submissions which were made over this period. In our written and oral submissions to Parliamentary Select Committees and to various enquiries we focussed on promoting positive policies which provided opportunity for people to change, not through the imposition of sanctions, but by providing positive encouragement and hope for the future. For example in our submission to the Social Security Legislation Rewrite Bill we said:

The churches' commitment to social justice and a fairer welfare system is a realistic and meaningful vision for our country built on the way shown to us in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. It is grounded in the lived experience of our social services and the communities they work in. Every day those agencies are working to



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bring hope and transformation into people's lives affected by poverty and hardship. Church leaders have over a number of years called for a compassionate response to the needs of those on the margins of our society from those in leadership in our country: "We see the responsibility of the State as providing for a just sharing of society's wealth and resources. This includes: adequate income for everyone, fair taxation policies, access to good health care, affordable housing, and living sustainably. These are not

privileges but part of the common heritage of humanity." (Church Leaders' Vision for a Fair Society 'The love of God is revealed in responsibility for others', 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011.)

The central teaching of Christianity to 'love your neighbour as yourself' finds its wider expression at a society level through the social welfare system.

This Bill is another opportunity for political leaders to choose fairer and hope-filled options to support people in the greatest need.

### **POSITIVE CHANGE**

NZCCSS works together with others for positive change

There is a strong network of organisations across the nation working together for a more positive and socially just society. Rather than replicating the work of others NZCCSS brings its strengths and membership networks alongside of others to promote compassion and justice for those with the most need for a socially just and compassionate society. Some particular highlights include:

### **Nga Tangata Microfinance**

This no interest loan organisation was started by the Child Poverty Action Group, the New Zealand Federation of Family Budgeting Services and the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services. Ngā Tangata (www.ngatangatamicrofinance.org.nz)

Ngā Tangata Microfinance Trust

has made 170 loans representing nearly \$350,000 in loan capital. They make the following no interest loans to low income New Zealanders:

- » NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme) loan limit \$1,500-\$2,000. Purpose: family asset building or well-being. This has a wide definition. The spirit of this definition incorporates health items, car repairs, school fees, white goods and bedding.
- » DRLS (Debt Relief Loan Scheme) loan limit \$2,500–\$3,000. Purpose: provides relief from high interest loans (from fringe lenders, 3rd tier lenders etc.).

### Te Kāhui Atawhai o te Motu

Te Kāhui Atawhai o te Motu (www.tekahuiatawhai.com) is an umbrella organisation with membership of over 180 iwi/Māori social services providers. These organisations are accredited by MSD to deliver child-focussed social services, as their umbrella group, Te Kāhui carries an important role in supporting the health and wellbeing of whanau and Māori Communities.

NZCCSS is fortunate in having a strategic alliance with Te Kāhui. Over the year we have worked together on a



**Te Kāhui Atawhai o te Motu** National Collective Iwi Māori Social Services number of projects, from developing a database, capable of separately recording the memberships of both organisations, to supporting each other in writing submissions. We are also fortunate that Te Kāhui both contributes to and sends out NZCCSS publications to its members.



### The Equality Network

This network provides a mechanism for organisations focussed on the creation of greater income and wealth equality to come together for a more coordinated approach to creating this positive change. The Equality Network (www.equalitynetwork.org.nz) has a wide membership that actively shares ideas, strategies and support.

As a very active member of this group NZCCSS provides a financial umbrella service, holding and accounting for the network's funding. We also provide support to the leadership group and work closely with them to ensure the messages concerning the negative impacts of income inequality, and the benefits of narrowing this, are promoted to the New Zealand public and to policy and decision makers.

