



ANNUAL REPORT



2008-2009

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Cover Photo: Fairy Dee and the Manukau Support Group children.

Letter from the Chairman

This year has been incredibly challenging for all sections of the community including the not for profit sector. It is unfortunate that charitable organisations such as Allergy New Zealand struggle financially at these times when our services are in most demand. We are acutely aware that health conditions such as allergies place an extra financial burden on individuals and families and we hope that our efforts assist in alleviating some of these pressures.

Despite the financial constraints Allergy New Zealand has been able to make significant progress towards achieving the objectives in the organisations strategic plan and these are highlighted in the CEOs report.

In the current debate over the cost of fundraising and the value attached to the Donor dollar, our achievements reflect a commitment to maximizing outcomes on behalf of our supporters as well as the allergy community, through reducing overheads, staff going the extra mile, and volunteers contributing their time and expertise in multiple ways.

The profile of Allergy New Zealand has grown remarkably over the last 5 years and we find that print and television media, government departments, food industry etc are in regular contact seeking information and advice. The heightened awareness of allergies and Allergy New Zealand helps us to achieve our goals and is due to many years of hard work by all those associated with the organisation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who selflessly give up their free time including the Medical Panel, the National Support Network, members that help with allergy awareness week and other fund raising activities, my fellow Board members and of course our irrepressible Ambassador, Peter Leitch QSM (The Mad Butcher).

One person that deserves individual recognition is Michelle Goo, our treasurer who is leaving the Board after four years. Michelle has spent many hours every week in the Allergy New Zealand offices organising the accounts and supporting the staff. Her positive presence and guiding hand will be missed by everyone.

Finally, I would like to thank the Allergy New Zealand staff that are the backbone of the organisation and that work many extra unpaid hours to ensure that we meet our members' needs: Penny Jorgensen (CEO), Michelle Rogers (Office Manager), Inga Stünzner (Information Services & Publisher/Editor of Allergy Today), Sara Jane Murison (Allergy Educator), Julie Dunsmuir (Membership Services) and Kimberley Madden-Snoad (National Support Network Co-ordinator).



Greg Murison, PhD
Chairman
August 2009

Chief executive's report

In presenting this Annual Report, I begin by stating Allergy New Zealand's mission:

To improve the quality of life for people living with allergies through raising awareness, providing support, and representing their interests, particularly of children and their families.

The need for us to fulfil our purpose is evident in the statistics. Allergies are a set of chronic conditions which have been increasing in prevalence throughout the world in recent decades. It is estimated at least one in five New Zealanders have an allergic condition, most of them younger people of working age and their children. In addition, for those with complex and/or severe and potentially life-threatening allergies, their communities as well as their families will also be affected. So while nearly a million people in New Zealand will experience the symptoms of an allergic reaction at some stage of their lives, most of the population is likely to be affected by allergies, directly or indirectly.

The burden of allergy has been estimated in the millions of dollars, not just in medical costs but in the impact on quality of life for sufferers, including such things as lost days in employment and reduced education attainment for children. Of course the figures don't adequately describe the sheer misery of a young child with such severe eczema that they need two hours and more a day of wet wrapping and other treatment; or the stress on a family trying to avoid the possibility of their loved one experiencing a life-threatening reaction from everyday food.

Allergy New Zealand seeks to meet the needs of people living with allergies and their families and communities through a range of programmes, services and projects. Broadly speaking, these are:

- the provision of current, evidence-based information on all aspects of allergy;
- education to key stakeholders including patients, families, health and education professionals, policy-makers, and the food industry;

- support to families and individuals particularly with complex and/or life-threatening allergies; and;
- representing the interests of people living with allergies including raising awareness.

In delivering these we aim to:

- be the first point of contact for anyone wanting information about allergies including clinical, treatments, services, research and development, issues, policies and procedures, and living day-to-day;
- enable families and individuals to develop the knowledge and skills needed to manage their allergies on a day-to-day basis so that they can live safely and well, and participate fully in normal life;
- improve the safety of those with life-threatening allergies, including children, by educating key sectors and communities, and making submissions to government and policy-makers,
- improve access to allergy-related health services by informing health professionals, promoting research, and working with the media.

