



1944-2021

SEVENTYSEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND

STATEMENT OF

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

CHAIRMAN: Jennifer Paynter

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: position vacant

SECRETARY / TREASURER: Bette Swan

REVIEWER: Jocelyn Dutton

BANKERS: Bank of New Zealand

LIFE MEMBERS: Mrs D J Savage, Anthony Segedin

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REGISTERED CHARITY CC26862

77th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held by Zoom, 2 December 2021

Due to Covid 19 Restrictions

Lung Health Auckland Chairman's report 2021

This meeting has been much delayed due to the COVID 19 restrictions. However, we have ensured that the Charities Commission is aware of this and we have been granted an extension to file our returns for this year

Lung Health Auckland previously the Tuberculosis Association was set up in the 1940s with a mandate to help patients in need. Initially this was for patients suffering with Tuberculosis. In the 1980s this was changed to include patients with a Respiratory illness. For me, being part of Lung Health is a privilege, and an honour in being able to carry out this vision. Each one of us in our day do day work with patients can be part of this vision, just by being observant for someone in need and asking for help. It may just be a food voucher or petrol voucher to enable the offset of the cost of attending an appointment. Hearing a patient say they are cold, or can't afford food or prescriptions are indicators they need help. There is no judgement as to whether the patient deserves the help, or to make someone comply with what we are trying to do for them. Requests are as easy as an email to Bette. It is simple; there is no red tape. For simple requests Bette will action straight away; for larger requests these are discussed in the executive meeting held monthly, or by email if more urgent. The pot of money is not endless but there is help for patients, and this year we could have done more.

Taxis are still the main source of help in assisting patients to clinic appointments. And although this is expensive, it enables patients to get the medical help they require to improve their health. Bette has spent a lot of time trying to see if we could set up an account with UBER, but they did not seem interested in doing this. Another barrier for cheaper fares is that ADHB has a contract with CO-OP; Bette carefully reviews the accounts and has challenged some of the charges, resulting in refunds being given. HOP cards are also used for more mobile patients. Lung Health Auckland continues to purchase heaters and pay for power for 3-4 months during the winter months to help those in cold and damp houses.

The next main source of help is with food vouchers and petrol vouchers.

In the last 12-month period Lung Health has also helped in the following ways, by providing mobile phones. One was to a patient who had lost her phone at another hospital. This was gratefully accepted by the patient and her mother and she was able to stay in contact with her mother during her extended hospital stay. Mobile phones are also helpful to give to patients so PHN's can contact them.

Other help given has been providing a flip chart for PHNs on TB and diabetes, Dust mite covers have been given to asthma patients, and a part payment was given to help a family with a child with severe respiratory condition be able to move to a more suitable house.

Although Lung Health Auckland has a policy of not paying for parking, the executive committee has agreed to pay for parking and provide a petrol voucher to enable patients to attend Auckland City Hospital for drug levels for the two main TB drugs. Patients have to attend Auckland City Hospital for their tablets and have to wait for a 2- and 4-hour blood test. The timing of this test is crucial as clinical decisions are made on increasing TB medications if the levels are low. Not all patients have cars so taxi chits have also been used. I want to acknowledge Public Health nurses who have also brought patients in for this.

Other activities Lung Health has been a part of include providing goodies for the Respiratory Ward patients at Easter and Christmas. Once again, we gave a \$40 food voucher at Christmas to patients who would benefit from this.

Lung Health recognised World TB Day this year by providing a cake for Public Health and the Respiratory Doctors and Nurses at Auckland City Hospital in recognition of the care they give TB patients.

There has been not call for submissions from the Asser Trust this year. This has meant Lung Health is now drawing \$8,000 most months from our investment portfolio.

Lung Health Auckland is still continuing to hold a \$10,000 seeding grant available for the next TB Conference in New Zealand. At this stage one has not been organised.

In the AGM 2020 Justine Patterson was elected onto the Executive Committee, but due to her role during COVID she was unable to take up this position. Alice Ma volunteered to take her place, and has met with Bette and myself monthly as part of the executive committee. The executive committee meets monthly to review the expenditure for the past month and discuss larger requests for help. Martin Edwards has continued to give updates on Lung Health's investment portfolio. This has continued to grow throughout a difficult year with COVID.

I wish to sincerely thank the following people for their ongoing support in keeping Lung Health Auckland a vibrant and functioning Charitable Trust helping 100's of people in Auckland with both Respiratory Illnesses and Tuberculosis.

Bette Swan for her ongoing enthusiastic care for all requests for help. Often in her own time. Bette, you do an amazing job.

The executive committee Bette Swan and Alice Ma for their commitment to meeting monthly.

To the Public Health nurses who assist many of the TB patients to clinic appointments saving Lung Health Auckland the cost of transport.

