



ANNUAL REPORT **2019**



Together we're stronger
Tangata tū pakari tonu



Chairperson's Report

2019 has been a year of action, collaboration, synergy and achievement for BCAC and for NZ women with breast cancer. The October 2018 presentation to Parliament of petitions for funding Kadcylla (from Sue Wall-Cade) and Ibrance (from Terre Nicholson) was a touchstone moment in advocacy for breast cancer medicines. On that day, BCAC Committee members joined with Metavivors and their families and supporters from all over New Zealand to let the Government know that effective new breast cancer medicines are needed now. BCAC has informed successive governments that New Zealanders are missing out on medicines recognised as standard care and funded across the developed world. Our united voice has proven to be a catalyst for change. The BCFNZ report *I'm Still Here* showed how NZ's failure to provide modern medicines has impacted on the quality and length of life of women with advanced breast cancer, and that impacts are magnified in Māori women.

Wiki Malton and her husband Malcolm Mulholland came from Palmerston North with massive whānau support to attend the petition event. They have since both taken leadership roles in making New Zealanders aware of the need to invest more in medicines, engaging frequently with media, with Wiki being awarded the Manawatu Standard's 'Woman of the Year' title and Malcom going on to chair the newly formed collective, Patient Voice Aotearoa.

Many Metavivors followed up on the petition by travelling to Wellington again to present personal submissions to the Health Select Committee (HSC). Anyone who listened to these would have been deeply moved by the passion and honesty in the evidence of needless suffering provided by these articulate, intelligent and remarkable women. BCAC, Sweet Louise and BCFNZ also provided submissions on the petitions. Throughout the year Metavivors have stood up and told their stories across the nation and this has greatly increased public and political awareness of the impacts of forcing women and their families to fundraise or go without vital medicines, and the need for change. Sadly many of these women have now passed away. BCAC has huge respect and love for each and every one of these courageous women. We honour them and we send aroha to their families.

BCAC instigated a further petition in 2019, seeking increases in PHARMAC's funding to provide the breast cancer medicines listed in international guidelines for advanced breast cancer. BCAC's Deputy Chair, Emma Crowley, led this petition and marched to Parliament in May with other Patient Voice Aotearoa disease groups who were also presenting petitions for the medicines they need. We attended a HSC hearing to present evidence on our petition in August.

BCAC had written the formal applications to PHARMAC for funding of fulvestrant and later line use of a CDK4/6 inhibitor for advanced breast cancer in 2018. During 2019 year the Government announced modest increases to the medicines budget that allowed PHARMAC to make positive funding decisions on Kadcylla (T-DM1), a CDK4/6 inhibitor such as Ibrance (palbociclib) or Kisqali (ribociclib) and Faslodex (fulvestrant). Although PHARMAC has not yet initiated funding for these medicines, pharmaceutical company Roche is providing Kadcylla free of charge to patients in the interim and AstraZeneca is providing Faslodex. We hope to see the same response from Pfizer or Novartis once the successful supplier of a CDK4/6 inhibitor is identified. We are absolutely delighted that our formal submissions and our combined advocacy has had tangible positive impacts on the lives of women needing these medicines.

Despite this success NZ's medicines budget remains unacceptably low and must be brought into line with other OECD countries. Patients with breast cancer and other diseases should not have to petition the Government for medicines proven to be effective. Fundamental change is needed to the speed and transparency of PHARMAC's processes and without substantial change to the medicines budget the suffering will persist. For this reason, BCAC is fully supporting Malcolm Mulholland's petition to double, then triple the PHARMAC budget and reform PHARMAC. We strongly encourage all our members and supporters to sign the petition at this link: <http://bit.ly/MedsFundingPetition>

BCAC, led by Secretary Fay Sowerby, made submissions on a range of aspects of the health system affecting women with breast cancer this year, including the Health and Disabilities System Review, the Cancer Action Plan and the Health Research Strategy. Committee member Irene Kereama-Royal led BCAC's engagement with the Northern DHBs to encourage expanded provision of chemotherapy at Counties Manukau and Waitemata.

Another outstanding character in NZ's cancer landscape this year was Southland farmer Blair Vining. He was diagnosed with bowel cancer, received slow and inadequate care from his local DHB and needed an unfunded medicine. He and his family galvanised the nation through their advocacy and Blair's petition to create an independent cancer agency to address NZ's cancer death rates, which was signed by 140,000 New Zealanders. Sadly, Blair passed away in October, but his wife Missy continues to advocate for reform of cancer care.

