



ANNUAL REPORT **2020**



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## Chairperson's Report

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2020 has been a year like no other! We've all been challenged in so many ways as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and none more than cancer patients. New Zealand's science-based response to the risks, our sea borders and the sensible behaviour of our people has spared us the depth of the tribulations faced by so many other countries. But our cancer screening and treatment services were slowed or halted during lockdown months as hospitals and clinics reduced their services to prepare for the worst and immune-compromised patients chose to stay home, rather than risking exposure to the virus. As a nation we're way ahead of many others in restoring health services but there will be late diagnoses and delayed treatment delivery. The virus remains a significant threat for the foreseeable future, but with vigilance and caution we can fully engage with health providers to have those scans and receive all the treatments we need.

There have been other significant changes over the last year that provide opportunity for transformation of the way our health services are delivered. If recommendations from the Health and Disabilities Review are implemented, we should enjoy better health services, provided with increased efficiency and greater equity. Unfortunately this review explicitly excluded PHARMAC and our medicines funding system, so this remains a priority for reform. PHARMAC's 27 year old model must be updated to adapt to the era of modern targeted medicines for cancer and other diseases. BCAC has worked closely with the many disease groups represented in Patient Voice Aotearoa to support the petition at [sign4life.nz](http://sign4life.nz) to double the medicines budget and review PHARMAC. The petition has attracted 83,000 signatures to date. BCAC submitted many ideas to a Medicines NZ Policy Solutions Working Group and we hope the Government will take notice, realise the many benefits of reform, develop updated policies and provide funding that meets our citizens' needs.

An independent cancer agency was the dream of courageous bowel cancer patient Blair Vining and the tens of thousands of New Zealanders who supported his petition. This year, a new Cancer Control Agency, Te Aho o Te Kahu, was established, providing a real opportunity for focus on the timely delivery of services that cancer patients need across the whole pathway. It's good to see that Diana Sarfati, the Chief Executive, reports directly to the Minister of Health, but we remain concerned about whether the agency will truly provide independent, patient-focused advice, given its very close ties with the Ministry. BCAC provided a strong response to Te Aho's Cancer Action Plan seeking fresh thinking and significant resourcing to reduce inequities and provide innovative solutions to improve cancer experiences and survival for all New Zealanders. I have been appointed to Te Aho's Consumer Reference Group, where I'm hoping our voices will be effective in driving positive change.

Te Aho o Te Kahu will be responsible for establishing Quality Performance Indicators (QPIs) that will allow assessment of how well each DHB is doing in providing essential cancer services.

Implementation of breast cancer QPIs has been stalled for several years, so I was delighted to be involved in a recent workshop with breast cancer specialists and Te Aho staff to refine and update the QPIs we developed for the 2013 Standards of Service Provision that were never implemented! Let's hope these measures don't gather dust as have so many previous fine guidelines, reports and recommendations.

Our BCAC committee includes three Metavivors and throughout the year we have worked closely with Metavivors NZ and Sweet Louise to strive for access to better treatments and care for New Zealanders with advanced breast cancer. We're now developing legacy videos, Gifts to the Future, He Koha ā Mua, with Metavivors to enable them to record personal and whānau messages as well as thoughts and wisdom for others diagnosed. Many Metavivors were involved in successfully initiating, supporting and advocating for petitions for previously unfunded medicines, and we hope to record these heroic tales of sharing personal stories with media, petitioning Parliament and presenting evidence of need to the Health Select Committee. A positive initiative is work supported by the Breast Cancer Foundation to establish guidelines for advanced breast cancer in New Zealand, similar to those developed by the Advanced Breast Cancer Global Alliance. Metavivors NZ are very keen to be involved in this work to ensure high quality, patient-centred treatment and care for all diagnosed.

Ethnic and socio-economic inequities are a harsh reality across the spectrum of cancer care in Aotearoa. BCAC committee member Irene Kereama-Royal leads us in our efforts to advocate to remove system barriers and raise the level of access and quality of treatment and support for all. Irene is often asked to provide a Māori view of the potential of genomics and modern technologies to increase deep knowledge of cancer in Māori and to transform disease outcomes.