In the 12 months to 30 June 2009, we managed over 200,000 contacts for information, advice and support. This included over 130,000 visitors to our website; seminars to more than 900 participants; 3000 information packs distributed nationally; magazines and other information distributed to more than 5000 health professionals every quarter; 5000 food safety posters distributed to food services; thousands of email and phone enquiries; numerous food recall notices and newsletters to members; and networking with families in our local support groups.

In spite of a reduction in our staffing through this period we actually increased 'outputs' over the previous year. This is in no small way due to the passion and commitment of staff who have worked well beyond the hours and duties their job descriptions prescribe; and the support of many volunteers. They will be acknowledged further in this report.

Activities of note through the year include:

- i) **Information Service:**
- Ongoing development and maintenance of the website has seen the site increasingly being used not only for dissemination of up-to-date information but access to resources, advice and support
 - New resources developed including pamphlets on food allergy, anaphylaxis and allergic rhinitis; two food safety posters, and a range of bookmarks
 - Hundreds of individual requests for information by phone, email and in person handled by staff every month.

- ii) **Education Service:**
- Allergy education programme included more than 30 presentations delivered to more than 900 people nationally including parents and caregivers, public health and school nurses, teachers, early childhood staff, and food industry representatives;
 - *Training Resource Kit for Health Professionals* developed and distributed to Public Health Nurse teams nationally;
 - More than 200 *Allergy and Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Schools and Early Childhood Education centres (ECEs)*, and 80 Education Kits distributed in association with the education programme.

- iii) **National Support Network:**
- Over 350 families involved in local volunteer support networks, assisted by nine Regional Coordinators and four Local Support Group Coordinators
 - Range of activities including holiday programmes for children, coffee mornings for mums, guest speakers in evening meetings, and networking through email.

- iv) **Raising Awareness:**
- Our magazine 'Allergy Today' deserves special note as ongoing feedback from readers

including members, health professionals and others indicates the increasing value and credibility given this publication

- Allergy Awareness Week in May 2009 involved 60 community and school libraries setting up displays utilising resources supplied by Allergy New Zealand. The bookmarks developed for the occasion, sponsored by Nutricia, were very well-received



- Hundreds of people visited our stands and attended our seminars at the Gluten-Free Food and Allergy Shows in Auckland, in July 2008 and May 2009. We look forward to the next show, in Christchurch in October
- Interviews, information and/or articles were provided for publication in over 32 media organisations, including The Herald, The Press, Dominion Post, The Otago Daily Times, Fair Go, TVNZ's Good Morning, Newstalk ZB, Radio New Zealand, and Littlies magazine to name a few.

In representing the interests of people with allergies, we have determined that overall priorities for people are:

- improved access to allergy services including diagnosis, treatment and management
- adrenaline auto-injector for anaphylaxis to be free or at least low-cost
- the burden associated with living with allergies is recognised by the community at large and alleviated through education and support.



Allergy New Zealand has developed a range of strategies to represent these matters. These include direct service delivery (as reported above) through to membership of working groups, participation in consultations, oversight of surveys, development of submissions, and participation in research.

Over the past year this work included:

- membership of the Paediatric Society's Allergy Special Interest Group
- participation in the ASCIA Anaphylaxis Training Working Party
- chairing the 2009 'Conferenz' Food Safety Summit
- participation in the Australian and New Zealand Food and Grocery Council's Food Allergen Forum
- promotion of information about ACC cover for anaphylaxis and provision of information to individual ACC anaphylaxis claimants
- membership of the project team for the 'Consumer Study of Food Allergen Labelling: Follow-on Survey 2008-09' commissioned by FSANZ (Food Standards Australia New Zealand)
- meeting with and submissions to the Ministry of Education re guidelines on management of severe allergies in schools and pre-schools
- correspondence with and submissions to NZQA (NZ Qualifications Authority) over the anaphylaxis component in the First Aid Unit Standards
- statement presented at a Coroner's inquest into a death through food-triggered anaphylaxis
- draft guidelines developed for managing anaphylaxis in the workplace
- developing information and networking towards a campaign for funding of adrenaline auto-injectors.