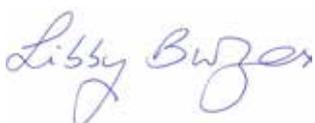
While it is positive that the Government has recently established a Cancer Control Agency we are concerned, as was Blair, that the Agency demonstrates it is able to challenge existing systems and provide independent advice and innovative action. BCAC will reach out to the Agency's Director and Board in our ongoing attempts to bring positive reform across the breast cancer pathway. We have been advocating for the development and implementation of Standards to improve breast cancer outcomes for six years and we look forward to seeing positive progress for early and advanced breast cancer in 2020.

We concur with the Cancer Agency's push for equity. However, the plan's current strong emphasis on prevention will not achieve improved outcomes for all with breast cancer as it addresses only the few risk factors that can be modified. Breast cancer is a molecular and genetic disease which will mainly be resolved through ongoing research, and increased precision by utilising new and improved technologies across the pathway. We believe precision medicine must be delivered with a consumer-centric focus, including Māori women, their whānau and communities, to improve our understanding of risk, detection, diagnosis, treatment, surveillance and care.

The plan implies new developments should occur at some point in the future. Research is telling us that new technologies although costly will provide benefit to consumers and the system now. A realistic plan will facilitate research to understand the value of implementing some of these changes across our community now as well as in the future.

This year has certainly shown the truth of BCAC's motto, *Tangata tū pakari tonu*, Together we're stronger. We have met and worked with some fabulous people, within and beyond our member groups, who are passionate about achieving world class breast cancer care and other disease care for New Zealanders. Our united voices have reached New Zealanders in all walks of life and have gained the attention of the politicians who are responsible for and capable of ensuring our healthcare system delivers the standard of detection, treatment and care we all deserve. We've made progress this year but there is still much to do and we'll continue to do our best for everyone with breast cancer in Aotearoa.

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou, warm greetings to all.



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 2019

Information and resources

- Delivered more than 1400 Step by Step support packs to New Zealanders newly diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Printed 5,000 copies of the new 4th edition of **Step by Step**.
- Provided information on breast cancer diagnosis, treatment and recovery via our website 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 2300 New Zealanders through the BCAC Facebook page.
- Supported more than 350 New Zealanders with advanced breast cancer through the online community Metavivors NZ and the newly created **Metavivors NZ - Action** page.
- Responded to more than 60 queries through the BCAC website and Facebook page.

Providing a voice for those diagnosed with breast cancer

- Helped raise the voice of women with breast cancer through BCAC media releases and media interviews.
- BCAC provides consumer representation on the Breast Special Interest Group (BSIG) of breast cancer specialists, and BCAC Chair Libby Burgess and Secretary Fay Sowerby attended BSIG meetings this year.
- BCAC Deputy Chair Emma Crowley is Chair of the Consumer Advisory Panel of Cancer Trials New Zealand.
- Fay Sowerby, BCAC Secretary, is a member of the Breast Cancer Trials Fundraising and Communications Committee and a consumer representative on the New Zealand Familial Breast and Ovarian Cancer Group.
- BCAC Committee member Rowena Mortimer is Chair of the Consumer Advisory Panel of the Health Quality and Safety Commission.



- BCAC provided written responses to consultations from PHARMAC on medical devices, on the New Zealand Health Research Strategy, on the Health and Disability System Review, and on the Cancer Action Plan.
- BCAC joined 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.
- 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 new consumer group, Patient Voice Aotearoa (PVA)- He Reo Tūroro o Aotearoa. This group is developing a strong voice advocating for medicines and other improvements in the NZ health system across a wide range of disease groups including breast cancer. BCAC is supporting a PVA petition calling for a review of PHARMAC and doubling then tripling the medicines budget.