NZCCSS has also worked with or alongside:









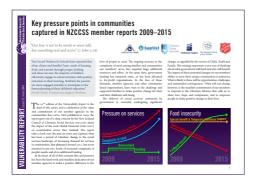


### LIVED EXPERIENCE

NZCCSS articulates the lived experience of poor and vulnerable people

At the heart of the NZCCSS Vision and Values is the need to carry the lived experience of the people our member organisations serve into the heart of the decision makers. We have a number of approaches to achieving this. These include such activities as writing submissions to political parties, attending meetings of government department advisory groups, working with leadership of government Ministries, meeting with politicians from across the political spectrum and publishing media releases.

A particularly powerful example of articulating the "lived experience" during the 2015/16 year was the publication of the 22nd and final *Vulnerability Report*. After six years of publishing these Reports the time had come to take a new perspective on how to move forward with reporting the experiences of those in our members' communities. This last *Vulnerability Report* highlights the experiences of our members and their communities since the Global Financial Crisis. As the media release accompanying the Report stated:



For the last 6 years the NZCCSS Vulnerability Report has tracked the experiences of the families affected by the impacts of the Global Financial Crisis and the organisations that work alongside them. A 'new normal' of desperation to find housing, food and sufficient income to survive has emerged for many families.

NZCCSS, with feedback and support from its membership, made

submissions to Parliamentary Select Committees on:

- » Support for Children in Hardship Bill
- » Healthy Homes Guarantee Bill
- » Social Securities Rewrite Bill
- » Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill
- » Shop Trading Hours Bill
- » Social Housing Reform (transactions mandate) Bill

Feedback was also provided to:

- » Strengthening New Zealand's Legislative Response to Family Violence
- » Update on the New Zealand Health Strategy; All New Zealanders Live Well, Get Well
- » Gambling consultation on the minimum rate of return.

### **VOICE**

NZCCSS is a strong and respected voice for member Christian social services

Alongside of articulating the lived experiences of the people our members serve, NZCCSS also represents the perspectives of its members within the political and public policy arenas.

In order to better understand these perspectives NZCCss has three Policy Groups (PG), the Impacts of Poverty and Exclusion PG focused on inequality, housing, social security, the



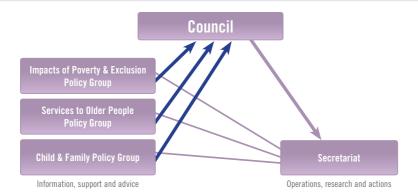








### FOUNDATION MEMBERS



Services for Older People PG focused on the wellbeing of, and the range of care services available for older people, and the Child and Family PG focused on the service delivery and wider needs of children, families and whānau.

These groups are drawn from Council's members and carry with them a great deal of expertise and experience. Within each policy group there may also be an academic or other expert appointed to assist in widening and deepening the knowledge and capacity of the group. The Policy Groups meet about a month prior to each Council meeting and make recommendations to Council in their areas of expertise. The Groups also support the Secretariat, particularly when writing submissions and feedback, providing their knowledge in support of the Council's kaupapa. Through these processes and

through regular meetings with members Council is able to bring our members experience to bear on their work.

This knowledge and experience is carried by NZCCss staff and representatives into the many forums where they represent the voice of their members.

Council continued to support the engagement of Church Leaders with Government. Two meetings were held between Church leaders and the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. The Secretariat plays an essential role



Budget Briefing, Auckland.



in providing the coordination and support services for these meetings. NZCCSS also attends the meetings in their own right as one of the Church Leaders' advisors. These meetings allow Church leaders to have a direct conversation with government leadership on important New Zealand Issues. Over the last year housing, child poverty, and the resettlement of refugees in New Zealand have all been important parts of this conversation.

New Zealand Council Of Christian Social Services Greater social Justice & compassion for vulnerable people in Actearoa

Above: Lisa Woolley, Bonnie Robinson and Lynn Hatfield-Dodds at the Valuing People Living Well conference. Below: Delegates at the conference. The support of our members was further demonstrated at the *Valuing People Living Well* conference where delegates were challenged and inspired by an excellent line up of speakers and workshops.

