Our Annual Story
The 2018 Report of Alzheimers NZ
About us

Alzheimers NZ is the lead organisation at a national level representing people living with dementia.

Established over 30 years ago, Alzheimers NZ focuses on raising awareness of dementia, supporting people with dementia to live well, and advocating for more and better services for all New Zealanders affected by dementia.

Our goal is to help build an open and inclusive society - a place where people living with dementia feel valued, where they can contribute to and participate in their communities, and where they feel safe.

This includes striving for a society in which we all understand more about dementia and how it affects people and are more accepting and supportive of those living with the condition.

It also includes working closely with and helping to guide the thinking of the health sector decision makers and influencers who develop policy to address what is one of the biggest healthcare challenges facing this country.

We work at a national level, we work at a local level through our local Alzheimers organisations (our Members and other partner organisations) that provide services locally and engage directly with people living with dementia, and we work at a global level through our membership of Alzheimer’s Disease International.

This document has been produced in a dementia friendly style. It uses fonts and spacing that makes it as easy as possible for people with dementia to read.

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Chair’s and CE’s report

A clear message to government: You need to do more and do better

Dementia is a long-running issue with long-term implications for our society and our economy, and if government doesn’t start to tackle dementia now, they won’t have the choice or opportunity down the track to tackle a myriad of other issues.

So, dementia is the archetype intergenerational challenge. Despite that, we are, unfortunately, not overly confident that the government’s upcoming ‘Wellbeing Budget’ will include initiatives that begin to recognise and address the problems dementia poses to New Zealand and New Zealanders.

But no matter what the 2019 Budget holds for the dementia community in New Zealand, you can rest assured Alzheimers NZ will continue to ‘hold this government to account’, as the opposition terms it.

We have a very busy year planned for 2019 with a clear focus on continued advocacy and political influence, on the provision of tangible support services to people living with dementia, and on education and research.

We will also continue to focus on our mission of building a more inclusive society that better understands, accepts and supports people living with dementia.

This is a key plank of our plan to build a dementia friendly New Zealand, a goal that underpinned our efforts during what was a very busy 2018.

Only some of that year’s work (2018) can be covered in this annual report, purely because page numbers are limited, but it’s safe to say the highlight of the year was our 2018 conference Tackling Dementia: It’s everybody’s business, which showcased in Auckland in late October.

A truly wonderful event of which we are very proud, the conference attracted just on 300 delegates, including a record number of people living with dementia and caregivers, academics and researchers in relevant fields, and people who work in the sector and support people living with dementia.

A lot of hard work goes into organising such a conference by a committed team, but the result was again very much worth the effort.

We were also busy on the advocacy front in 2018, among other things presenting Health Minister Dr David Clark with our pre-Budget briefing paper in which we urged his government to ‘do more and do better’ for the tens of thousands of New Zealanders living with dementia, and for their care partners and families/whānau.
We advised the Minister that support services and systems for New Zealanders affected by dementia are woefully inadequate and we implored him to begin to implement in full the NZ Framework for Dementia Care that has sat, mostly idle, for the last five years. We are not demanding the government fix the whole problem right now; we are urging them to at least begin the process.

Another highlight of our year was the one-off $390,000 donation we received – extremely gratefully! - from Ryman Healthcare, the largest charity fundraising donation we have ever received and one that made a significant difference to our ability to support New Zealanders living with dementia.

This cash injection, together with monies raised by our very successful National Donor Programme (NDP), is being used to fund both front-line support services for people living with dementia and their care partners and national programmes like Dementia Friends and our Services and Standards model.

Front-line services will also benefit from the work we have done in 2018 on our Dementia Services and Standards model. Four Alzheimers Member organisations were audited under the model last year and work is underway to develop the services based on the findings. The goal is to enhance the consistency and quality of services based on a human rights model.

And 2018 also saw the launch of our Dementia Friends programme which has around 3,000 Dementia Friends, who have learnt something about dementia and its impacts and turned that knowledge into action.

Alzheimers NZ also formed partnerships to work actively with a range of other like-minded organisations. With the view that the sum is greater than the various parts, our longer-term goal is to collaborate on joint initiatives and policies that will benefit our mutual constituencies.

The same mindset underpinned our decision to participate in the production of the international documentary series Every Three Seconds, so titled because it reflects the fact that the estimated incidence of dementia worldwide amounts to one new case every three seconds.
We urge you to read the rest of this report, which goes into more detail about this documentary and about the range of other initiatives Alzheimers NZ rolled out during 2018.

The successes we achieved in 2018 would not have occurred without the hard work and commitment of the wider Alzheimers NZ team, our Board and our membership, the local Alzheimers organisations that serve their communities so diligently.

A huge thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication, and to everyone who contributes to the important and essential work of supporting New Zealanders living with dementia.

High on the list of people to thank is Nigel Wynn, who sadly passed away in 2018. Nigel was a significant member of ‘our family’ as well as an honorary Life Member. Over his seven years on the Alzheimers NZ Board from 2008, Nigel’s generosity and time never wavered when sharing his perspective on living with Alzheimer’s disease. He is greatly missed, but not forgotten.

Like Nigel, Alzheimers NZ is committed to standing up for the needs of people living with dementia and building a dementia friendly New Zealand. It’s a team effort!

Let’s all continue to work together to make that dream a reality.

Ngaire Dixon
Chair
Alzheimers NZ

Catherine Hall
Chief Executive
Alzheimers NZ

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Our strategy

Our purpose is to pursue a dementia friendly New Zealand. Our strategy through to 2025 is to focus on creating a more inclusive, accepting and respectful society in which:

- People with dementia have a strong voice and feel confident contributing to and participating in their community
- People with dementia and their family and whānau are living well and safely, and are receiving the information and support they need
- Communities accept and include, and understand, people with dementia
- Every person is recognised and respected for their unique backgrounds and beliefs
- Health and social services are strong and sustainable, with adequate resources to respond effectively to people with dementia
- The sector works collaboratively to achieve an optimal balance between service providers and support from within the community, and between the perspectives of those living with dementia, and those who provide the support and care.