Multi-group march in May 2019

Improving access to world class treatment and care

- There has been a wide range of interviews with Chair Libby Burgess and Deputy Chair Emma Crowley across radio, print and TV media about the need for new medicines for New Zealanders with breast cancer.
- The petitions of Metavivors Terre Nicholson and Sue Wall-Cade asking for public funding for two medicines for advanced breast cancer - palbociclib (Ibrance, a CDK 4/6 inhibitor) and T-DM1 (Kadcyla) - yielded great results this year.
- Terre and Sue presented their petitions to Parliament in October 2018 and spoke to the Health Select Committee in support of them in March 2019. Sweet Louise, Breast Cancer Foundation NZ and BCAC also made supportive submissions. BCAC's submission provided a comprehensive description of the problems with the PHARMAC model and its impacts on those desperately needing access to medicines.
- In August 2019, PHARMAC issued a proposal to fund Kadcyla (T-DM1) from 1 December.
- BCAC gave feedback on the Kadcyla proposal and it now includes women who have had pertuzumab (Perjeta) and Herceptin as prior treatment. Women with advanced HER2 positive breast cancer are now receiving



BCAC members the day of Kadcyla funding announcement

Kadcyla, provided free of charge by Roche NZ until PHARMAC funding begins.

- BCAC's applications to PHARMAC for fulvestrant and second-line palbociclib were also successful this year.
- In September 2019, PHARMAC announced it is planning to fund fulvestrant (Faslodex) and called for tenders for a CDK 4/6 inhibitor to be provided first line and second line e.g. palbociclib (Ibrance) or ribociclib. Women with advanced oestrogen receptor positive breast cancer will receive fulvestrant free of charge from AstraZeneca until PHARMAC funding begins.
- In May 2019, BCAC marched to Parliament to present a petition to increase New Zealand's medicines budget to fund the medicines identified as the standard of care in international guidelines. This would include six new breast cancer drugs and extend the uses of three others. We marched with other disease groups in the umbrella group Patient Voice Aotearoa. We all presented petitions at the same time requesting the funding of various medicines – eight petitions were presented requesting funding for more than 20 medicines.
- The BCAC petition urges the Minister of Health to provide sufficient funding to PHARMAC to subsidise all of the drugs listed in the European ESO-ESMO ABC guidelines for the treatment of advanced breast cancer.
 - In just under two weeks we gathered 6433 signatures.
 - In August we presented a submission supporting the petition to the Health Select Committee.
- BCAC represented New Zealanders with breast cancer as consumer advocates at key international conferences, including the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium.
- Met regularly with Ministry of Health officials to discuss matters of significance regarding women with breast cancer.
- Communicated with PHARMAC representatives to discuss the urgent need for better access to new and innovative medicines.
- Met with pharmaceutical companies to encourage them to apply for registration and funding for key breast cancer drugs, to offer their products at affordable prices and to provide their medicines free of charge between PHARMAC decision to fund and the start of funding.
- Attended conferences and meetings to remain up-to-date with the latest thinking and innovations. This included the Cancer Care at a Crossroads



The images are from the march to Parliament for 6 health groups and 2 individuals to present 8 petitions in total. Photos by Lung Foundation NZ



Libby and Phillipa

conference in Wellington in January 2019 where international expert in advanced breast cancer, Fatima Cardoso, described how perilously behind in breast cancer care New Zealand is compared to other countries. BCAC members also attended presentations on cancer medicines assessment by Sir Andrew Dillon, CEO of the UK's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

- BCAC wrote a submission to the Finance and Expenditure Committee on The Budget in January 2019. This included calling for PHARMAC's budget for purchasing medicines to be increased to the OECD average.
- In October 2019 BCAC provided feedback on the New Zealand Cancer Action Plan. We are also advocating for the new Cancer Control Agency to change its current position that access to cancer medicines is not a priority for the agency.



*BCAC committee members
at Cancer Care at a
Crossroads conference
Jan 2019*

Improving outcomes for Māori and Pasifika women

- 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 processes that are inclusive of people of diverse cultures.
- We worked with all Auckland DHBs to improve treatment options by improving local delivery of chemotherapy and targeted therapies into South Auckland. This work continues.
- BCAC wrote a detailed report for the Auckland District Health Board - How can ADHB achieve greater equity and improved outcomes for Māori and Pasifika breast cancer patients and how could BCAC assist?
- BCAC committee members Irene Kereama-Royal, Fay Sowerby and Libby Burgess contributed to a viewpoint article - *Resisting ethnic inequities in advanced breast cancer: A call to action* - submitted by researchers at AUT to the NZ Medical Journal.