Clinical trials and research remain an important focus for BCAC, as these can hold the key to developing better treatments which will extend and improve the lives of New Zealanders with breast cancer.

Scanning across the wide range of meetings, workshops and conferences that BCAC has attended this year you might find it hard to believe this is 2020, COVID-19 lockdown year! But online conferencing has proved to be a marvellous tool for connecting nationally and internationally and has in many ways made communication easier. Many of us will virtually attend the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium in December, and meeting access is free for advocates this year.

I want to express my aroha and respect for all BCAC's member groups and the wonderful people who dedicate their time and energy to support those diagnosed. The work you do is absolutely invaluable and it is truly appreciated by those who receive your care, company, friendship, advice and all the other koha you offer. Thank you so much.

There will be new COVID-related and other challenges ahead for us all - be strong, be safe and be happy! Kia kaha, kia haumarū, kia koa!

Arohanui,



Libby Burgess, MNZM  
BCAC Chairperson

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BCAC is an umbrella organisation representing more than 30 breast cancer-related groups in New Zealand. Our role is to support, inform and represent people with breast cancer. We are committed to transforming the lives of those diagnosed with breast cancer by seeking world-class detection, treatment and care.

## Key Achievements in 2020

### Information and resources

- Delivered more than 1100 **Step by Step** support packs to New Zealanders newly diagnosed with breast cancer. This is fewer than we have distributed annually in recent years and we believe this is due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent disruption to health services.
- Provided information on breast cancer diagnosis, treatment and recovery via our website [www.breastcancer.org.nz](http://www.breastcancer.org.nz)
- Delivered up-to-date breast cancer news, research results and events via our website, Facebook page and Twitter account.
- Delivered a regular e-newsletter to hundreds of registered members and others.
- Supported more than 2400 New Zealanders through the BCAC Facebook page and more than 270 members of our public Facebook group.
- Supported more than 400 New Zealanders with advanced breast cancer through the online communities Metavivors NZ and Metavivors NZ - Action.
- Responded to more than 50 queries through the BCAC website and Facebook page.

### Providing a voice for those diagnosed with breast cancer

- BCAC provides consumer representation on the Breast Special Interest Group (BSIG) of breast cancer specialists, with BCAC Chair Libby Burgess, Secretary Fay Sowerby and Treasurer Louise Malone all attending BSIG meetings this year.
- BCAC Deputy Chair Emma Crowley is Chair of the Consumer Advisory Panel of Cancer Trials New Zealand.
- Libby has been appointed as a member of the recently established NZ Cancer Control Agency's Te Aho o Te Kahu Consumer Reference Group.
- Fay Sowerby is a member of the Breast Cancer Trials (BCT) Fundraising and Communications Committee and a consumer



representative on the New Zealand Familial Breast and Ovarian Cancer Group.

- Libby, Emma, Louise, Lynda, Fay and Rowena are members of BCT's IMPACT Advocacy group and Libby is also an Associate Member of BCT.
- BCAC Committee member Rowena Mortimer is Chair of the Consumer Advisory Panel of the Health Quality and Safety Commission.
- BCAC provided a response to the New Zealand Cancer Action Plan 2019-2029 of the Cancer Control Agency Te Aho o Te Kahu and took part in a Consumer Hui which aimed to assist with designing a consumer engagement model for the Agency.
- BCAC is a member of the ABC Global Alliance, a European-based organisation dedicated to improving and extending the lives of women and men living with advanced breast cancer worldwide.
- We helped to raise the voice of women with breast cancer through BCAC media releases and media interviews.
- BCAC supported many women as they negotiated the health system to secure timely and appropriate diagnosis, treatment and care.
- BCAC is a participating member of the consumer group, Patient Voice Aotearoa (PVA) - He Reo Tūroro o Aotearoa. This group continues to advocate for medicines and other improvements in the NZ health system across a wide range of disease groups including breast cancer. BCAC supports the PVA petition calling for a review of PHARMAC and the medicines budget which remains open for signatures as its presentation to Parliament has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [www.sign4life.nz](http://www.sign4life.nz)
- BCAC is collaborating with Metavivors NZ, Sweet Louise and the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ on a Gifts to the Future, He Koha ā Mua, a legacy project for those with advanced breast cancer.