Support for the Valuing People Living Well Conference came from:











### RESILIENT

NZCCSS is a resilient organisation with a long-term focus on social justice

Critical to the ability of NZCCSS to focus on the long-term is the support of its members. This support is spiritual, practical and financial and through this NZCCSS is able to maintain itself as a strong and coherent voice for a compassionate and socially just society in Aotearoa New Zealand.

As can be seen from the Audited Accounts NZCCSS managed to achieve a reasonable financial result. The final accounts demonstrated that the Council's operations are just below breakeven point for the year.

This was only achieved with the support of Members paying their

annual subscriptions. Contracts for services from the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Health make an important contribution. NZCCSS also undertook a range of work with Community Housing Aotearoa. In addition NZCCSS rented out part of its office space to the Methodist Public Questions network and provided accounting services to Moeraki Ltd, a marae-owned charitable investment company. NZCCSS was also supported by a grant from Combined Community Trusts of New Zealand.





### A SNAPSHOT OF OUR MEMBERSHI

### PROGRAMME DELIVERY

	Salvation Army	Presbyterian	Methodist	Catholic
Child and Fami	ly			
Impacts of Poverty and Exclusion				
Services for Older People				
	183 programmes	396 programmes	113 programmes	124 programmes

The NZCCSS secretariat has just completed the development of a new database, which has allowed us to better understand the range and scope of service provision of our six member networks. Currently these networks are made up of 213 separate providers, delivering 37 general types of services via 1,024 programmes, located in 55 towns and cities throughout New Zealand.

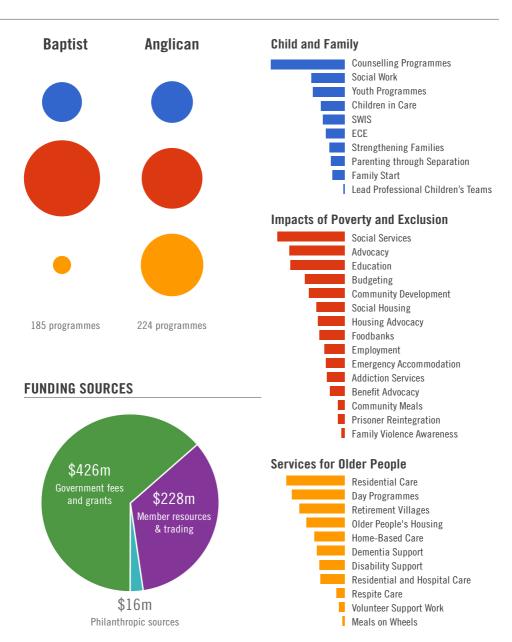
Collectively our members generate \$671,051,000 in income. Of this approximately \$426,946,000 is from government sources via fees for service and operational grants, \$15,692,000 is from

philanthropic sources and \$228,413,000 from our members' own resources and trading activities.

Members employ 4,923 full time staff, 6,735 part-time staff and co-ordinate 15,862 volunteers. None of the above includes the huge contribution made by our churches and their congregations.

When identifying organisations within our network we focussed on those organisation which were registered charities, or were included in our member larger charitable structures and which actively carried out structured social work in our three policy areas.

### P'S SOCIAL SERVICE PROVISION



### **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

### Statement of financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2016

	(\$)	(\$)
Income	FY 2016	FY 2015
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	140,532	139,971
Revenue from providing goods or services <sup>2</sup>	218,198	200,904
Other revenue <sup>3</sup>	34,119	50,000
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	13,437	19,810
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	0	201
	406,286	410,886
Expenditure		
Volunteer and employee related costs <sup>6</sup>	318,278	338,436
Costs related to providing goods or services <sup>4,5</sup>	94,970	130,575
	413,248	469,011
Operating surplus/(deficit)	(6,962)	(53,730)
Conference surplus/(deficit) <sup>11</sup>	4,630	12,348
Equality Network surplus/(deficit) <sup>12</sup>	4,234	4,395
Net surplus/(deficit)	1,902	(41,382)

### Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016

	(\$)	(\$)
	FY 2016	FY 2015
Current assets		
Bank accounts and cash	99,152	82,245
Short term deposits	305,568	350,000
Debtors and prepayments	22,573	14,257
Other current assets - Accrued Interest	824	10,050
Total current assets	428,117	456,552
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment <sup>7</sup>	6,138	4,605
Total assets	434,255	461,157
Current liabilities		
Creditors and accrued expenses	5,366	15,885
Employee costs payable	33,792	37,098
Income in advance	0	18,333
GST payable	6,936	3,583
Total current liabilities	46,095	74,899
Total net assets	388,160	386,258
Accumulated funds		
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)	386,258	427,640
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,902	(41,382)
Total accumulated funds	388,160	386,258

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For a full statement of our audited accounts, please contact our office by emailing bookkeeping@nzccss.org.nz, or phoning (04) 473 2627.

### **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

### Statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2016

•	(\$)	(\$)
	FY 2016	FY 2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash was received from:		
Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	1,665	202
Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members	161,611	160,966
Receipts from providing services	256,487	271,531
Interest	5,596	3,401
Grants	41,684	77,040
Cash was applied to:		
Payments to suppliers	(180,300)	(226,653)
Payments to BNZ for bank fees	(226)	(220)
Payments to employees	(299,458)	(298,733)
Net GST	(31,652)	(33,253)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(44,593)	(45,719)
Investments in term deposits	61,500	15,863
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	16,907	(29,856)
Opening Cash	82,245	112,101
Closing Cash	99,152	82,245
This is represented by:		
Bank accounts — current account	45,824	15,928
Bank accounts — on call	53,248	66,237
Petty cash	80	80
Total bank accounts and cash	99,152	82,245

### **COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

### **Current members**



**Lisa Woolley**President and Baptist
denominational representative



Margaret Martin Catholic denominational representative



**Tracey-Leigh Peters**Baptist Denominational representative



**Lisa Beech** Catholic denominational representative



**Tric Malcolm**Anglican denominational representative



**Laura Black** Methodist denominational representative



**Peter O'Brien**Anglican denominational representative



**Garth Nowland-Foreman** Methodist denominational representative



**Gillian Bremner** Presbyterian denominational representative



Pam Waugh Vice-president and Salvation Army Denominational representative



**Diane Gilliam-Weeks**Presbyterian denominational representative



**Bonnie Robinson** Convenor, Services for Older People Policy Group



**Ian Hutson**Salvation Army denominational representative



**Diane Garrett** Convenor, Child and Family Policy Group

### **COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

### Denominational representatives and policy group convenors who retired during the 2015/16 financial year



**Ruby Duncan**Baptist Denominational
Representative; Convenor,
Child and Family Policy Group



Mike O'Brien Convenor, Impacts of Poverty and Exclusion Policy Group

Both Ruby and Mike have been long-term and valuable members of the Council. We sincerely thank them for their deep wisdom and commitment to the Mission and Values of NZCCSS.

### **NZCCSS SECRETARIAT**

NZCCSS currently has five staff members working 4.1 full time equivalent positions.



**Sharee Eden** Kaiawhina Whakahaere — Office Administrator



**Sonia Scott** Kaitatari Kaupapa — Policy Advisor



**Bo Liu** Finance and Accounting



**Paul Barber** Kaitatari Kaupapa – Policy Advisor



**Trevor McGlinchey** Executive Officer

# **COUNCIL STRUCTURE**

# Christian social services agencies and the people they serve

Our member organisations serve thousands of people every day in communities throughout the country

















## Council

Two representatives from each denomination older people Services for Impacts of

Children & families

> poverty & exclusion

РОГІСУ GROUPS

# Secretariat

Policy advice, research, projects & operations