Those serving on the BCAC committee during 2019 were:

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

In 2019 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 Ministry of Health officials and BreastScreen Aotearoa
- Met with Auckland District Health Board and Counties Manukau District Health Board representatives to discuss our concern about ethnic inequities and the lack of chemotherapy treatment in South Auckland, Northland and Waitemata February 2019
- Consumer representative: Breast Special Interest Group (BSIG)
- IMPACT (consumer) member and associate member: Breast Cancer Trials
- Attended presentation by international advanced breast cancer specialist Fatima Cardoso January 2019
- Attended the Cancer Care at a Crossroads conference January 2019
- Developed a submission to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee February 2019
- Attended Current Trends in Immuno-Oncology dinner Auckland March 2019
- Represented BCAC at Patient Voice Aotearoa workshop and meetings
- Attended a number of meetings with pharmaceutical companies
- Attended presentation by UK's NICE CEO Sir Andrew Dillion in Auckland July 2019
- Represented BCAC at the Medicines NZ Parliamentary dinner June 2019

- Co-authored a paper *Resisting ethnic inequities in advanced breast cancer: A call to action* with Irene Kereama-Royal, Metavivors and breast cancer researchers for the NZ Medical Journal
- Attended the Cancer Trials NZ consumer training course in August 2019
- Contributed to BCAC's response to the Health and Disabilities System Review in May
- Contributed to BCAC's response to the Cancer Action Plan October 2019
- Developed BCAC's submission to support our petition and appeared before the HSC in August 2019 to speak to that petition to fund breast cancer drugs presented in May 2019.



Emma Crowley, Deputy Chairperson

- Chair of the consumer advisory panel of Cancer Trials NZ
- Consumer representative on two breast cancer trials
- Met with Auckland District Health Board and Counties Manukau District Health Board representatives to discuss our concern about ethnic inequities and the lack of chemotherapy treatment in South Auckland, Northland and Waitemata in October 2018 and February 2019
- Attended the Cancer Care at a Crossroads conference January 2019
- Presented BCAC's petition, *Petition of Emma Crowley for Breast Cancer Aotearoa Coalition: Fund breast cancer drugs*, to Parliament in May 2019
- Developed BCAC's submission to support our petition and appeared before the HSC in August 2019 to speak to that petition to fund breast cancer drugs presented in May 2019
- Attended the Cancer Trials NZ training course in August 2019
- Will attend the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium December 2019 as a consumer advocate.



Louise Malone, Treasurer

- Met with Auckland District Health Board and Counties Manukau District Health Board representatives to discuss our concern about ethnic inequities and the lack of chemotherapy treatment in South Auckland, Northland and Waitemata in October 2018 and February 2019
- Attended presentation by international advanced breast cancer expert Dr Fatima Cardoso, January 2019
- Attended the Cancer Care at a Crossroads conference Wellington January 2019
- Developed a submission to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee February 2019
- Attended Current Trends in Immuno-Oncology dinner Auckland March 2019
- Responded to consultation on Charities Act Review March 2019
- Attended meetings with Ministry of Health officials and BreastScreen Aotearoa
- Completed BCAC's funding applications
- Contributed to BCAC's response to the Health and Disabilities System Review in May 2019

- Represented BCAC at the Medicines NZ Parliamentary Dinner June 2019
- Attended presentation by UK's NICE CEO Sir Andrew Dillion in Auckland July 2019
- Helped to write BCAC's submission on our petition to fund breast cancer drugs and attended the HSC hearing in Wellington August 2019
- Responded to PHARMAC consultation on medical devices.



Fay Sowerby, Secretary

- Chair of BCAC member group, Breast Cancer Cure
- Member of the Health Research Council Assessment Committee
- Member of Breast Cancer Trials Communication and Fundraising Committee
- Met with Auckland District Health Board and Counties Manukau District Health Board representatives to discuss our concern about ethnic inequities and the lack of chemotherapy treatment in South Auckland, Northland and Waitemata in February 2019
- Attended presentation by international advanced breast cancer expert Dr Fatima Cardoso, January 2019
- Attended the Cancer Care at a Crossroads conference January 2019
- Developed and distributed a document titled, *Health Resourcing Issues impacting Advanced Breast Cancer patients across the country* to the MOH Director General and Minister of Health following a discussion at Breast SIG, March 2019
- Attended Current Trends in Immuno-Oncology dinner Auckland March 2019
- Marched in support of the Emma Crowley petition presented to Parliament March 2019
- Developed BCAC's response to the Health & Disability System Review May 2019
- Attended meetings with Ministry of Health officials and BreastScreen Aotearoa
- Represented BCAC at the Medicines NZ Parliamentary Dinner June 2019
- Attended presentation by UK's NICE CEO Sir Andrew Dillion in Auckland July 2019
- Attended a number of meetings with pharmaceutical companies
- Provided research input into *Resisting ethnic inequities in advanced breast cancer: A call to action*, submitted to the NZ Medical Journal in July 2019
- Represented BCAC at BSIG meetings and the newly formed New Zealand Familial Breast and Ovarian Cancer Group (NZFBOC)
- Presented Risk assessment: A Consumer's Vision at the NZFBOC August 2019 meeting
- Development of BCC and BCAC's response to the Cancer Action Plan October 2019
- Attended the opening of the new BreastScreen Auckland and St Marks Breast Centre October 2019
- Attended NZ Breast Cancer Research Workshop November 2019
- Attended Cancer Trials NZ Scientific Meeting Wellington, 2019
- Attended NZ Society of Oncology Wellington October 2019
- Will attend the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium December 2019 as a consumer advocate.