Alzheimers NZ works to achieve this strategy by:

- Strengthening the voice of people living with dementia
- Supporting people with dementia to live well
- Lifting the quality of care and support
- Building resources, readiness and capability

We bring this strategy to life by:

- **Influencing** decision-makers to raise awareness, inspire and shape external change and lift the level and quality of support and care available for people with and affected by dementia
- **Strengthening** the collective of Alzheimers NZ and Members (local Alzheimers organisations) so all organisations are successful, and working collaboratively to achieve our shared mission: A dementia friendly New Zealand
- **Partnering** and collaborating within the dementia sector to lift the quality of support and care, and build resources, readiness and capability
- **Sustaining** Alzheimers NZ as a successful and healthy organisation.

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Most people with dementia live in our communities. They shop, work, eat out, catch the bus, go to the library and do everything else we all enjoy doing.

Dementia is already one of our most significant healthcare and social service challenges, and with an ageing population the number of people with dementia is expected to rise dramatically.

It makes sense to talk about how we can turn our communities into inclusive places, where people with dementia can live well for as long as possible. This is why we have made a dementia friendly New Zealand our strategy and the shared mission of Alzheimers NZ and its Members.
Influencing

Conference proves popular and successful

Just on 300 delegates, 30 percent of whom were people living with dementia and care partners, participated in our 2018 conference Tackling Dementia: It’s everybody’s business.

Held in Auckland in late October, the conference generated a range of thought-provoking conversations that took place over three days and which demonstrated there is a major commitment within the wider dementia community to actively supporting people with the condition to live well.

The unfortunate reality, however, is that this commitment doesn’t extend to government which Alzheimers NZ Chair, Dr Ngaire Dixon, pointed out in her opening remarks.

“I think we are past the point of using euphemisms and politically correct language,” she said. “I think it is time we faced the fact that successive governments have dropped the ball when it comes to tackling the dementia issue. Dementia, it seems, is everybody’s business – apart from government’s.”
While government may not have been heavily represented at the event, the conference attracted some of the foremost international and NZ experts in dementia, including speakers Phyllis Fehr, Alison Wray, Matthew Croucher, Margaret Dudley and Lee-Fay Low.

They were complemented by some extraordinary local talent who presented on a very diverse range of topics, and by Associate Minister of Health, Jenny Salesa.

As Alzheimers NZ CE, Catherine Hall, said when making her closing remarks, the conference speakers were entertaining and insightful and the presentations were informative, absorbing and challenging.

“This year’s event surpassed expectations. Thank you for challenging us and for broadening our horizons when it comes to new ways of thinking about the dementia challenge facing New Zealand,” she said.

Catherine also used her closing comments to reinforce a strong message to government.

She acknowledged that as a country we have a range of pressing unmet health needs, and that the dementia community is in competition with other health groups for the government’s attention and funding.

However, she stressed unequivocally that dementia will grow to eclipse those other health priorities unless something is done urgently.

“Unless government recognises dementia as a health priority and provides the services and support that are urgently needed, dementia will become a very major problem for this country.

“We can only hope that the Associate Minister of Health, Jenny Salesa, has picked up on the mood of this conference and that her feedback to Minister Clark will encourage him into action – if not in next year’s Budget, then in the one after that.”

Watch this space!

Conference presentations by Associate Minister of Health, Hon Jenny Salesa, Catherine Hall and Ngaire Dixon.
Advisory Group actively supports our work

“Support is the key to me leading as normal a life as possible. People knowing and treating me as the person I still am. Giving me room to live.”
– Advisory group member.

Our Advisory Group has been providing us with insights into the experience, needs and expectations of people living with dementia since 2014.

Their contributions enable Alzheimers NZ to focus on areas and approaches which make a real, positive difference.

Our Advisory Group comprises four people diagnosed with dementia and seven care partners.

As well as providing valuable contributions to Alzheimers NZ’s work programme, they also take an active role in our advocacy work, meeting and briefing politicians and officials on relevant policy issues.

We were also lucky to have their advice on the research project we are undertaking on the lived experience of dementia, with one of their number participating in the research itself.

In addition to actively promoting our Dementia Friends programme, writing blogs and appearing in videos about living well with dementia, some members have even spoken about their experiences publicly, which helps to enhance public understanding and acceptance of dementia.

One of our Advisory Group is an Alzheimers NZ Board member who played a key role in organising the programme for our national conference, and two are part of our Education Advisory Group.

We are extremely grateful to all the Advisory Group members who donate their time, energy and commitment. The gratitude is even more heartfelt when we appreciate the day-to-day injustices which accompany dementia.

“You look perfectly all right; you are bringing it on yourself by talking about it.”
– Group member with dementia quoting a comment from an associate.

Alzheimers NZ Chief Executive, Catherine Hall (left), and Policy Advisor, Philippa Fletcher (third from right), with members of the Advisory Group, from left, Dave Paddon, Rose Love, Alister Robertson, Goff Corry and Jenny Corry.

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Getting our decision-makers to prioritise dementia

Our advocacy work got off to a solid start in 2018 with the United Nations asking our government what steps it was taking to include dementia as a health priority, thanks partly to our making this suggestion during the UN shadow reporting process.

The request was part of New Zealand’s review of its progress under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We are delighted the request is being made, and are pleased about the pressure it puts on government to provide a satisfactory answer.

At the beginning of the year we were initially heartened by how positively key influencers and politicians, especially Health Minister Dr David Clark, appeared to be hearing our key messages about the dementia challenge facing New Zealand.