## Improving access to world class treatment and care

- As a speaker at the Health Quality and Safety Commission conference in December 2019, BCAC Treasurer Louise Malone highlighted how breast cancer advocates are using their voices to improve access to better treatments in a presentation entitled: *Translating evidence into action – How breast cancer patients are using evidence to advocate for better access to medicines.*
- Following the 2018/2019 petitions and submissions of Metavivors Terre Nicholson and Sue Wall-Cade asking for public funding for two medicines for advanced breast cancer – T-DM1 (Kadcyla) and palbociclib (Ibrance, a CDK 4/6 inhibitor) – both these medicines were funded from December 2019 and April 2020 respectively.
- BCAC, Sweet Louise and Breast Cancer Foundation NZ also made supportive submissions for the above medicines to Parliament's Health Select Committee. BCAC's submission provided a comprehensive analysis of issues relating

to the PHARMAC funding model and NZ's inadequate funding for medicines. We described the impacts on those desperately needing access to medicines.

- Following BCAC's successful formal application to PHARMAC for funding of palbociclib (Ibrance), BCAC made a further submission in January 2020 to PHARMAC supporting their proposal to fund palbociclib (Ibrance) as both a first-line and second-line treatment of HR-positive, HER2-negative locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer.
- We suggested some changes to PHARMAC's initial proposal to fund palbociclib (Ibrance) and significantly, PHARMAC responded positively to both of BCAC's requests in the consultation. They removed the requirement for women to be post-menopausal for 12 months prior to treatment and aligned the fulvestrant criteria to this as well. They also changed the description of second line eligibility, calling it second and subsequent, thus reassuring Metavivors and clarifying to oncologists that this is what was intended.
- Following a BCAC application for the funding of fulvestrant (Faslodex®) in mid-2018, PHARMAC announced in late 2019 its plan to fund the medicine in conjunction with its call for tenders for a CDK 4/6 inhibitor. BCAC responded to this consultation to fund fulvestrant (Faslodex®) for post-menopausal women with locally advanced or metastatic (advanced) oestrogen-receptor positive breast cancer whose disease has progressed following previous treatment with either an aromatase inhibitor (letrozole, anastrozole, exemestane) or tamoxifen. BCAC endorsed the proposal but also asked for access to be given with urgency. The medicine was funded from April 2020.
- BCAC Secretary, Fay Sowerby, and other committee members drafted a discussion document on how to move New Zealand towards updated, more effective, personalised breast screening. The paper recognizes that how we screen, when we screen, with what frequency and what is advised and reported needs a renewed focus and input from those leading, managing and participating in New Zealand's screening programmes. This document was widely distributed and BCAC is liaising with interested stakeholders with the aim of creating a New Zealand pilot study.
- BCAC represented New Zealanders with breast cancer as consumer advocates at one of the key international conferences, the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, in December 2019.



- BCAC committee members met/communicated regularly with the Cancer Control Agency and Ministry of Health officials to discuss matters of significance regarding New Zealanders with breast cancer, including the need to restore cancer services as soon as possible following the initial Level 4 alert due to COVID-19 in March 2020.
- We also communicated regularly with PHARMAC representatives to discuss the ongoing and urgent need for better access to new and innovative medicines.
- A number of meetings also took place with pharmaceutical companies to discover information about new products coming to the market, encourage them to apply for registration and funding for key breast cancer drugs, and also to follow up on supply issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- BCAC committee members attended conferences and meetings to remain up-to-date with the latest research results, thinking and innovations.