Rowena Mortimer, Committee Member

- Chair, Consumer Advisory Panel to Health Quality and Safety Commission (HQSC)
- Consumer representative member of Cross Sector Alliance Group (ACC, MOH and HQSC) in relation to falls and fractures.



Lynda Ames, Committee Member

- Metavivors NZ Co-ordinator
- Appeared before the HSC in March 2019 to speak to petitions from fellow Metavivors to fund breast cancer drugs Kadcylla and Ibrance.



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

- Advocates for removing barriers and improving access to breast cancer diagnosis, treatments and reconstruction options for Māori, Pasifika and rural women
- Attended the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium December 2018 as a consumer advocate
- Met with Auckland District Health Board and Counties Manukau District Health Board representatives to discuss our concern about ethnic inequities and the lack of chemotherapy treatment in South Auckland, Northland and Waitemata in October 2018 and February 2019
- Co-authored a paper *Resisting ethnic inequities in advanced breast cancer: A call to action* with Libby Burgess, Metavivors and breast cancer researchers for the NZ Medical Journal
- Presented at the NZ Breast Cancer Research Workshop November 2019
- Interviews for Stuff.co.nz, Māori News Media and RNZ about addressing inequities for Māori breast cancer outcomes.



Philippa Reed, Committee Member

- Chief Executive of BCAC member group, Sweet Louise
- Attended presentation by international advanced breast cancer specialist Fatima Cardoso January 2019
- Attended the Cancer Care at a Crossroads conference January 2019
- Appeared before the HSC in March 2019 to speak to the Sweet Louise submission in support of the petitions from Metavivors NZ to fund breast cancer drugs Kadcylla and Ibrance
- Contributed to BCAC's submission to the Health & Disability Review
- Attended the Cancer Trials NZ training course in August 2019
- Contributed to BCAC's response to the Cancer Action Plan October 2019.





Terre Nicholson, Committee Member

- Appeared before the HSC in December 2018 and March 2019 to speak to her own petition to fund breast cancer drugs Ibrance and Kadcylla
- Represented BCAC at the Medicines New Zealand Parliamentary Dinner June 2019
- Attended a meeting with Ministry of Health officials in June 2019
- Co-ordinated Metavivors NZ actions in relation to medicines access
- Enrolled to attend the NZ Breast Cancer Research Workshop in November 2019
- Set up and co-ordinates the Metavivors NZ – Action Group.

Step by Step - Feedback in 2019

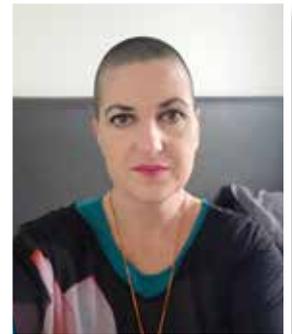


PATIENTS

- “Absolutely fantastic. Incredibly helpful, so well thought out. Can’t emphasise enough how good it was to have that and the other breast cancer material, and to have it so early in the journey.”
- “Excellent. Very informative.”

“Love it. Bright, colourful, useful and informative. I added a calendar to mine and notepaper for notes. Now take it everywhere with me.”

- “Excellent. Very supportive. Lots of information.”
- “Still reading the information pack. Really clear and precise.”
- “It is an exceptional resource and the diary has been great for me to journal everything.”



Step by Step advocate
Ethna Renner

BREAST CARE NURSES & CANCER SUPPORT TEAMS

“Thanks so much - it’s a fabulous resource. Women really appreciate it.”