Having said that, and as was indicated by the response to the UN, we are well aware that dementia is still not a priority for the Coalition Government and until we can change that we will struggle to get traction with policy makers.

Ensuring the experience of those affected by dementia is at the heart of our advocacy work is an important priority. Therefore our Advisory Group, and our connections to Dementia Alliance International, the Human Rights Commission, Age Concern, Carers NZ, and the Disabled Persons Assembly are very important to us.

As part of our advocacy activities in 2018 we prepared a range of submissions on relevant issues, strengthened our relationships with sector leaders and influencers and met with officials at every opportunity. A primary

Influencing

Alzheimers NZ Chief Executive, Catherine Hall, speaks to media as part of Alzheimers NZ’s advocacy initiatives.

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focus of our work has been to improve the ability of those affected by dementia to access their human rights. This work included:

- A meeting with the Chair of the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee on the Budget Policy Statement where we got an interested and engaged reception.

- A meeting with the Health Minister to ensure he fully understood the severity of the dementia challenge.

- A submission on the End of Life Bill which stressed the importance of ‘good end of life care’, and expressed our concerns about a poorly drafted Bill. We later met with the Select Committee on this Bill.

- A submission to the Government Inquiry into Mental Health and Addiction at the request of the Minister of Health, and an engaged discussion with the panel.

- A meeting with the Opposition Health Caucus to discuss planning policy that enhances support for people living with dementia.

- A detailed Budget 2019 briefing paper to the Minister of Health including a simple but effective six step plan that government could begin to implement to address the dementia challenge.

We know policy makers are not unaware of the whole issue of dementia. The problem is making dementia a priority when this government is so focused on other issues, especially those that affect younger generations.

In order to encourage government into action we presented them with a simple plan, see over page.
The Six Steps to a Solution plan

Our chief recommendation to the Coalition Government is to commit to implementing the NZ Framework for Dementia Care with full and consistent implementation across the country. These six simple steps provide a pathway to immediate improvement:

1. **Invest in prevention and risk reduction**
   
   Evidence suggests a lifecycle approach to risk reduction could lower the number of people diagnosed with dementia by 35%.

2. **Intervene early to improve detection, diagnosis and support**
   
   Only about 50% of people with dementia get a diagnosis and even then immediate post-diagnosis services are inadequate. Improvements can be made by:
   - including hearing checks in the free annual health check for people 65 and over; and
   - providing for 12 months’ post-diagnosis support to equip people with dementia, their families/whānau and care partners with tools, connections, resources and plans to allow them to live as well as possible with dementia.

3. **Support people to live well**
   
   Provide services that support people to live at home, healthier, for longer, wherever they live in New Zealand, by:
   - establishing navigation services across the country; and
   - providing high quality information brochures to support people with dementia and their care partners to better understand dementia, what to expect, and outline the care and support that is available.
4. Support family carers to continue to provide care
Enable carers to have a break when they need it – by providing flexible, high quality respite (home, community and residential) services consistently, wherever they live in New Zealand.

5. Build age and dementia friendly communities
Raise awareness, tackle stigma and discrimination and build inclusive and accepting communities within New Zealand by:
- establishing a national public awareness and public health campaign on living longer, isolation and loneliness, and living with dementia (and potentially other chronic conditions), which is community and culture specific; and
- actively supporting national age and dementia friendly initiatives including in the public health system.

6. Establish indicators, monitor progress, and conduct research
What gets measured gets done. There are currently no national indicators against which dementia progress can be measured and monitored. New Zealand needs better data collection, meaningful indicators and increased research.

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September is World Alzheimers Month

Thousands of Kiwis around the country joined us in 22 locations for Memory Walks during World Alzheimers Month.

NZ communities came out in full to show their support for people with dementia and their families, whānau, friends and care partners, and to remember their loved ones.

During September we also encouraged Kiwis to Wear Purple for World Alzheimer’s Day, and launched a series of short films about living well with dementia and some information videos in te reo to coincide with Te wiki o te reo Māori, Māori Language Week.

Northland Rugby partnered with Alzheimers Northland to dedicate its Mitre 10 Cup September 14 fixture against the Manawatu Turbos to supporting people with dementia and their families throughout Northland.
Te mate wareware

“I’m wearing purple for my koro”

80% of Kiwis are affected by dementia in some way.

This World Alzheimer’s Day (21st September) we’re calling on Kiwis to wear purple to raise awareness of dementia in New Zealand.

Will you join us?

#wearpurple alzheimers.org.nz

Te hauora roro me te kaupare morea

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Dementia friendly initiatives begin to make a difference

As we went to print, nearly 3,000 New Zealanders had enrolled in Alzheimers NZ’s flagship Dementia Friends programme.

Launched in April, Dementia Friends is an awareness raising programme designed to help create a Dementia Friendly New Zealand – a New Zealand that is a more inclusive, accepting and respectful society in which people with dementia are supported to live well.

While nearly 80 percent of us know someone living with dementia, making it one of New Zealand’s biggest and growing social and health issues, there is still stigma, discrimination, and misunderstanding associated with it.

Dementia Friends aims to change that by helping people learn about dementia and how they can help.

We want to grow the number of Kiwis enrolling as Dementia Friends to many thousands of people who are interested in learning more about dementia and who are willing to do their bit to help someone living with the condition. Dementia Friends programmes currently operate in 41 countries.

Dementia Friends are not care givers to someone with dementia.

Anyone can be a Dementia Friend – from CEOs to school children. Dementia Friends commit to helping people with dementia and choose the actions they are comfortable with and able to offer.

To become a Dementia Friend, people complete a short, online programme, during which they meet three Kiwis, Helen, Alister and Rita, who are living well with dementia and who share their experiences. Face-to-face enrollment sessions are also available.

Janita, Glenys, Peter and Carol from Manukau join us as Dementia Friends in December 2018.