Some of the outcomes from this work that can be seen to date are:

- i) improved access to allergy services for children through paediatric clinics in a number of main public hospitals around the country
- ii) improved knowledge of risk management of food allergens in the food sector
- iii) increasing number of schools and pre-schools able to implement good practice in safely managing children with severe allergies
- iv) development of resources including training packages that incorporate up-to-date and evidence-based information, which will enhance safety initiatives in many areas
- v) increasing number of research initiatives into food allergy and anaphylaxis in New Zealand.

Research

Our commitment to research has seen Allergy New Zealand's ongoing partnership with the Auckland District Health Board in a Food Allergy Research Programme. This is led by Associate Professor Rohan Ameratunga with Dr Christine Crooks as the post-doctoral research fellow. We are pleased that approval has recently been granted by the Multi-regional Ethics Committee for the proposed feasibility study into 'Food allergy in young children'.

In addition, we have been working with the Department of Psychology at AUT to develop a research programme looking at the psychological burden of allergy. This programme is due to be launched with an on-line survey through Allergy New Zealand.

We are also pleased with the support offered by the Bachelor of Health Science programme at Auckland University. This has provided us with the opportunity to commission surveys conducted by students. In 2008, three projects were undertaken.

- A survey of the management of anaphylaxis in Early Childhood Education services (ECEs) in

the Auckland region provided data on children enrolled, policies and procedures, and training of staff

- Focus groups of GPs to identify gaps in GP knowledge of food allergy and preferred methods of accessing information and training
- Focus groups and survey of parents to provide recommendations on the development of a 'parent kit'.

These studies have all provided useful data and information which has contributed to the development of programmes and services, framework for projects, and material for submissions. One outcome as an example, from the survey of ECEs, was correspondence with NZQA over the First Aid Unit Standards leading to their agreement to include reference to individual Anaphylaxis Action Plans.

While we are very proud of our accomplishments over the past 12 months, the reality is that Allergy New Zealand has had a challenging year. The recession has had a significant effect on funding streams and this in turn has led to a reduction in staffing levels and resources. To add to this we had the disruption of two burglaries to contend with. However, in spite of this we have still managed to deliver our services and programmes to the same levels if not actually increased in some areas, as the previous twelve months. As mentioned earlier, this is testimony to the hard work and dedication of our staff, volunteers and supporters.

Staff

Michelle Rogers, our Office Manager, has kept the organisation operating efficiently day to day, as well as providing administrative support for events, promotions and campaigns such as our raffle; maintaining networks; and managing the insurance claim and other work associated with the burglaries.

Julie Dunsmuir ably administered our membership programme as well as reception duties, information requests, and all incoming and outgoing mail. Julie's position ended in June and we wish her all the best.

Kimberley Madden-Snoad, in her role as National Support Network Coordinator, provided information and

support for the Regional and Local Support Group Coordinators around the country, and helped extend the network through bringing onboard new coordinators. Kimberley left this position in April to return to secondary school teaching, however she continues in her volunteer role as Regional Coordinator for South Auckland.

Inga Stünzner, as our Information Officer, has primary responsibility for the quality and flow of information. This includes the ongoing development and management of the website, development of new information and resources, meeting the demand for information from many sources, and managing all media communications, all of which she has done superbly well.

Sara-Jane Murison, as our Allergy Educator, managed the development and provision of education services and resources, particularly for families, health and education professionals and the food industry. She has also represented the organisation in many forums and reviewed and provided comment to a wide-range of submissions. Sara-Jane left Allergy New Zealand at the end of June after many years in both paid and voluntary roles. Her high professional standards, extensive knowledge and commitment will be much missed.

Volunteers

Allergy New Zealand is blessed with passionate and expert volunteers in many categories:

The Board of Directors

Through the challenging times of recent months, the Board has been ably led by Dr Greg Murison. Special mention goes to Michelle Goo who, through her role as Treasurer over the past three years has also provided extensive support to the operational side of the organisation; and to Dot Louie who, as Secretary, has also assisted with administration and other support roles. Individually, members of the Board have also provided invaluable information, contacts, and advice in their various fields of expertise.

