



## GRANT RECIPIENTS 2023

- Air Training Corps Ashburton Branch
- Ashburton Christian School – native forest planting project
- Ashburton College Kōhanga
- Ashburton College Reading Mentors Programme
- Ashburton College Growth Culture Programme
- Ashburton District Fire Fighters
- Ashburton Hospital Child Adolescent & Family Services
- Ashburton Housing Support Trust - Haven Housing project
- Ashburton Toy Library Incorporated
- Blind Low Vision NZ
- BOOST Literacy Program
- Cholmondeley Childrens Centre Inc
- Connecting Mid Canterbury Charitable Trust – Keep Learning Mid Canterbury website
- Diabetes New Zealand – Brave Mana Ora in Ashburton District
- Family Help Trust
- Hakatere Multi Cultural Council – Newcomers Network and Migrant Centre
- Hata Hone St John
- Hospice Mid Canterbury
- Methven & Foothills Walking Festival
- Methven Care Trust
- Methven Community Swimming Pool
- Methven Toy Library
- Mid Canterbury Emergency Relief Charitable Trust – Mid Canterbury Rural Driver Licencing Scheme
- Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust
- Mid Canterbury Tennis Charitable Trust
- Mid Canterbury Youth Charitable Trust – Mid Canterbury Boxing Academy
- Mid Canterbury Youth Charitable Trust – 24/7 Youth Workers
- Mount Hutt Ski Club Inc
- Multiple Sclerosis & Parkinsons Canterbury
- Music in Schools – Hampstead School
- Music in Schools – Ashburton Netherby School
- NZ Council of Victim Support Groups Inc
- NZ Red Cross
- Presbyterian Support Upper South Island
- Rural Health Academic Centre Ashburton
- Road Safety Education Ltd – Education programme for youth at Ashburton College
- Rokeby Hall Society Inc - defibrillator
- Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society
- Seabrook McKenzie Centre – assessments for Ashburton students
- Staveley Campsite Committee
- Te Huka Tai Trust – Hakatere Multicultural Festival
- Tinwald Pony Club
- Tinwald Primary School – undercover eating area
- Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury
- Wellbeing Opuke

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2023

- Smyth Scholarship**  
Kavan Faogali and Caitlin Muckle
- Parsons Family Scholarship**  
Angus Mears and Emma McDowell
- Ian Glassey Memorial Scholarship**  
Emma-Louise Stagg
- Graham Gunn Music Scholarship**  
Ngahuia Maeva
- Colin and Alison Crampton Music Scholarship**  
Erin Connelly-Whyte
- Ashburton Hearing Association Scholarship**  
Caleb McNulty
- Johnston Brothers Health Science Scholarship**  
Sarah du Toit and Violet Eaton
- Dennis and Barbara Taylor Nursing Scholarship**  
Caroline Murdoch
- Cameron Family Scholarship**  
Gemma Whiting
- Tinwald Club Scholarship**  
Annabel Spicer
- Rotary Club of Ashburton Plains Scholarship**  
Madison Trusler-Clark
- Ashburton Jaycees Personal Development Scholarship**  
Emma Simonsen
- Ashburton Jaycees Industry Training Scholarship**  
Mihaela Bec, Emma Begg, Amanda Johnson, Nicholas Rattray, Jacob Swan, Brodie Winstone and Mickele Young
- Ashburton UFS Health Science Scholarship**  
Hannah McDougall and Drew Porter
- Frank Crampton Agricultural Scholarship**  
Penny Stilgoe
- Advance Ashburton Scholarship**  
Harriet Stock
- Neil Sinclair Memorial Scholarship**  
Sarah Rawlings
- Leaders Scholarship**  
Liz McMillan and Janine Holland



# Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Advance Ashburton is a proud member of Community Foundations of Aotearoa NZ, the national body which supports the 17 Community Foundations throughout the country. Together, we are striving to benefit our local communities through the generosity of local donors. This year, we became the first Community Foundation to achieve National Quality Standards Certification. This assures our donors that we meet the highest possible standards of best practice as we continue to grow our endowment fund which stays local, goes further, and lasts forever.





## CHAIR'S REPORT

*He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tāngata he tāngata he tāngata!*

*What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people!*

Advance Ashburton is wonderfully supported by numerous people. The donors, trustees and co-opted committee members, staff, Friends of the Foundation. The people involved in the many organisations to which the Foundation distributes grants and the individuals who receive scholarships. The advisors and local businesses which provide professional and financial support. The District is the fortunate recipient of the generosity of many, and has been for twenty years since the formation of Advance Ashburton in 2003. A huge thank you to all these people.