Rita (left), Alister (centre) and Helen (on left in far right shot) are New Zealanders living with dementia who took the brave step of agreeing to star in our Dementia Friends video encouraging others to enrol as dementia friends. With Helen is her friend and care partner, Maxine.
Dementia Friendly Recognition Programme continues to grow

Three organisations were recognised by Alzheimers NZ as Dementia Friendly during the year.

The Blenheim and Nelson offices of the Public Trust were accredited during September, with the national organisation also seeking Dementia Friendly status.

And in early November, Levin’s Summerset by the Ranges retirement village became the first accredited Dementia Friendly village in Horowhenua and Manawatu.

Health and care company, Bupa, was also accredited nationally during 2018.

The Dementia Friendly Recognition programme continues to generate growing interest from a range of organisations, from national corporates and local authorities to small, locally-based businesses.

Ten awards have been made to date and 15 organisations are enrolled in the Programme.

Alzheimers NZ Chief Executive, Catherine Hall (second from left), having just presented the Dementia Friendly Recognition Programme accreditation to Summerset by the Ranges in Levin. She is with the organisation’s Care Home and Retirement Village Managers, Monique Hayes far left and Alvina Napier, and the General Manager, Eleanor Young, right.

Alzheimers NZ Chief Executive, Catherine Hall, presents the Dementia Friendly Recognition Programme accreditation to Public Trust. Both their Blenheim and Nelson branches were accredited.

Summerset by the Ranges staff and the Alzheimers NZ audit team at the closing meeting of the audit.

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Alzheimers NZ commissions major new research into dementia

During the year, we also announced a major new study on the lived experience of New Zealanders with dementia.

The study has a threefold purpose. Firstly, it will help inform Alzheimers NZ’s work to support people with dementia and their care partners. Secondly, it will serve to increase public understanding about living with dementia and improve services for people with the condition.

And lastly, it will focus on the dementia journey and how to live well with dementia, as well as trying to better understand the impacts of dementia on relationships.

We have commissioned Litmus, a Wellington-based research company with over 20 years’ experience in health and wellbeing research, to undertake the study, the findings from which will be released in the first half of 2019.
Partnering

Building collaborative networks

Collaborating with like-minded organisations was a growing focus in 2018 as we seek to form alliances with groups whose interests and advocacy positions align with ours.

We are members of the Carers Alliance, of which Alzheimers NZ CE, Catherine Hall, is co-Chair. The Alliance is a consortium of 40 national not-for-profit organisations striving to provide better support for carers. In 2018 its major focus was working with the Ministry of Social Development on the new Carers Action Plan that will be out for consultation in mid-2019.

We have long advocated for more risk reduction initiatives to help individuals reduce their chance of developing dementia by adopting healthier lifestyle choices. So we joined Health Coalition Aotearoa in this timely call for a significant increase in investment into the prevention of harm from tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy food.

In addition, we are members of the Coalition to End Loneliness which is designed to do what its name suggests, and we maintained our active role in the Neurological Alliance.

We are also represented on the National Dementia Framework Collaborative.

This collaboration of regional DHB representatives, Ministry of Health and nationally-representative dementia sector stakeholders works to progress implementation of the New Zealand Framework for Dementia Care.

As part of this group, we contributed to the development of Supporting family and whānau of people living with dementia: Education guidelines.

We are also represented on the Partnership Framework Safer Walking Stakeholder Reference Group that involves a range of national organisations. The group has been reactivated to provide leadership and governance to achieve positive outcomes in relation to safer walking. We are revising our material relevant to safe walking as part of this work.

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New membership category designed to attract new partnerships

As part of building collaborative networks and strengthening relationships with other entities, Alzheimers NZ Members voted at the 2018 AGM to establish a new membership category.

Alzheimers NZ is based on a core membership dedicated to help and support people and their families dealing with the impact of dementia, and to the improvement of community and political awareness of dementia issues.

But, within the broader community there are a range of other organisations which deal in part with these issues while pursuing other purposes.

The new membership category, Associate Member, is designed for these aligned organisations with which we can work to achieve common goals.

Closer cooperation between Alzheimers NZ and these other organisations could strengthen Alzheimers NZ’s aims and objectives and lead to better outcomes for people affected by dementia.

New Zealanders star in global dementia documentary

After considerable deliberation we agreed to participate in the international current affairs documentary, Every Three Seconds, to provide a Kiwi perspective on the global dementia challenge.

Commissioned by Alzheimer’s Disease International (ADI) and produced by television production company, Independent Television News (ITN), the film was created to discuss ‘the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and management’ of dementia in an international setting.

Its title refers to the fact that the estimated incidence of dementia worldwide amounts to one new case every three seconds. We were one of many countries that contributed content to the hour-long documentary.

Our filming took place in May in Whanganui and Whangarei and the film was launched globally at the 2018 ADI International Conference in late July.

Alzheimers NZ CE, Catherine Hall, attended the conference, along with Chair, Ngaire Dixon, and Alzheimers Northland General Manager, Kevin Salmon.
Kevin featured in our segment of the documentary, as did Helen, who is living with dementia, her care partner Maxine, and Mike, who is living with dementia, and his wife Lesley.

We agreed to participate with two objectives in mind:

- To showcase people like Helen and Mike living well with dementia in an attempt to help destigmatise it and to normalise people who have dementia.
- To draw attention to the size and scale of the challenge dementia presents to New Zealand and to highlight Alzheimers NZ’s proposed strategies to address that challenge.

The video achieved both those objectives and we are very pleased with the end product which helps to bring dementia out of the shadows and highlight what needs to be done to better support the many thousands of Kiwis who are living with the condition.

We are also extremely grateful to our video stars without whose willingness to share their personal experiences we could not have made this film. Thank you so much.