## Improving outcomes for Māori and Pasifika women

- BCAC committee member Irene Kereama-Royal provided a Māori perspective and representation in many spheres, including attending an Indigenous Genomics conference, presenting a Māori view in invited talks at a Genomics Technologies webinar and a Precision Health Summit.
- Advocated for removing barriers and improving access to breast cancer diagnosis, treatments and reconstruction options for Māori, Pasifika and rural women.
- Submitted a paper to two District Health Boards on Māori views on tissue and data storage and use.
- Liaised with Māori and Pasifika women affected by breast cancer and related advisory groups.
- Highlighted the poorer outcomes of Māori and Pasifika women with breast cancer.
- In our submission on the proposed Cancer Action Plan, we called for a focus on Māori, equity and processes that are inclusive of people of diverse cultures.
- Our viewpoint article *Resisting ethnic inequities in advanced breast cancer: a call to action*, published in 2019 in the NZ Medical Journal, is now available online.



Those serving on the BCAC committee during 2019 were:

<b>Chair:</b>	Libby Burgess	
<b>Deputy Chair:</b>	Emma Crowley	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Fay Sowerby	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Louise Malone	
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Rowena Mortimer	Gillian Wintrup
	Lynda Ames	Greer Davis
	Irene Kereama-Royal	Philippa Reed
	Terre Nicholson	Catrin Devonald

In 2020 BCAC committee members have been involved in the following committees, conferences and meetings with the aim of improving breast cancer care in New Zealand.



### Libby Burgess, Chairperson

- Attended meetings with Cancer Control Agency Te Aho o Te Kahu and Ministry of Health officials
- Contributed to BCAC's response to the consultation on the Cancer Action Plan February 2020
- Consumer representative: Breast Special Interest Group (BSIG)
- IMPACT (consumer) member and associate member: Breast Cancer Trials (Australia and New Zealand). Libby participated in the virtual IMPACT meeting in September 2020
- Met and corresponded with PHARMAC and responded to consultations on medicines funding
- Attended a number of meetings with pharmaceutical companies and an insurance company
- Attended meetings of the New Zealand Familial Breast and Ovarian Cancer Group (NZFBOC)
- Submitted a response to Medicines NZ's Policy Solutions Working Group consultation in June 2020
- Represented BCAC at the Medicines NZ Parliamentary dinner July 2020
- Contributed to an election request document drafted by CANGO



including the following topics: world class cancer care, equity, access to medicines, workforce, detection and diagnosis, engagement with NGOs in cancer strategy, better data, patient support, clinical trial access and risk reduction

- Recently appointed to the Cancer Control Agency Te Aho o te Kahu Consumer Reference Group
- Invited participant in the Pfizer Virtual Global Breast Cancer Advocacy Summit
- Attended the Breast Cancer InSIGHTs Conference in November 2020
- Enrolled to attend the virtual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium in December 2020 as a consumer advocate.



### **Emma Crowley, Deputy Chairperson**

- Chair of the consumer advisory panel of Cancer Trials NZ
- Consumer representative on two breast cancer trials
- Attended the 2019 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium as a consumer advocate and is enrolled to attend the virtual Symposium this December 2020.



### **Louise Malone, Treasurer**

- Attended meetings with Cancer Control Agency Te Aho o Te Kahu
- Gave presentation 'Translating evidence into action: How breast cancer patients are using evidence to advocate for better access to medicines' at the 'Getting Better with Evidence' conference run by HQSC and University of Auckland, December 2019
- Contributed to BCAC's response to the consultation on the Cancer Action Plan February 2020
- Gave a presentation on patient advocacy to the Haemophilia Foundation, March 2020
- Completed BCAC's funding applications
- Represented BCAC at BSIG meeting, March 2020
- Attended a number of meetings with pharmaceutical companies and an insurance company
- Wrote articles on breast cancer research for BCAC's website
- Submitted a response to Medicines NZ's Policy Solutions Working Group consultation in June 2020
- Represented BCAC at the Medicines NZ Parliamentary Dinner July 2020
- IMPACT (consumer) member and participated in the virtual IMPACT meeting in September 2020.
- Enrolled to attend the virtual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium in December 2020 as a consumer advocate.