To Jocelyn Dutton for promptly reviewing Lung Health Auckland's accounts

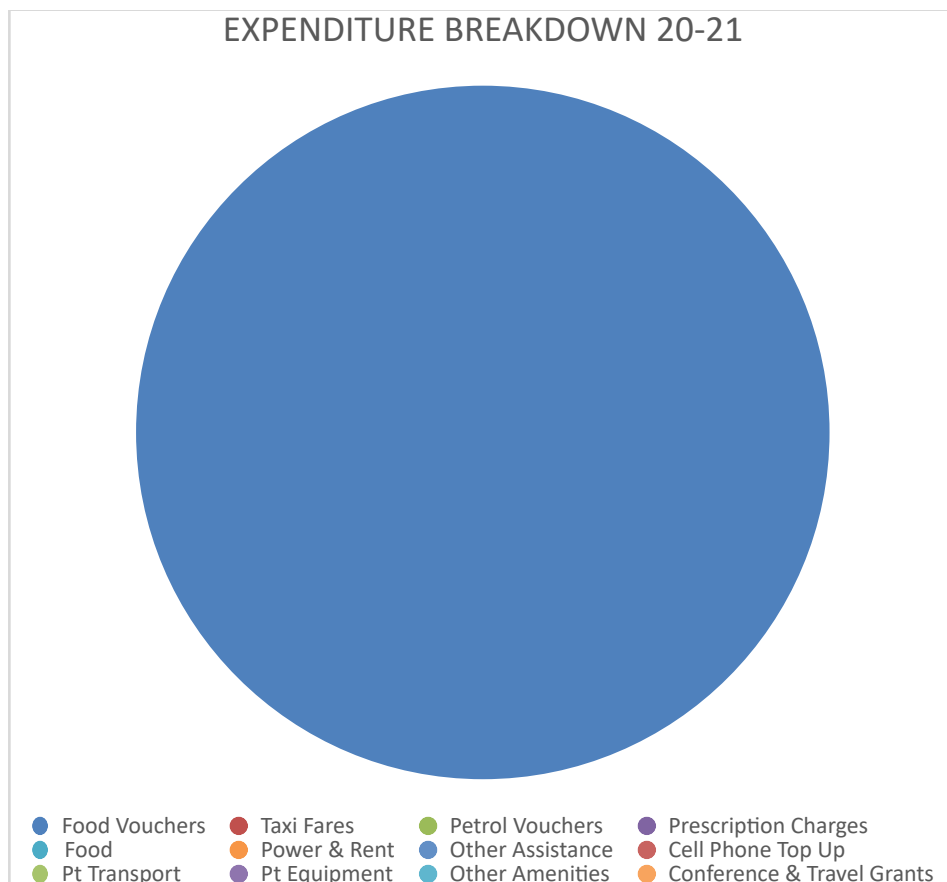
And to the members for without you we would not be able to meet the requirements of a charitable trust.

Thank you all

Jenny Paynter
Chairperson

ASSISTANCE BREAKDOWN:

	2020-21	<i>2019-2020</i>
Food Vouchers	6060.00	8000.00
Taxi Fares	10326.68	21110.79
Petrol Vouchers	1640.00	1800.00
Prescription Charges	1110.79	2256.30
Food	230.00	814.10
Power & Rent	10620.00	7334.50
Other Assistance	865.60	678.00
Cell Phone Top Up	240.00	680.00
Pt Transport	50.00	560.00
Pt Equipment	1380.00	258.00
Other Amenities	10539.16	8740.53
Conference & Travel Grants	149.45	546.00
TOTAL:	43211.68	52778.22