The Medical Panel

The on-going demand for our information reflects the value of its credibility as well as accessibility. We are very grateful for the support given by the members of our Medical Panel in ensuring the information we distribute is evidence-based and up-to-date. This is particularly important in the current environment where there are a lot of confusing – and unproven - claims about diagnosis, treatment, cures and prevention.

The National Support Network

Peer support is often vital to the wellbeing of families living with food and other complex or severe allergies. The members of the support network provide support to their local communities in many ways, including information by phone and email, facilitating support group meetings, promoting information through local schools, libraries, Plunket clinics and other networks, and providing feedback to Allergy New Zealand on a range of issues. The 350 + families currently involved in support networks around the country are a testament to the many hours our volunteers contribute.

Other Volunteers

Jill Macfarlane continues to work tirelessly in the background clearing the 0800 line; and Allergy New Zealand continues to receive income through sales of the 'Food Allergy Cookbook' written by Jill in association with Ros Campbell.

Our Ambassador



Peter Charles Leitch QSM continues to support us in so many ways that it is difficult to acknowledge them all.

He has made significant personal donations to the organisation and through active involvement has considerably enhanced our fundraising activities through the year. In the process he has also raised awareness of our work in many quarters we would not normally have an opportunity to connect with.

Challenges now and in the future

Allergy New Zealand's current Strategic Plan (2005-2010) identifies the need for us to increase capacity in order to meet the needs of our growing constituency. This still holds true. Unfortunately the reality of tough economic times has meant we currently operate on a significantly reduced capacity. We have also found that while our greatest resource is people, salaries are the hardest expense item to raise funds for.

There are also other challenges. In some senses we are victims of our own success. Many people see us as a very professional organisation and equate us with a commercial or business model. They therefore don't necessarily see us as a 'poor but worthy' organisation deserving of ongoing support. On the other hand we also have to minimise the risk of 'victimising' our constituents while trying to portray the need we seek to address. For instance, while we work to create a safer environment for people at risk of life-threatening anaphylaxis, we must avoid delivering messages that create fear.

Another challenge is the determination of priorities when resources are limited. Do we focus on the things which are immediate but may benefit only a proportion of the allergic community (albeit thousands), or the longer term where results may benefit all those affected by allergy but may not be apparent for some time? Or do we continue to try to do both but in a limited capacity?

These are some of the aspects that our organisation will need to consider in the next few years. We invite members to contribute their ideas in a survey to be launched later this month, which will provide some initial input to the scope of our Strategic Plan for 2010 – 2015.

To conclude this report I wish to extend the grateful thanks of all involved in our organisation, to our wonderful supporters. They are many and varied, from individual donors to corporate members and sponsors, to

philanthropic trusts. Without them Allergy New Zealand would not exist. We hope you will continue to support us as we work for the interests of the 'allergy' community at large.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. J. Jorgensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Penny Jorgensen

Chief Executive Officer

August 2009

Report from the Treasurer

A universal theme for many organisations (both commercial AND not-for-profits) is 2008/2009 has been an extremely challenging year for Allergy New Zealand, and it certainly lived up to its “**not-for-profit**” status.

In the financial year ended 31 March 2009, Allergy NZ made a loss of \$24,470. Fortunately our financial successes accumulated over prior years has buffered this result, and while struggling we continue to survive.

The difficulties faced by many of our traditional funders have been widely reported (eg ASB Community Trust). The global financial crisis has reduced the value of many investments, thus restricting availability to funding. Simultaneously, the number of organisations seeking assistance has increased, placing even more strain on already squeezed funding sources.

As a result, we have actively sought new sources of funding/sponsorship (eg ACC, ADHB, Sir Ernest Davis Endowment Fund, Ted and Mollie Carr Endowment Fund), and particularly appreciate the continued support from historical funders COGS, JR McKenzie Trust, Lotteries Board, Mr Peter Leitch, NZFSA, Nutricia, Pub Charity, and others individually named in the audited accounts. Their grants/contributions have enabled us to continue delivering many of our desperately needed services.

It is with pride that despite difficult times, our member subscriptions have increased slightly (\$17,276 to \$19,511), however, discretionary donations have dropped dramatically from \$21,821 to \$3,659. Special acknowledgement should be made to our wonderful Ambassador, Mr Peter Leitch, who has contributed royalties (\$12,500) from his autobiography, and speakers fees, as well as his time and energy in supporting fundraising on our behalf.