### Fay Sowerby, Secretary

- Chair of Breast Cancer Cure, which with the Breast Cancer Research in New Zealand Partnership funds \$750K of research each year
- Member of the Health Research Council Assessment Committee
- Member of Breast Cancer Trials (BCT) Communication and Fundraising Committee
- Attended a meeting with Cancer Control Agency Te Aho o Te Kahu (Dawn Wilson, Chief Advisor Cancer and Dr Nisha Nair, Manager Prioritisation Research and Innovation) and a Consumer Hui organized by the Agency to assist with the design of their consumer engagement model
- Contributed to BCAC's response to the consultation on the Cancer Action Plan February 2020
- Represented BCAC at the Medicines NZ Parliamentary Dinner July 2020
- Attended a number of meetings with pharmaceutical companies, an insurance company and PHARMAC
- Wrote two breast cancer papers: *Moving Towards Personalised Breast Cancer Screening in New Zealand* and *Improving our Breast Screening Protocols*, to advocate for pilot studies to investigate how to improve outcomes for Māori and Pasifika, those with above average risk and those with heterogeneous or extremely dense breasts
- Attended a virtual clinical trials workshop organized by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Health Research Council in August 2020
- Contributed to an election issues document drafted by CANGO including the following topics: world class cancer care, equity, access to medicines, workforce, detection and diagnosis, engagement with NGOs in cancer strategy, better data, patient support, research and clinical trial access and risk reduction
- Participated in the virtual IMPACT meeting in September 2020
- Participated in the virtual BCT Question and Answer session in October 2020
- Represented BCAC at BSIG meetings and the New Zealand Familial Breast and Ovarian Cancer Group (NZFBOC)
- Participated in the virtual INFORMD workshop with a focus on breast density October 2020
- Attended the New Zealand Society of Oncology virtual meeting October 2020
- Attended the Breast Cancer InSIGhts Conference in November 2020
- Registered to attend COSA 47th Annual Scientific virtual meeting November 2020
- Attended the 2019 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium as a consumer advocate and is enrolled to attend the virtual Symposium 8-12 December 2020.





### **Rowena Mortimer, Committee Member**

- Chair, Consumer Advisory Panel to Health Quality and Safety Commission (HQSC)
- IMPACT (consumer) member and participated in the virtual IMPACT meeting in September 2020
- Attended meetings with pharmaceutical companies
- Enrolled to attend the virtual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium in December 2020 as a consumer advocate.



### **Lynda Ames, Committee Member**

- IMPACT (consumer) member and participated in the virtual IMPACT meeting in September 2020
- Attended meetings with pharmaceutical companies
- Participated in the virtual BCT Question and Answer session in October 2020
- Enrolled to attend the virtual San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium in December 2020 as a consumer advocate.



### **Gillian Wintrup, Committee Member**

- Provides a voice for those with advanced breast cancer.



### **Greer Davis, Committee Member**

- Member: BCS Young Women's Support Group
- Provides a voice for young women with cancer.



### **Irene Kereama-Royal, Committee Member**

- Attended the inaugural SING Indigenous Genomics Conference on Indigenous Partnerships in Genomics Science in January 2020
- Guest speaker at the Australian Cancer Genomics Technologies webinar September 2020
- Advocates for removing barriers and improving access to breast cancer diagnosis, treatments and reconstruction options for Māori, Pasifika and rural women
- Attended a meeting with Kenzies Trust to increase Māori engagement in Trust work
- A speaker at the Precision Health Summit 2020; Māori patient's perspective
- Submitted a paper to the Auckland and Waitemata District Health Boards of Māori cultural and ethical perspectives to tissue and data storage and research with Māori women's breast tissue.





Philippa

### Philippa Reed, Committee Member

- Chief Executive of Sweet Louise until April 2020, now Partnership Manager of new BCAC member group, CanTeen Aotearoa
- Attended a meeting with Cancer Control Agency Te Aho o Te Kahu
- Attended meetings with pharmaceutical companies and PHARMAC
- Contributed to BCAC’s response to the consultation on the Cancer Action Plan February 2020.



Terre

### Terre Nicholson, Committee Member

- Co-ordinates both Metavivors NZ and the Metavivors NZ - Action Facebook groups
- Attended a meeting with Cancer Control Agency Te Aho o Te Kahu
- Attended meetings with pharmaceutical companies
- Co-ordinated Metavivors NZ actions in relation to medicines access and liaised with Patient Voice Aotearoa.