The ITN video was a chance for Alzheimers NZ to tell the story of what it’s like to live with dementia in New Zealand through the eyes of those with dementia, those caring for them and those providing support to the dementia community.
Strengthening

Dementia Services and Standards rolls out: enhancing consistency, lifting quality and extending reach

Alzheimers NZ’s new Dementia Services and Standards model was rolled out during the year and four of our members – Alzheimers Marlborough, Nelson, Eastern Bay of Plenty and Tauranga/Western Bay of Plenty – have been audited so far.

This is the first step in our ongoing mission of enhancing the consistency of support services provided to people living with dementia and their care partners, lifting the quality of those services and extending reach.

Underpinning our approach to service delivery is a very clear focus on respecting and preserving the human rights of the people to whom and for whom services are provided. Respecting human rights for people with dementia, and treating them accordingly, is something that often gets overlooked, and Alzheimers NZ is determined that this shouldn’t be so.

The audits conducted in 2018 are just the first of many and have provided valuable feedback that is already helping to shape and enhance service planning.
The audits are performed by Member group managers along with a consistent lead auditor and a person living with dementia. This ensures a variety of perspectives are covered appropriately.

Initial feedback from the audit teams indicates the audits have also provided substantial learning opportunities for Members as a result of seeing what their counterparts are doing.

To support this work, we have formed a Services and Standards Education Advisory Group which works on consistent education programmes. It comprises representatives from Alzheimers NZ’s Advisory Group, seven Member organisations and Alzheimers NZ staff.

In addition, we are compiling an evidence-based practice publication, *Evidence at a Glance*, to support Member organisations with best practice approaches.

Speaking about the process, Julie Sargisson from Alzheimers Tauranga/WBOP, says: “We’re still waiting on our final report (from the audit), but the process itself was really helpful. We have a sense of how well we’re doing with various things, but it encouraged us to focus on the specifics of what we’re doing and question why we’re doing these things, which is a helpful and reflective process.

“We will have some things that we need to change as a result of the audit process but we’re looking at that as a learning and growth opportunity – it’s about improving our services so we can move forward. If there are things that we aren’t doing right, then we can fix it up, so it’s been a good experience.”

Alzheimers Marlborough Manager, Diane Tolley, says: “The model is good, very good from our perspective because it allowed us to focus on the future and where we needed to go to improve our services – that was the major benefits of the audit.

“We got a lot out of it with future planning, which now includes aspects of the services and standards that we’re working towards meeting. It really gave us future direction within the organisation so as to ensure what we deliver is more people-centred.”

Alzheimers Eastern Bay of Plenty’s Pam Greenaway summed it up this way: “We welcomed the opportunity to have people from outside our organisation come in with a fresh set of eyes, affirm where we were meeting and achieving the Services and Standards, meeting and challenging us in areas where we were partially or failing to meet expectations. Knowing this was an independent audit team added to the professionalism and value of the audit.

“Completing the self-assessments involved all the staff and that process in itself was worthwhile even though time consuming. All staff and the group of people living with dementia and their family members who were involved on the audit day were energised by meeting with the audit team members.”
Front-line services benefit from major cash injection

Alzheimers NZ had an extremely positive fundraising year in 2018 and as a result was able to direct $550,000 to support front line services and national programmes.

The funding was made possible by donations to Alzheimers NZ from around the country. This included donations from our National Donor Programme (NDP) and a record-setting $390,000 injection from Ryman Healthcare.

The monies went to 21 organisations around the country, including our Members and other organisations with whom we partnered and collaborated. This will help support front-line services and other initiatives designed to assist people living with dementia and their care partners.

Most of the money was channelled directly into community services in areas where the funds were raised, in keeping with our commitment to return donations to areas which generated the money in the first place.

This is really pleasing because it means we can ensure local people living with and affected by dementia get better access to services and support, something of which they are in desperate need.

Some funds were also used to support national programmes like our flagship Dementia Friends programme and the roll out of Services and Standards.

Our Chair, Dr Ngaire Dixon, described the one-off Ryman donation as “A huge sum that will have a major impact on our ability to support New Zealanders living with dementia.

“We are so very grateful to the many residents and staff of the Ryman villages around the country whose fundraising efforts have set an incredible record for us.”

Alzheimers NZ Chair, Ngaire Dixon, receives the Ryman Healthcare donation from Chief Executive, Gordon MacLeod (right). With them is Ryman resident, Eddie Betts.
**Member updates**

**Alzheimers Northland undertakes ground breaking roadshow**

Alzheimers Northland has completed a ground-breaking roadshow taking their expertise in dementia to medical practitioners across Northland. The roadshow was designed to ensure the best possible advice and care is being given to Northlanders living with the effects of dementia.

Working in partnership, Alzheimers Northland and the Northland DHB presented to over 130 GPs, practise nurses and other health professionals.

The talks focussed on the benefits of not only an early diagnosis but the ongoing support services available from Alzheimers Northland and the process behind the established Dementia Pathway.

As a result of the roadshow, the number of referrals to Alzheimers Northland increased immediately, meaning more families will benefit from their services sooner. This will result in having support packages available to families much sooner, reducing stress on families and helping them to live well with dementia.

**New developments mark busy year for Otago**

Alzheimers Otago is working with a group called Music for Dementia, who develop personalised playlists for the person with dementia and provide the headphones for them to listen to their favourite music.

The feedback Alzheimers Otago has had from people using this has been extremely positive. For more information, see [www.musicfordementia.org.nz](http://www.musicfordementia.org.nz)

Alzheimers Otago also began a Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) pilot in Queenstown that will continue until August 2019. They report that, to date the experiences of those attending and the impact on their quality of life has been fantastic.

A book of poems, called How ART!, was launched in December 2018. The author, Des O'Brien, started writing poems some years ago and continued after his diagnosis of Alzheimer’s. The latter part of the book, which he called New Beginnings, is based on his journey with Alzheimer’s.