Similarly, it is reassuring to report that our magazine (Allergy Today) defies industry trends – whilst lower in total, each issue’s advertising revenue and subscriptions remains stable, although significantly higher distribution (postal) costs have eroded the nett magazine contribution.

A conscious effort to minimise and control spending has resulted in expenditure being lower than the prior year. That said, we can stand tall knowing that our financial result could have been considerably worse.

In the short term, we will continue to face challenging times. For the new financial year, the Board and Staff have taken steps to ensure the organisation continues to survive. We have actively sought new funding sources (eg sponsorship, raffle), and taken action to prioritise essential services to ensure our limited resources are used efficiently. We have also identified options which manage our cashflow more effectively. There will be changes, but the Board is fortunate that it has Staff, Volunteers and Charitable Funders, who will, together, ensure the sustainability of the organisation to meet its key objectives.

I have resigned as Treasurer and would like to take the opportunity to thank the present and past Chairmen (Greg Murison, Peter Aish and Mark Coyle), and Penny Jorgensen and Michelle Rogers who have all provided me with much valued support and guidance. Thank you also to Scott Browne for his continued pro bono audit work.



Michelle Goo

Treasurer

August 2009

People in the organisation

2008 – 2009

The Board of Allergy New Zealand, 2008 - 09

Greg Murison, Chairman
Michelle Goo, Treasurer
Dot Louie, Secretary
Sarah Duncan
Sue Egbers
Berna Haerewa
Matthew Leaning
Priyan Rajapaksa
Tim Tenbenschel
Aileen Smith
Assoc Prof Rohan Ameratunga, Medical Panel
Representative

The Allergy New Zealand Ambassador

Peter Charles Leitch, QSM

The Medical and Scientific Advisory Panel

Associate Professor Rohan Ameratunga
Dr Brian Broom
Pauline Brown
Dr Vincent St Aubyn Crump
Dr Penny Fitzharris
Jenny Heyward
Anna Richards
Tania Clifton-Smith
Dr Richard Steele
Sanchia Vos

Honorary Solicitor

Michele Sang

Honorary Auditor

Scott Browne - MH & K Chartered Accountants

The National Support Network

Regional Co-ordinators

Lisa Aish	Auckland City
Sue Devaliant	Northland
Lynne Dunn	Taranaki
Nicola Clissold	Wellington
Wendy Jenkins	Southland
Kimberley Madden-Snoad	Manukau City
Erin Martin	Dunedin
Raewyn Mitchell	Canterbury
Wendi Turner	Nelson

Support Group Coordinators

Susan Brady Napier

Elizabeth Brown
Aimee Feck
Audrey Quigley
Vanya Steiner

Waitakere City
Dannevirke
Waikato
North Shore

Volunteers

Alec Brown
Michelle Goo
Tony Lough
Dot Louie
Jill Macfarlane
Tania Anderson
And many others who helped in countless ways

Life Members

Ros Campbell
Dr Jerry Chunn
Sue Cochrane
Mark Coyle
Val Gillanders
Susan Just
Natalie Lloyd
Jill Macfarlane
Carmela Maplesden
Helena Merson
Sandra Sheard
Dorothy Spencer
Carolyn Sutherland
Dan Williams
Margaret Wong

Staff

Penny Jorgensen, CEO
Sara-Jane Murison, Allergy Educator
Michelle Rogers, Office Manager
Julie Dunsmuir, Membership Services
Inga Stünzner, Information Officer
Kimberley Madden-Snoad, NSN Coordinator
Christine Crooks, Researcher

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 Mad Butcher stores
 Mad Butcher-Suburban Newspapers Community Trust
 Mark Coyle
 MBE Mt Eden
 MH & K Chartered Accountants
 Mt Wellington Trust
 Mylan New Zealand
 New Zealand Food Safety Authority
 New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club
 New Zealand Post Group
 Nilfisk Advance
 Nutricia (NZ) Ltd
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 Pacific Blue & Polynesian Blue Airlines
 Peter Leitch QSM
 Phadia AB
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 Radio Network
 Regency Duty Free
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 Southern Trust
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Food Allergy Research Programme