With the support of many during the year Advance Ashburton pleasingly distributed in total \$590,955 to the Ashburton District. Since the time of establishment in 2003 \$7 million has been returned to the community by the Foundation. Over these twenty years we have supported, through the kindness of our donors, such worthy causes as a new home for the Cancer Society, new Library and Museum at Methven, the BOOST Literacy programme, the Rural Health Academic Centre and the New Acute Admission Unit at our hospital, scholarships, the Family Help Trust and much more. Funds under management were munificently enhanced by the establishment of more donor settlements. Advance Ashburton was however not alone in facing low returns on investments compounded by a high inflation rate, which has affected many organisations and individuals throughout New Zealand. Fortunately, the Foundation has accumulated reserves which were saved from excellent financial returns in preceding years, and which can be called upon to allow careful grant and scholarship distribution in the new financial year of 2023/2024.

People within the Foundation are changing as is natural in all parts of our world and lives. During the year ending 31st March 2023 we farewelled David Keeley as a respected Trustee, Vicks Johnson from the role of Executive Officer, and greeted Carolyn Clough to the role. It has been a huge privilege to have had, and have, all these three people – David, Vicks, and now Carolyn, as part of our team.

After conscientious deliberation the Board agreed in December 2022 on a Strategic Plan for the forthcoming three years. In summary it underpins our long term goal and raison d'être: Advance Ashburton is here to provide charitable support for the people of the Ashburton District, both urban and rural areas.

For it is the people who are the most important thing.

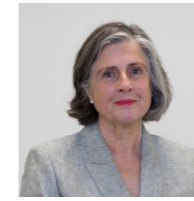
### MARY ROSS

Chair

## PATRON & TRUSTEES



Trevor Croy  
PATRON



Mary Ross  
CHAIR



Chris Wylie  
DEPUTY CHAIR



Elizabeth Ashford



Alistair Argyle



Neil Brown



Ross Gibson



Eleanor Marr



Mark Scammell



Nicki Webster

## STAFF



Carolyn Clough  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Jacqui Lloyd  
FINANCE MANAGER



Aimee Mateo  
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Shona McGrath  
MACKENZIE SECRETARY

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### GRANTS

Mark Scammell (Chair)  
Chris Wylie  
Nicki Webster  
Eleanor Marr  
Lisa Anderson (Co-opt)  
Angela Leadley (Co-opt)  
Mary Ross (Ex Officio)

### INVESTMENT ADVISORY

Ross Gibson (Chair)  
Graham Kennedy (Co-opt)  
Grant Boniface (Co-opt)  
Nicki Webster  
Frank Luxton (Co-opt)  
Neil Brown  
Mary Ross (Ex Officio)

### COMMUNICATIONS

Elizabeth Ashford (Chair)  
Mary Ross (Ex Officio)

### AUDIT & RISK

Chris Wylie (Chair)  
Ross Gibson  
Alistair Argyle  
Tim Silva (Co-opt)  
Brendon Adam (Co-opt)  
Mary Ross (Ex Officio)

### NOMINATIONS

Mary Ross (Chair)  
Elizabeth Ashford  
Chris Wylie  
Mark Scammell  
Trevor Croy

## OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS



Advance Ashburton Community Foundation is proud to be a local fund manager for The Tindall Foundation (TTF). This funding model uses Advance Ashburton's local knowledge to distribute grants meeting TTF criteria to our community. In this last financial year, Advance Ashburton distributed \$13,510 to local causes and organisations on behalf of TTF.



**\$14.4  
MILLION**  
IN FUNDS UNDER  
MANAGEMENT



**49**  
NAMED FUNDS



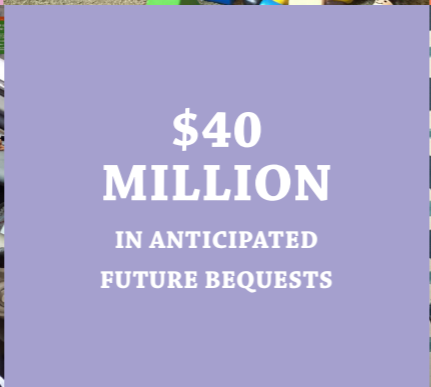
**\$590,955**  
DISTRIBUTED IN GRANTS  
AND SCHOLARSHIPS



**27**  
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED  
FOR EDUCATION,  
TRAINING, AND PERSONAL  
DEVELOPMENT



**\$40  
MILLION**  
IN ANTICIPATED  
FUTURE BEQUESTS



**52**  
GRANTS MADE TO  
SUPPORT LOCAL CAUSES  
AND ORGANISATIONS



**2**  
LEADERS' SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED TO ENHANCE  
CAPABILITY OF CREATING  
A BETTER ASHBURTON  
DISTRICT