It is a delight to read and the accompanying black and white photographs are an added treat. Alzheimers Otago receives 85 percent of the proceeds from sales of the book.
Gisborne recognises importance of culturally appropriate services

Alzheimers Gisborne has changed its abbreviated name from Alzheimers Gisborne to Alzheimers Gisborne/Tairāwhiti in recognition of tangata whenua and to emphasise their commitment to the provision of culturally appropriate services.

They also welcomed Stan Pardoe as their Kaumatua for the Society. Stan is very well known in the district and Alzheimers Gisborne/Tairāwhiti is thrilled he has agreed to assist them. They are also building relationships with people who are willing to assist them as Champions: Jeff Rangihuna and Walter “the Wiz” Walsh have both agreed to this role.

Electronic referrals are now available for GPs to easily refer clients to Alzheimers Gisborne/Tairāwhiti directly. “The Hui” information day was a great success and was good publicity, with Dr Brigid Ryan from Brain Research NZ as key note speaker.

New service model rolls out in the Bay of Plenty

Alzheimers Tauranga/WBOP and Alzheimers EBOP began implementing a new service model from July 2018.

They did this because increasing numbers of referrals in Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty had created untenable workloads for field officers, and there was a historical inequity in the way the organisations were funded across the Bay of Plenty.

The services throughout the Bay were under extreme financial pressure and needed to be redeveloped to ensure provide services in a more sustainable and equitable way.

A key feature of the new model is post-diagnostic support, which includes a new education session especially for people who have been newly diagnosed, and their care partners. Alzheimers Tauranga/WBOP and Alzheimers EBOP hope that by providing education before clients are seen by a Dementia Navigator, people will have a good base level of knowledge and when they do see a Navigator, the time will be spent more productively, with more focus on that person and their specific situation.

Business as usual for Alzheimers Manawatu

It’s been very much business as usual for Alzheimers Manawatu. And in this case BAU means being increasingly busy, and increasingly focussed on findings ways to work smarter while working tirelessly to improve the lives of all people impacted by dementia!
Some of the highlights of their year have been:

Their memory cafes are a great success—these groups are a social outing for people with dementia and carers, separately or together, to enjoy an outing in the community.

Their MKC Choir (pictured below) supports people with dementia to give back to their communities. Bookings are constant and the choirs visit various groups and facilities to share songs and interact with the people who attend the entertainment.

Alzheimers Manawatu also supported a group of people to take part in research that looked at the benefits of reading in a public space to people with dementia. Although research results have yet to be published, this project looks quite successful.

Manawatu’s consumer advisory group met with the Minister of Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety, Iain Lees-Galloway to discuss the constant challenges for people with dementia and their carers.

Former carer and volunteer, Irene Pringle (pictured), received an outstanding achievement award at the Minister of Health’s Volunteer Awards at Parliament in June. The awards are an opportunity to recognise the thousands of unsung heroes who support New Zealand’s health and disability services.

Four of our volunteers also received volunteer awards at the local awards celebrations.
Financials

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Description of the entity's outcomes

Alzheimer's NZ's vision is a world without dementia. Our strategy to achieve this vision focuses on achieving a dementia-friendly New Zealand:

Towards a world without Dementia

A Dementia-friendly New Zealand

- Strengthening the voice of people affected by dementia
- Supporting people affected by dementia to live well
- Lifting the quality of care and of support
- Building resources, readiness and capability

Influencing

Strengthening

Partnering

Sustaining

A dementia-friendly New Zealand is one in which people with dementia are valued, can participate in and contribute to their families and communities, and where they feel safe.

We work to achieve a dementia-friendly NZ in four broad areas:

- **Influencing** decision-makers to inspire and shape external change and lift the level and quality of support and care available for people with and affected by dementia

- **Strengthening** the collective of Alzheimer’s NZ and Members so all organisations are successful and working collaboratively to achieve our shared mission: A dementia friendly New Zealand

- **Partnering** and **collaborating** within the dementia sector to lift the quality of support and care, and build resources, readiness and capability

- **Sustaining** Alzheimer’s NZ as a successful and healthy organisation

Outputs

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<th>INDICATORS OF SUCCESS IN:</th>
<th>Actual 2018</th>
<th>Actual 2017</th>
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<td>Number of Dementia Friends [1]</td>
<td>2,632</td>
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<td>Dementia-friendly – organisations awarded dementia-friendly status</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Maori n/a</td>
<td>Maori n/a</td>
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<td>Consumer Advisory Groups are operating for people with dementia and their families / whānau</td>
<td>4 meetings held</td>
<td>4 meetings held</td>
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<td>Our digital and social media are successful platforms for our engagement with our community and stakeholders</td>
<td>Website visits: 88,232</td>
<td>Website visits: 70,012</td>
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<td>Website visitors: 63,093</td>
<td>Website visitors: 51,004</td>
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<td>Social media: 15,319</td>
<td>Social media: 14,761</td>
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[1] The Dementia Friends programme launched in April 2016
[2] Source – Awareness and Understanding of Dementia 2017
[3] There was no measure of this indicator in 2018. The next survey is scheduled for 2020.
### Statement of Financial Performance
For the Year ended 31 December 2018

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<th>INCOME</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<td>Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue</td>
<td>1,959,733</td>
<td>1,048,363</td>
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<td>Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members</td>
<td>50,925</td>
<td>41,482</td>
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<td>Revenue from providing goods or services</td>
<td>886,323</td>
<td>639,877</td>
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<td>Interest, dividends and other investment revenue</td>
<td>47,791</td>
<td>37,141</td>
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<td>Other revenue</td>
<td>30,021</td>
<td>96,014</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,974,793</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,862,877</strong></td>
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<td>Expenses related to public fundraising</td>
<td>522,610</td>
<td>796,077</td>
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<td>Volunteer and employee related costs</td>
<td>814,935</td>
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<td>Costs related to providing goods or services</td>
<td>657,201</td>
<td>550,191</td>
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<td>Grants and donations made</td>
<td>234,000</td>
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<td>Other expenses</td>
<td>26,724</td>
<td>107,206</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
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<td><strong>1,836,420</strong></td>
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<th>Surplus Including Reserves</th>
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<td>Plus/(Less) Reserve Transfers</td>
<td>(656,759)</td>
<td>76,571</td>
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<td><strong>Net Alzheimers NZ Incorporated Surplus</strong></td>
<td><strong>62,564</strong></td>
<td><strong>103,028</strong></td>
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### Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2018