Catrin

### Catrin Devonald, Committee Member

- Chief Executive of Sweet Louise
- Joined the BCAC committee in July 2020
- Attended meetings with pharmaceutical companies
- Sweet Louise attends regional Cancer Care Coordinator network meetings.

## Step by Step - Feedback in 2020



### PATIENTS

- “Love the journal – really useful. Love the quotes.”
- “Very helpful kit to keep all information in a neat and tidy way.”
- “Very informative and stages set out beautifully for easy access and understanding and reference.”
- “Awesome. Very helpful.”
- “I think it’s brilliant.”

“I rave about the benefits of these packs, so always check all ‘my’ patients have them. It’s a sterling product you’ve produced.” *Social worker*

“We meet so many women in the course of our support work who have benefited from **Step by Step** in so many ways. It is a wonderful free resource, helping to meet the needs of women experiencing breast cancer on many levels: the practical, the informative and the emotional.”

*Chair, Breast Cancer Support*



## Supporters

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In what has been an extraordinary year, BCAC is particularly grateful for the amazing support we have again received in 2020 from a number of organisations and individuals who have helped us.

Two organisations that have supported us for a number of years continued to do so this year. LeRêve (NZ) Ltd, a health and beauty company, provided us with two generous donations on the back of a successful raffle run by their consultant team. Storage King NZ provides BCAC with free storage for our **Step by Step** support packs and we are very grateful for this practical assistance.

Lachlan McKenzie, whose mother Julie has advanced breast cancer, ran the Queenstown Marathon and raised over \$5,000 for BCAC. This was an outstanding achievement and provided much needed funds for us to continue to support, inform and represent New Zealanders with breast cancer.

BCAC was also very grateful to receive a grant from the Louisa and Patrick Emmett Murphy Foundation to provide support for Aucklanders with metastatic breast cancer via our Metavivor Facebook groups, evidence-based information on our website, our newsletters and our campaigns for access to better treatments.



As in previous years, a Lottery Community grant has helped us with the cost of distributing **Step by Step**, our support pack, and to maintain BCAC's website. Against the backdrop of COVID-19 and the financial impacts of this across the economy, we were also grateful to receive an educational grant from Pfizer to support our ongoing participation in national and international breast cancer research and scientific meetings.

As always, we were thrilled to receive donations from members of the public which have come to us both directly and through The Good Registry, with whom we are a charity partner. BCAC would also like to acknowledge the support of Carolina at Dot Design who continues to support us with her wonderful design work on our Annual Report.

BCAC thanks all these organisations and individuals who have supported us this year and made our work and achievements for New Zealanders possible.

**“Our patients really appreciate *Step by Step*. Easy to read and the diagrams help us to explain difficult concepts.”**

*Breast cancer nurse*



## BCAC Member Groups

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BCAC is proud to work closely with all our members from the community to improve detection, care and treatment for all New Zealanders with breast cancer. Along with many individual members, BCAC is made up of more than 30 breast cancer related groups.

Age Concern  
Alleviate  
Ascot Radiology Pink Dragons  
Boobops Dragon Boat Team  
Breast Cancer Action Trust  
Breast Cancer Foundation New Zealand  
Breast Cancer Cure  
Breast Cancer Support Inc  
Breast Cancer Support Northland Trust  
Breast Cancer Support Service Tauranga Trust  
Busting with Life  
CanTeen Aotearoa  
Hope Emerges  
Horowhenua Pink Ladies BCS Group  
Kenzie's Gift  
Life 2.0  
Look Good Feel Better  
Lymphoedema Support Network  
Mamazon Club  
Metavivors NZ  
Pinc Cancer Rehabilitation Program  
Rotorua Breast Cancer Trust  
Shocking Pink  
Support Crew  
Sweet Louise  
Taranaki Dragons  
Te Ha o Te Oranga o Ngati Whatua  
Terrier Race Against Time  
The Gift of Knowledge  
Waikato Breast Cancer Research Trust  
Waikato Treasure Chests  
Well Women and Family Trust