Oncology social worker

- “Hi. My patients love your books... great service.”

Oncology nurse

“They are an excellent resource.”

Breast cancer nurse





Supporters

BCAC is very grateful for the tremendous support we have received again this year from all the organisations and individuals who have helped us both financially and in kind.

In particular, BCAC would like to acknowledge the generous support of the Breast Cancer Foundation New Zealand who were once again principal funders of our new edition of the Step by Step support pack. We are also grateful for contributions from the Ministry of Health, the Southern Trust, the Oxford Sports Trust, Pub Charity Ltd and the Trust House Foundation towards this project. A Lottery Community grant has helped to maintain BCAC's website and with the cost of distributing Step by Step.

Organisations that have supported us for a number of years have helped us again this year. The Karen Louisa Foundation continued to provide valuable support for the activities of Metavivors, representing women with metastatic breast cancer. In a great initiative, health and beauty company LeRêve (NZ) Ltd raised funds for BCAC with a very successful Fun Run sponsored by staff, family members and customers. We are grateful to them and also to Storage King NZ who continue to provide free storage for our Step by Step support packs.

We are delighted with donations from members of the public, which we have received directly and via the Good Registry who partner with us. BCAC also acknowledges the efforts of individuals who have been motivated by their family experiences with breast cancer to run fundraisers for our work. Wellingtonian Lachlan McKenzie has spent months training for the Queenstown Marathon with the goal of raising funds for BCAC – \$100 for every km. He is inspired by his Mum Julie Bunnell, who has advanced breast cancer and greatly appreciates BCAC's work. We thank you Lachlan and Julie. BCAC also thanks Charlene Barnett, who recently ran a very successful Vintage High Tea Party in memory of her sister, beloved former BCAC Committee member Moana Papa.

BCAC thanks all these organisations and individuals. Your generosity allows BCAC to keep on supporting, informing and representing all New Zealanders with breast cancer.

Viva Vintage



Julie and Lachlan



BCAC Member Groups

BCAC is unique in the breast cancer community in that it is a coalition of more than 30 breast cancer-related groups and many individual members. We are proud to work closely with all our members to improve detection, care and treatment for all New Zealanders with breast cancer.

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 Tauranga Trust
Busting with Life
HER2 Heroes
Hope Emerges
Horowhenua Pink Ladies BCS Group
IBC Australasia
Kenzie's Gift
Life 2.0
Look Good Feel Better
Lymphoedema Support Network
Metavivors NZ
The Mamazon Club
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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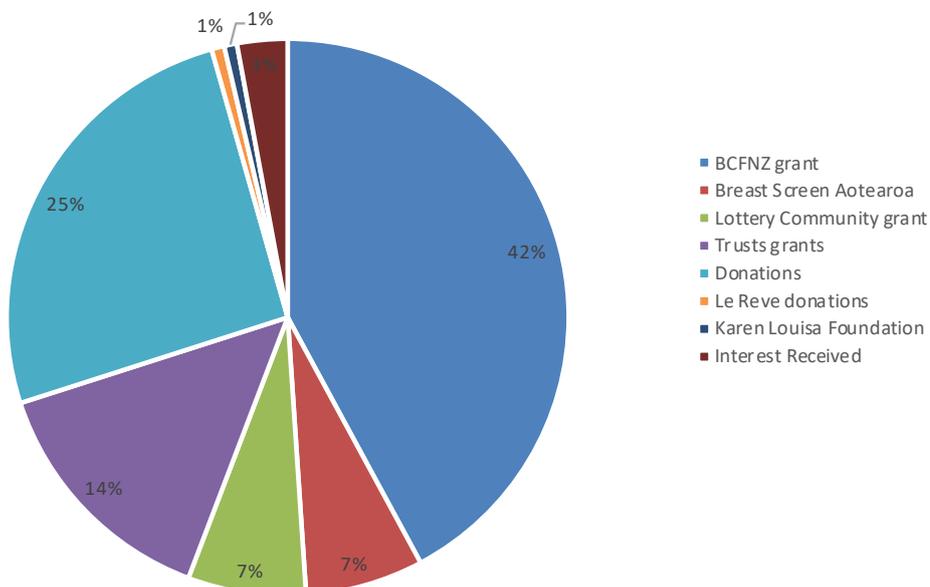