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<td>365,145</td>
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<td>Debtors and prepayments</td>
<td>96,557</td>
<td>82,662</td>
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<td>Current Investments</td>
<td>1,542,421</td>
<td>1,063,650</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,004,123</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,443,077</strong></td>
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| Non Current Assets                                                    | 9,355     | 10,873    |
| **Total Assets**                                                      | **2,013,478** | **1,453,950** |

| Less Current Liabilities                                              |           |           |
| Accounts Payable and Accruals                                         | 134,078   | 128,953   |
| Unused Grants with conditions                                        | 139,904   | 135,873   |
| Funds to be distributed / Income in advance                           | 710       | 130,199   |
| **Total Current Liabilities**                                        | **274,692** | **395,025** |

| Net Assets                                                            | **1,738,786** | **1,058,925** |

| ACCUMULATED FUNDS                                                     |           |           |
| Accumulated Funds                                                    | 707,454   | 612,946   |
| Reserves                                                             | 1,031,332 | 445,979   |
| **Total Equity**                                                     | **1,738,786** | **1,058,925** |
## Statement of Movements in Equity

**For the year ended 31 December 2018**

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<td>509,918</td>
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<td>Net Surplus for the year</td>
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<td>Transfer to/(from) Reserves</td>
<td>32,944</td>
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<td><strong>Accumulated Funds at year end</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Reserves</strong></td>
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<td>Alzheimers Partners Reserve at start of year</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>54,085</td>
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<td>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</td>
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<td>(54,085)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Alzheimers Partners Reserve at year end</strong></td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>National Donor Programme Reserve at start of year</td>
<td>32,944</td>
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<td>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</td>
<td>174,219</td>
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<td><strong>Total National Donor Programme Reserve at year end</strong></td>
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<td>31,944</td>
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<td>Member Pool Fund Reserve at start of year</td>
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<td>Unspent pool money for the year</td>
<td>8,890</td>
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<td><strong>Total NZ Demantia Co-operative Reserve at year end</strong></td>
<td>8,890</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Research Reserve (previously Varioly) at start of year</td>
<td>325,389</td>
<td>417,350</td>
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<td>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</td>
<td>503,354</td>
<td>(91,901)</td>
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<td><strong>Total L Varley Bequest Reserve at year end</strong></td>
<td>828,743</td>
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<td>W Oldham Bequest Reserve at start of year</td>
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<td><strong>Total W Oldham Bequest Reserve at year end</strong></td>
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<td>Tagged Grant Reserve at start of year</td>
<td>59,715</td>
<td>11,709</td>
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<td>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</td>
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<td>48,006</td>
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<td><strong>Total Tagged Grant Reserve at year end</strong></td>
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<td>59,715</td>
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<td>NZ Dementia Co-operative Reserve at start of year</td>
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<td>77,829</td>
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<td>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</td>
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<td>(48,898)</td>
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<td>Less Transfer to new Entity</td>
<td>(39,463)</td>
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<td><strong>Total NZ Dementia Co-operative Reserve at year end</strong></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>28,931</td>
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<td><strong>Total Reserves</strong></td>
<td>1,031,332</td>
<td>445,979</td>
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## Statement of Cash Flows

**For the year ended 31 December 2018**

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<td>Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue</td>
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<td>Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members</td>
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<td>Revenue from providing goods or services</td>
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<td>Interest, dividends and other investment revenue</td>
<td>52,004</td>
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<td><strong>Net GST</strong></td>
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<td>12,705</td>
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<td><strong>Cash was applied to:</strong></td>
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<td>Payments to suppliers and employees</td>
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<td>1,831,503</td>
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<td>Donations or grants paid</td>
<td>234,000</td>
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<td><strong>Net Cash flows from operating activities</strong></td>
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<td>49,003</td>
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<td><strong>Cash flows from investing and financing activities</strong></td>
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<td>Cash was received from:</td>
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<td>Receipts from the sale of investments</td>
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<td><strong>Cash was applied to:</strong></td>
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<td>Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment</td>
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<td>3,550.00</td>
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<td>Payments to acquire investments</td>
<td>878,771.00</td>
<td>703,650.00</td>
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<td><strong>Net Cash flows from investing and financing activities</strong></td>
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<td>Net increase/(decrease) in cash</td>
<td>68,380</td>
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<td>Opening bank accounts and cash</td>
<td>206,765</td>
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<td>Closing bank accounts and cash</td>
<td>365,145</td>
<td>296,765</td>
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Notes to the Summary of Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 December 2018

1. Alzheimer's New Zealand Incorporated (Alzheimer's NZ) is a charitable organisation registered under the Charities Act 2005. Alzheimer's NZ has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not for profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than $2,000,000.

2. All transactions in the summary financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting.

3. The summary financial statements have been extracted from the full annual Performance Report. The summary financial statements of Alzheimer's NZ including Statement of Service Performance, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Movements in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows cannot provide a full understanding due to their summary nature. This understanding can be obtained only in reference to the full annual Performance report of Alzheimer's NZ. The financial statements have been prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

4. A copy of the full annual Performance Report may be obtained on request from the Alzheimer's NZ office (Telephone (04) 367 8264, PO Box 11-238, Manners Street, Wellington 6142).

