

OZANAM HOUSE TRUST CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

2009



In my second year as Chairman, I wish to record some of the highlights of the financial year, 2009, our 38th. While the year under review has been one of consolidation, the Trust has been actively pursuing the development of the new campus, St. Mary's, at Newhaven Place.

After a slow start, progress was consistent and the Trust was impressed with the high standards adopted by our contractor and his sub-contractors. A desolate scene has been transformed into an attractive and tranquil site. We feel satisfied that future guests will get good value from their stay at St. Mary's.

We have strived in our planning to maintain a good relationship with all our neighbours. We regard the school, St. Mary's, with particular interest. Plans were developed around this concept.

At this point in my report, I take the opportunity to express again how gratified we are, as members of the board in administering the Ozanam House Trust, with the continuing good relationships with all those involved in the treatment of cancer patients in Palmerston North. Our association with the Regional Cancer Treatment Centre continues to be cordial. During the year we have improved on the good relationship which has been established with the Ministry of Health. The Cancer Society maintains close ties and is a helpful resource.

My fellow trustees, Cliff Craven, Bernard Forde and Roger Clark, continue to make a substantial contribution. I have learned to appreciate their support.

DONORS

Our major donations and bequests received during the year are included in a list set out hereunder. The list contains names of those who regularly give generously to the Trust.

The list of donors is much longer than that which is shown here and there is a substantial donation list. All donors have been acknowledged and thanked for their generosity.

R Crowe (Napier)	D & J McCarthy (Napier)
D & J Christian (New Plymouth)	Joan Fernie Charitable Trust (Hastings)
L & Y Chatfield (Pongoroa)	J & J Crowley (Kaponga)
Clark Charitable Trust (Gisborne)	Mangatawa Beale Williams Memorial Trust (Gisborne)
L Evans (Paraparaumu)	J A Scown (Manaia)
J Eccles (Masterton)	D Slessor (Napier)
H Cunning (Hawera)	Cancer Society (Wairarapa)
R M Brown (Gisborne)	M Green (Waipawa)
W G Johnston Charitable Trust	Lions Club (Stratford)
Rotary Club of Ahuriri (Napier)	Hastings Karamu Rotary Club
B J & N E Burt (Auckland)	G & N Hutchinson (New Plymouth)
Bank of New Zealand (Wellington)	Estate N C Barron (Hastings)
L Stoke (Hastings)	Wairoa Lighthouse Lions Club
B J & P E Jenkins (Taihape)	Lions Club of Toko & Districts (Stratford)
A C McVey (Gisborne)	Milton Tecofsky Estate
Estate M J Peterson	D C & V L Jones (Napier)
Estate J K Thomas	St Vincent de Paul (Hawera)
P Catley (Waipawa)	Estate N C Barron
Evergreen Social Club (Hastings)	C Blumfield (Gisborne)
Clark Charitable Trust	R Wichers (Wairoa)
E D Raitt (New Plymouth)	M Malone (Napier)
Estate D F Kidd (Wanganui)	P J Allen (Hastings)
St Vincent de Paul (New Plymouth)	

A valued contribution under this heading is the generosity shown by the local bodies who service the area. A partial, but substantial, reduction in rates indicates the appreciation they have of the work of the Trust.

During the last year the Rates donated by Palmerston North City Council amounted to \$10,130 and by the Regional Council \$2,528 (GST inclusive).