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Allergy New Zealand Incorporated
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2009

Allergy New Zealand Incorporated
Statement of Financial Performance
For the year ended 31 March 2009

	Note	This Year	Last Year
Income			
Grant Money Utilised	3	184,304	178,995
Sponsorship less costs		24,292	25,359
Subscriptions		19,511	17,276
Donations - Members	4,848		3,461
Donations - Others	3,659		21,821
Total Subscriptions and Donations		8,507	42,558
Education Services	2,268		(848)
Presentations and Promotions	0		(600)
Company Mailout	225		517
Total Service Revenue		2,493	(731)
Allergy Awareness Week Receipts	0		8,905
Allergy Awareness Week Costs	(36)		(7,456)
Allergy Awareness Luncheon	0		5,867
Event Stand	0		(178)
Teen Workshop - Income	2,047		0
Teen Workshop - Costs	(7,442)		0
National Conference	1,990		(1,917)
Total Fundraising Revenue		(3,442)	5,221
Product Sales		5,718	14,262
Interest Received	8,776		9,016
Rent Received	9,073		9,422
Sundry Income	320		418
Total Miscellaneous Income		18,169	18,856
Total Allergy NZ Administration Income		259,553	284,520

These Financial Statements must be read subject to the Notes and the Auditors Report attached.



Allergy New Zealand Incorporated
Statement of Financial Performance
For the year ended 31 March 2009

	Note	This Year	Last Year
Less Expenses			
ACC		1,375	866
Accounting Fees		44	44
Advertising & Promotions		3,345	1,751
Bank Fees & Charges		2,889	2,284
Computer Expenses		2,083	1,565
Consultant Fees		11,522	8,250
Depreciation		7,270	12,091
Fringe Benefit Tax		0	1,618
General Expenses		6,250	3,913
Insurance		4,244	4,002
Internet Exps		3,116	3,944
Light, Power & Gas		2,520	2,453
Loss on Sales of Fixed Assets		338	1,500
Photocopying		3,280	3,212
Postage & Courier		5,957	4,655
Press Clippings & Research		1,354	1,213
Printing & Stationery		8,844	6,859
Property Maintenance		1,427	798
Rent & Rates		30,855	31,295
Salaries & Allowances		192,441	195,874
Staff Costs		2,558	165
Subscriptions		104	248
Support Group Expenses		2,793	3,238
Telephone, Tolls & Faxes		2,551	4,413
Travel Expenses		13,010	20,067
Volunteer Expenses		566	443
Total Allergy NZ Administration Expenses		310,737	316,761
Allergy NZ Administration Profit/(Loss)		(51,185)	(32,241)
Magazine Allergy Today			
Allergy Today Magazine Revenue		201,885	216,875
Allergy Today Magazine Expenses		(175,170)	(186,610)
Contribution to Allergy NZ Fundraising		26,715	30,265
Research			
Research Funds Utilised		56,237	53,986
Research Fund Expenses		(56,237)	(53,986)
Contribution to cover Misc Research Expenses		0	0
Total Allergy NZ Profit/(Loss)		(24,470)	(1,976)

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Allergy New Zealand Incorporated
Statement of Movement in Equity
For the year ended 31 March 2009

	Note	This Year	Last Year
Funds at the beginning of the year		66,756	68,732
Net Surplus for the Year		(24,470)	(1,976)
Funds at the end of the year		<u>42,286</u>	<u>66,756</u>

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Allergy New Zealand Incorporated
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2009

	Note	This Year	Last Year
Members Funds		<u>42,286</u>	<u>66,756</u>
Represented by:			
Current Assets			
Cash on Hand	225	225	225
ASB Cheque Account	39,958	69,607	69,607
Investment Account	100,454	101,580	101,580
Research Account	22,342	20,887	20,887
Accounts Receivable	52,432	58,562	58,562
Inventory	2,252	4,516	4,516
Sundry Debtors	5,947	924	924
Prepayments	6,254	3,078	3,078
		<u>229,864</u>	<u>259,379</u>
Fixed Assets	4	14,624	24,181
Total Assets		<u>244,488</u>	<u>283,560</u>
Current Liabilities			
Accrued Expenses	30,364	35,107	35,107
PAYE, Kiwisaver & Withholding Tax	4,014	4,586	4,586
Accounts Payable	23,330	33,525	33,525
Unutilised Grant Monies held	3 104,727	78,220	78,220
Goods & Services Tax	11,464	10,040	10,040
Research Fund	28,302	54,884	54,884
Teen Workshop Deposits	0	442	442
		<u>202,202</u>	<u>216,804</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>202,202</u>	<u>216,804</u>
Net Assets		<u>42,286</u>	<u>66,756</u>