5. The full annual Performance Report of Alzheimer's NZ has been audited by Grant Thornton who have issued an unqualified audit opinion in respect to the financial statements on 27th March 2019 inherent with the attached audit report.

6. The Alzheimer's NZ Board authorised the publication of these summary financial statements on 27th March 2019.

7. These summary financial statements are in compliance with PBE FRS-4: Summary Financial Statements.

8. These summary financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars which is Alzheimer's NZ's functional currency. All numbers have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Approved on behalf of the Board:

Ngaire Dixon
Chairperson

Catherine Hall
Chief Executive

To the Board of Alzheimers New Zealand Incorporated

Opinion

The summary performance report, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018 the summary statement of financial performance, summary statement of movements in equity and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, and related notes as well as the statement of service performance are derived from the audited performance report of Alzheimers New Zealand Incorporated (the "Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2018. In our opinion, the accompanying summary performance report are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited performance report.

Summary performance report

The summary performance report do not contain all the disclosures required by PBE IPSAS. Reading the summary performance report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited performance report and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Performance report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited performance report in our report dated 27 March 2019.

Other Information than the Summary Performance report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Board Members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the annual report (but does not include the summary performance report and our auditor's report thereon), which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the summary performance report does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the summary performance report, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the summary performance report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the annual report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance and will request that such matters are addressed.

Other Matter

The financial report of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2017 was audited by another auditor who expressed a qualified opinion on those statements on 11 April 2018.
Board Members Responsibility for the Summary Performance report
The Board Members are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited performance report of the Charity in accordance with PBE FRS-43: Summary Performance report.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary performance report are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited performance report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISA (NZ)) 810 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Performance report. Our firm carries out other assignments for The Charity in the area of assurance and advisory services. The firm has no other interest in Alzheimers New Zealand Incorporated.

Restricted Use
This report is made solely to the Board Members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board Members, as a body, those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Board Members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinion we have formed.

Grant Thornton New Zealand Audit Partnership

Brent Kennerley
Partner
Wellington
27 March 2019

Vision
Towards a world without dementia
Kia mate wareware kore te ao

Mission
A dementia friendly New Zealand
Aotearoa, he aro nui ki te hunga mate wareware
Our team

Board members
Ngaire Dixon, Chair
Jan White, Vice-chair
Alister Robinson (since June 2018)
Brenda Wraight
Dave Paddon (resigned May 2018)
Dianne Stokes
Gordon Legge (since June 2018)
Kathy Webb (since June 2018)
Linda Holman (since June 2018)
Lyneta Russell
Mary Slater, Vice-chair (resigned February 2018)
Wayne Fletcher, Vice-chair (resigned May 2018)

Alzheimers NZ staff
Catherine Hall, Chief Executive
Christine Garrett, Accountant
Daniel Paul, Communications Advisor
Harriet Payne, Communications Advisor
Jane Austin, Fundraising
Jean Gilmour, Principal Advisor Services and Standards
Kate MacIntyre, Dementia Friendly Co-ordinator
Ken Drayton, Office Manager
Philippa Fletcher, Policy Advisor

Volunteers
Glenys Blair
Gordy Kelland
Janet Keilar
John Ahradsen
Kirsty Robinson
Stephen Lungley

Alzheimers NZ Patron
Sir Richard Faull

Alzheimers NZ Champions
For Dementia
Colin Mathura-Jeffree
Kate De Goldi
Kerry Prendergast

Advisory Group
Alister Robertson
Dale Conlan
Dave Paddon
Goff Corry
Helen Doyle
Jenny Conlan
Jenny Corry
Karen Gillies
Maxine Pringle
Megan Lyell
Nigel Wynn
Paula Kimble
Rose Love
Susan Millar
Tania Wynn
Vicki Terrell (since November 2018)

Life Members
Brenda Cromie
David Ansell
Gaynor Duff
Jimmy Fisher
Judy Cooper
Nigel Wynn
Verna Schofield
Wendy Fleming
Wilma Bulman

As mentioned previously, Nigel Wynn sadly passed away in 2018. Nigel was a significant member of ‘our family’, a committed member of our Consumer Advisory Group and an honorary Life Member. He is greatly missed, but not forgotten.
Our thanks

We would like to thank the following organisations for supporting us financially or in other ways during 2018:

**Sponsor**

**Official Charity Partner 2017/18**

Ryman Healthcare selected Alzheimers NZ as official charity partner

We were very pleased during the latter stages of 2017 to be selected by Ryman Healthcare as their official Charity Partner for 2018.

Ryman Chief Executive Gordon MacLeod said at the time that Ryman was delighted to support Alzheimers NZ because many people have seen first-hand what a great job we do as a charity.

He said, too, that dementia takes a huge toll on the residents of Ryman’s facilities and their families, and “we know it will be a popular cause with residents”. Their relationship with us means that Ryman village residents and staff around the country are raising funds which will then be matched by Ryman Healthcare.”

This is an exciting and significant development for Alzheimers NZ and we are proud to have had a partnership with Ryman Healthcare.

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Our work would not be possible without those who kindly and generously make donations to support people affected by dementia throughout the year – both those who give regularly and those who choose to make a one-off donation or a bequest. Thank you. We appreciate your support.

Our volunteers

We would like to acknowledge all the willing volunteers who shared their time and skills with us and local Alzheimers organisations – our Members – in 2018, including our Patron and Champions.

Our expert advisors

We would like to thank the following people for offering their expertise, knowledge and time on a voluntary basis:

- The members of our Clinical and Scientific Advisory Group.
- Our Advisory Group.
- Our Legal Advisor, Sam Perry of Brandons
- Tony Teesdale, employment law specialist.

Some of Alzheimers NZ’s volunteers from left, Stephen Lungley, Janet Keilar, Glenys Blair, John Ahradsen.
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