STATISTICS

MID CENTRAL (including Hawkes Bay to Wanganui)							
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Patients Only	84	122	137	152	127	142	151
Patients with Carers	258	234	243	257	304	307	244
Carers Only	93	69	80	93	81	55	7
	435	425	460	502	507	504	402
Room Nights Occupied	8461	9041	8398	9355	9858	9712	-

TARANAKI (up to 2003 includes Tairāwhiti)							
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Patients Only	50	36	52	62	34	55	73
Patients with Carers	144	143	144	191	201	203	260
Carers Only	40	25	29	49	39	37	5
	234	204	225	302	274	295	338
Room Nights Occupied	4839	4161	4720	6085	6507	7339	-

TAIRAWHITI (Gisborne)							
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Patients Only	15	17	23	21	21	17	-
Patients with Carers	78	62	65	67	64	64	-
Carers Only	21	9	19	24	23	14	-
	114	88	107	112	108	95	-
Room Nights Occupied	2407	1808	1982	2324	2414	2361	-

ANNUAL TOTALS							
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Annual Guests (patients & carers)	739	717	792	916	889	894	740
Available Room Nights	22571	22708	22460	22656	23630	23630	-
	69.6%	66.9%	67.2%	79.3%	79.5%	82.2%	-
Room Nights Occupied	15707	15010	15100	17959	18779	19412	-

The downward trend of 'room nights occupied' from 2004 appears to have been arrested. Treatment of patients in outside areas continued at a, hopefully, reducing level. The principal reason for the upturn would be the 'bringing on stream' during the year of a new Linac (treatment equipment).

FINANCE

The Trust continues to improve its position thanks to the generosity of its donors. In addition, the prudent investment of surplus funds has made a valuable impact.

The improvement reflects in our better overall position, while recording at the same time our investment in land and buildings on the St. Mary's site.

The accounts this year reflect a change in the attitude of our Government support. There is more readiness, now, to make available funds for carers.

Our operating revenue at \$752,374 (L/Y \$681,490) is a result of a partial years' increase in accommodation rates and taking into account an increase in occupancy rates during the year. The availability of rental from a property purchased is reflected this year.

Overall we have managed to keep a control of overhead costs and in areas in which they have increased, they are kept under careful surveillance. The costs are constantly being reviewed to ensure that there is value for the use of the money which is so hard earned.

Overheads, which included depreciation costs of \$114,116 (L/Y \$121,464), were at the level of \$725,607 (\$638,043).

It is pleasing to see that our costs in providing the accommodation outside our own availability to supply have reduced again during the year.

Return on investments, as has been the case previously, is satisfactory and shows a reasonable increase on the previous years. This year \$283,758 (L/Y \$226,146).

As I say, the Trust is in a sound financial position.

The Statement of Cash Flow in the Annual Accounts sets out the position. This shows that we reduced our investments by \$246,888 and increased our investment in Land and Buildings by \$923,175.

Finally, I would like to thank the efforts of our auditor, Darryl Pinny. We continue to be grateful to him for the efforts he makes to ensure that the Trust's accounts and records are audited promptly. I intend to recommend his appointment as auditor, once again, to the Board.

GENERAL

While normal activities have continued and the administration of Ozanam House required some more input, the ongoing development of St. Mary's occupied some time and effort.

The Trust has issued its 'Update' as a fundraising exercise recently. The need to act more pro actively in this regard is considered more necessary if, and when, it becomes clear that the two additional houses planned for the St. Mary's site are required.

It has been a pleasing feature of the administration at Ozanam House that staff remain constant. The Trust is fortunate in the quality of personnel whom we have engaged over the years to assist us with our duty in caring for the guests.

The day to day administration and the provision of care for our guests is under the control of Eileen Day, our administrator now for some 14 years. She is ably assisted in this role by Claire Murray.

The other members of staff continue to assist in maintaining a high level of comfort. They are such an asset to our organisation. What I have to say about the staff is certainly featured in the many reports that come back to us from guests after they return home.

The Secretary and his staff also continue to ably serve the Trust. I find it difficult to put into words an acknowledgment of the contribution which the Administrator, Eileen Day, and our foundation Secretary, Tony Finnigan, contribute to the smooth and efficient running of the organisation. I know I speak for my fellow trustees and others when I express an appreciation for their contribution.

I am pleased to finalise these few comments with a vote of thanks for all those who have assisted me in carrying out this work and I am grateful to all.

Bill Bly JP

CHAIRMAN