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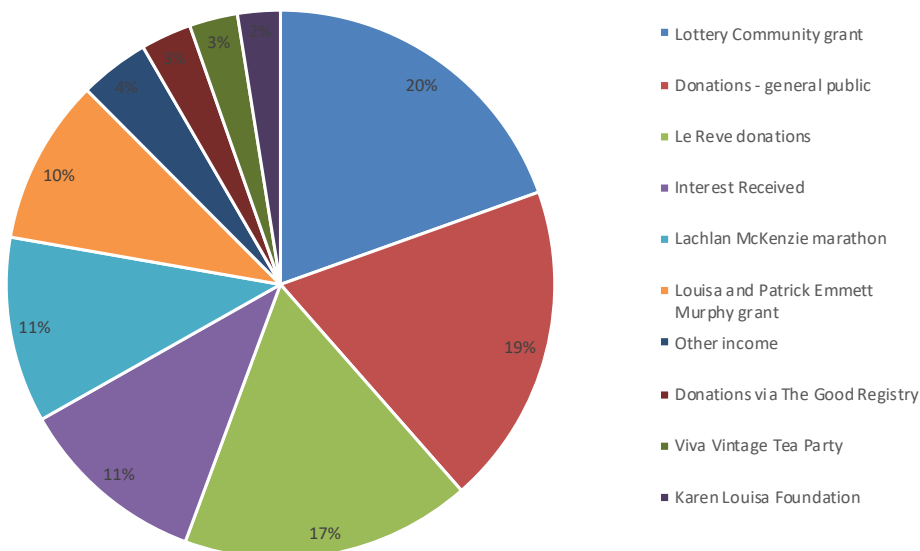


## Financials

### BCAC Revenue 2019/20

Funding Source	Amount (\$)
Lottery Community grant	\$10,000
Donations - general public	\$9,725
Le Reve donations	\$8,759
Interest Received	\$5,721
Lachlan McKenzie marathon	\$5,605
Louisa and Patrick Emmett Murphy grant	\$5,000
Other income	\$2,108
Donations via The Good Registry	\$1,528
Viva Vintage Tea Party	\$1,458
Karen Louisa Foundation	\$1,289
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$51,193</b>