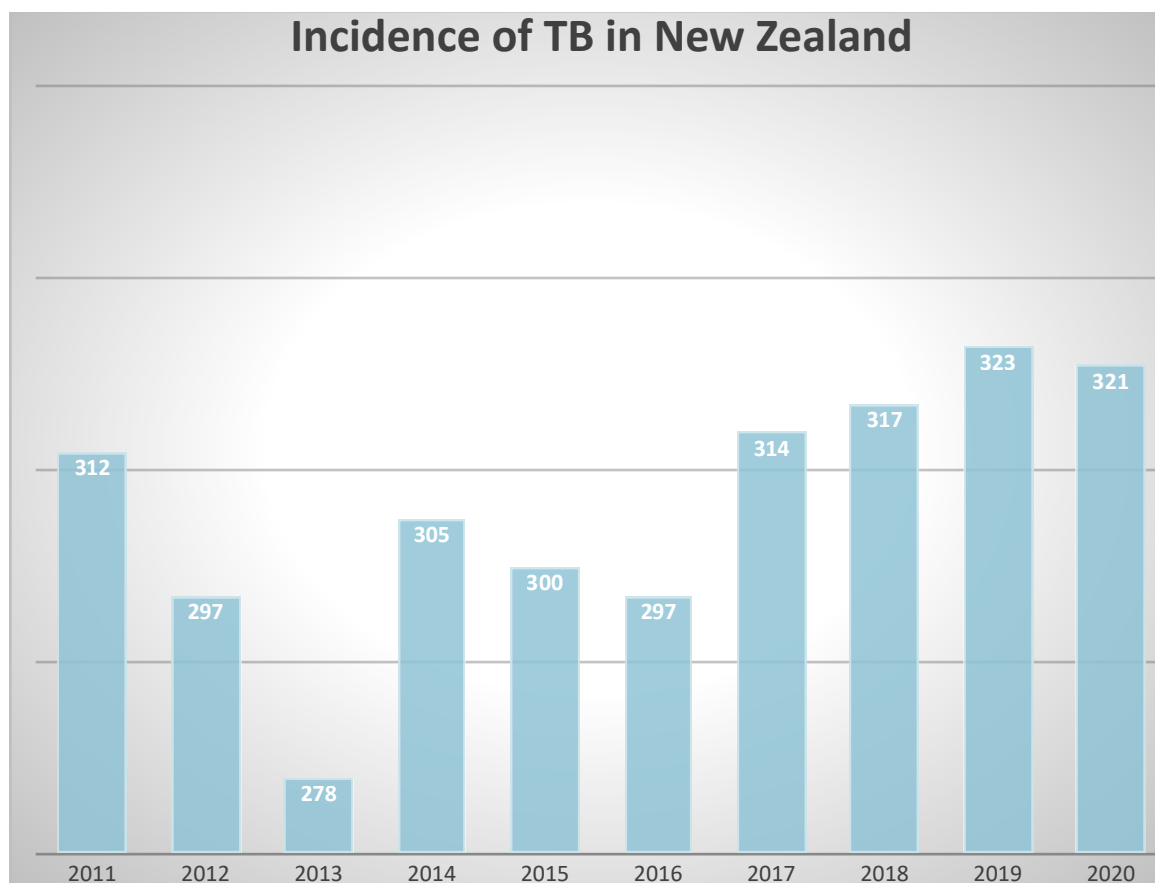


INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS THROUGHOUT NEW ZEALAND 2020

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TB cases notified in the year ending 31.12.19 = **323**

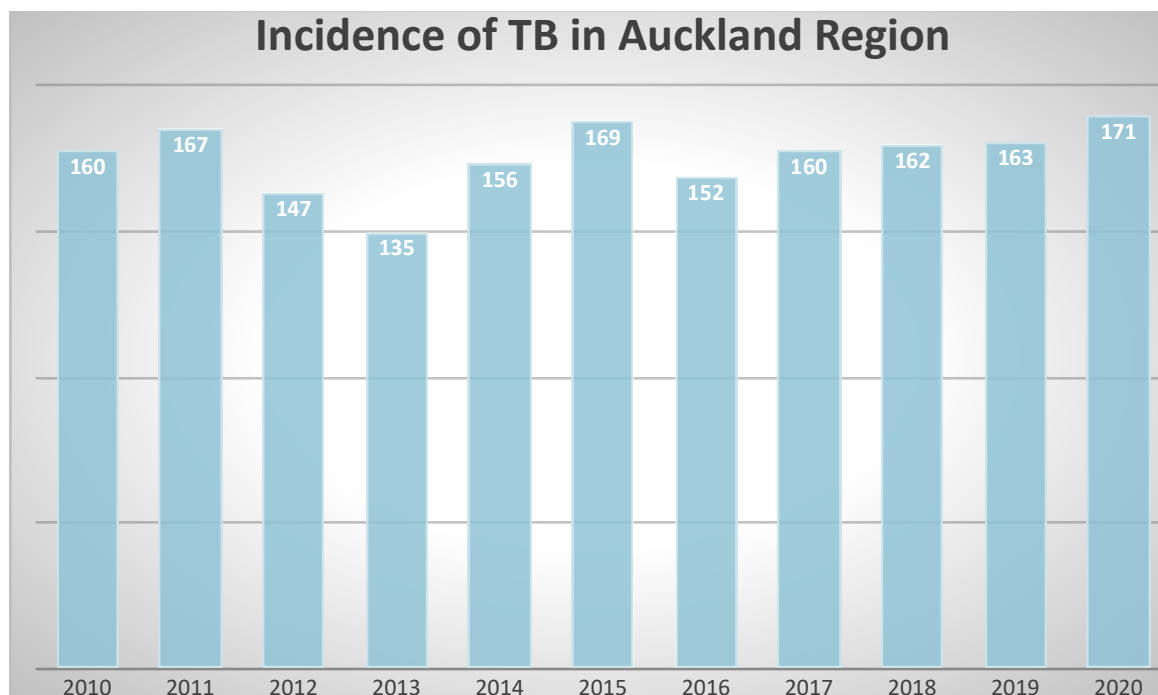
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
312	297	278	305	300	297	314	317	323	321



Auckland TB cases notified in the year ending 2020 (2019) = **171**(162)

Auckland notifications, previous years:

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
160	167	147	135	156	169	152	160	162	163	171



FROM AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S TB CLINIC REPORT 2020 (2019)

Number of new patients seen: 81 (127)

Total new cases: Latent TB Infection 16 (50), TB Disease 5 (3)

Ethnicity: Māori 1, Filipino 1, Southeast Asian NFD 1, Māori/Tongan 1, Kiribati 1

Age: < 1 y 1 1-5 yrs 2 6-15 yrs 2