Financials

BCAC Revenue 2019

Funding Source	Amount (\$)	Percent
BCFNZ grant	\$62,009	42
Breast Screen Aotearoa	\$10,000	7
Lottery Community grant	\$10,000	7
Trusts grants	\$21,000	14
Donations	\$37,671	26
Le Reve donations	\$1,080	1
Karen Louisa Foundation	\$1,079	1
Interest Received	\$4,265	3
Total Income	\$147,105	100

BCAC Revenue to 31 March 2019



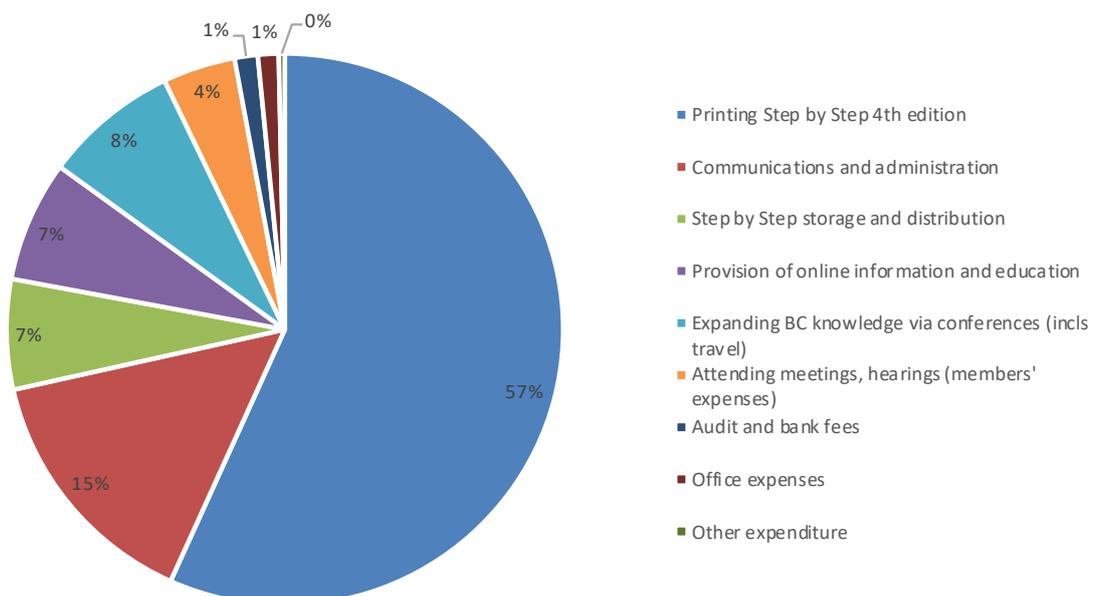


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BCAC Expenses 2019

Expenses	Amount (\$)	Percent
Printing Step by Step 4th edition	\$79,960	57
Communications and administration	\$20,801	15
Step by Step storage and distribution	\$9,095	6
Provision of online information and education	\$9,985	7
Expanding BC knowledge via conferences (incl's travel)	\$11,074	8
Attending meetings, hearings (members' expenses)	\$5,936	4
Audit and bank fees	\$1,899	1
Office expenses	\$1,698	1
Other expenditure	\$492	0
Total Expenses	\$140,940	100

BCAC Expenditure to 31 March 2019





Plans for 2020

For 2020, 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 and the Ministry of Health to advocate for improved breast cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, outcomes and equity
- Advocate for and support development of QPIs and Standards for early and advanced breast cancer
- Raise awareness of new and emerging medicines
- 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
- Promote methods to facilitate access to new and innovative medicines, such as early access schemes and dedicated cancer drug funds
- Support the Patient Voice Aotearoa petition to increase the pharmaceuticals budget and reform PHARMAC's processes
- Continually review the performance of the new Cancer Control Agency and take action as required, including advocating for improvements
- Promote an aspirational, future-focused approach to all aspects of breast cancer care in New Zealand
- Consult and engage with Māori and Pasifika women and the Government about breast cancer issues and the actions and support needed to achieve equity
- 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

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
- Support Sweet Louise in raising awareness of their new information book for people with 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
- Distribute news and information via our e-newsletter to hundreds of subscribers
- Respond to requests for information and support.
- Continue networking and collaboration among groups and individuals.

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 psychological care in New Zealand
- 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 extending the screening age range
- Promote breast cancer research in New Zealand
- Seek improved access to clinical trials for NZ breast cancer patients
- Promote the collection of high breast cancer data.

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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