BCAC Revenue to 31 March 2020





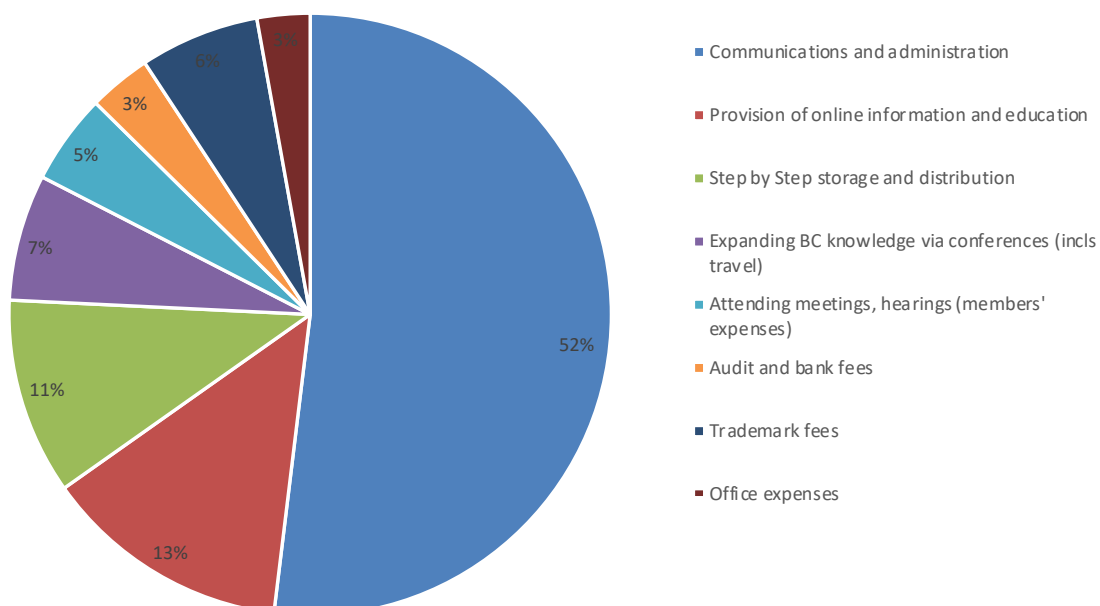


## Financials

### BCAC Expenses 2019/20

Expenses	Amount (\$)
Communications and administration	\$26,856
Provision of online information and education	\$6,872
<b>Step by Step</b> storage and distribution	\$5,455
Expanding BC knowledge via conferences (incls travel)	\$3,507
Attending meetings, hearings (members' expenses)	\$2,505
Audit and bank fees	\$1,736
Trademark fees	\$3,319
Office expenses	\$1,469
Other expenditure	\$550
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$52,269</b>

BCAC Expenditure to 31 March 2020





## Plans for 2021

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### FOR 2021, OUR ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

#### ***To make world class detection, treatment and care accessible to all affected by breast cancer in New Zealand***

- Continue engagement with decision makers at all levels. Liaise with Ministers, MPs, the Cancer Control Agency Te Aho o Te Kahu and the Ministry of Health to advocate for improved breast cancer screening, treatment, outcomes and equity
- Continue to update our knowledge of effective treatments through interaction with medical experts and attendance at research meetings
- Support the establishment and implementation of Quality Performance Indicators for breast cancer
- Support the development of NZ Guidelines for Advanced Breast Cancer
- Raise awareness of new and emerging medicines and the need for increased medicines funding
- Meet with PHARMAC to champion access to new and innovative medicines proven to deliver results
- Meet with pharmaceutical companies and encourage them to register their innovative medicines in New Zealand, offer them at affordable prices and free of charge to patients when funding is imminent
- Continually review the performance of the Cancer Control Agency Te Aho o Te Kahu and take action as required, including advocating for improvements
- Advocate for new ways that breast cancer care can be provided to improve outcomes
- Consult, engage with and, when appropriate, represent Māori and Pasifika women on breast issues and advocate for actions needed to increase access to services, and improve breast cancer experiences and outcomes
- Increase education and knowledge of breast cancer, treatments, supportive care and emerging clinical trial results by attending and promoting local and international expert meetings and conferences
- Advocate for the establishment of schemes such as early medicines access and dedicated cancer drug funds
- Continue networking and collaboration among groups and individuals.

***To provide information and support to empower those with breast cancer to make informed choices about their treatment and care***

- Widely distribute our updated 4th edition of **Step by Step** to women newly diagnosed with breast cancer
- Provide information and support for those with early and advanced breast cancer
- Provide up to date information via our website about breast cancer and our advocacy work
- Communicate with the breast cancer community via our Facebook page and Twitter
- Continue to support the Metavivors NZ and Metavivors NZ – Action Facebook groups
- Distribute news and information via our e-newsletter to hundreds of subscribers
- Respond to requests for information and support.

***To provide a unified evidence-based voice for New Zealanders who have experienced breast cancer***

- Advocate for timely access to world-class breast care, including treatments and supportive care in New Zealand
- Raise awareness of advanced breast cancer and the needs of people whose disease is terminal.
- Participate in a wide range of local, regional and national breast cancer-related working groups, committees and organisations
- Respond to consultation opportunities relating to breast cancer
- Provide a public voice through ongoing liaison with media, interviews and media releases
- Support and promote initiatives enabling the early detection of breast cancer such as mammographic screening, breast density reporting and breast awareness by meeting regularly with BreastScreen Aotearoa to encourage continual progress with the National Screening programme, including broadening the eligible age band
- Provide information and comment on the most effective ways to achieve early detection

***To support the activities of BCAC through promotion and fundraising***

- Apply for grants from charitable trusts
- Approach businesses for funding to support specific projects and activities
- Welcome public donations via our website and newsletters

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