Chairman

Date

Treasurer

Date

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Allergy New Zealand Incorporated
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2009

1 Statement of Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

Allergy New Zealand Incorporated is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and registered under the Charities Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared using generally accepted accounting practice.

Measurement Base

Unless otherwise stated, the measurement base used is that of historical cost.

Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of financial performance and financial position have been applied:

- (a) **Accounts Receivable**
Accounts Receivable are stated at their expected realisable value.
- (b) **Depreciation**
Depreciation has been calculated at the rates allowed for taxation purposes, using the diminishing value method for all assets.
- (c) **Differential Reporting**
The Society qualifies for Differential Reporting in so far as it has met the criteria that:
- 1 The Society is not publicly accountable.
 - 2 The Society is not defined as large as it does not exceed:
 - (i) Total revenue of \$5 million and
 - (ii) 20 employees.
- The Society has taken advantage of all available differential reporting exemptions.
- (d) **Fixed Assets**
Fixed assets are shown at cost less accumulated depreciation.
- (e) **Goods & Services Tax**
The financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those used in previous years.

2 Lease Commitments	This Year	Last Year
Current	25,500	25,500
Term	27,625	53,125
	<u>53,125</u>	<u>78,625</u>

Lease commitments represent an operating lease in respect of offices situated at 441A Mt Eden Road, Mt Eden. The lease expires in April 2010. There is a right of renewal at that time.



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3 Grants 2009	Opening Balance	Grants Received	Grants Spent	Closing Balance
Received From				
ACC	0	8,550	5,000	3,550
ADHB	0	6,280	6,280	0
ASB Charitable Trust	1,972	15,000	16,972	0
Auckland International Airport	1,907	0	526	1,381
J A Redwood Charitable Trust	0	1,000	0	1,000
Sir John Logan Campbell Trust	0	2,000	0	2,000
COGS Auckland	710	3,000	2,191	1,519
COGS Christchurch/Banks Pen	1,740	8,000	4,529	5,211
COGS Central Otago	500	0	0	500
COGS Coastal Otago/Waitaki	719	2,015	1,614	1,120
COGS Far North	2,067	6,212	4,286	3,993
COGS Hamilton City	715	1,500	755	1,460
COGS Hutt Valley	750	1,000	1,250	500
COGS Marlborough	500	1,000	750	750
COGS Manukau	3,067	5,000	5,127	2,940
COGS Nelson	274	1,490	1,071	693
COGS North Taranaki	827	0	827	0
COGS Papakura/Franklin	221	3,000	1,067	2,154
COGS Rodney/North Shore	338	1,000	1,141	197
COGS South Taranaki	720	2,000	1,235	1,485
COGS Southland	524	1,000	1,216	308
COGS Tamatea/Tamaki/Nui-A-Rua	0	1,750	883	867
COGS Waitakere	1,764	3,000	3,498	1,266
COGS Wellington	1,369	5,000	3,508	2,861
COGS Whangarei/Kaipara	995	1,000	1,495	500
COGS Whitiorea	500	500	778	222
Ted and Mollie Carr Endowment Fund	0	25,000	12,581	12,419
Sir Ernest Davis Endowment Fund	0	15,000	10,414	4,586
JR McKenzie Trust	18,462	20,000	31,312	7,150
Lottery Grants Board	3,660	37,000	18,304	22,356
Medic Alert Trust NZ	175	0	175	0
Mt Wellington Charitable Trust	0	5,000	5,000	0
NZ FFGW Canterbury	88	0	88	0
Paul Newman Foundation	10,398	0	10,398	0
Pub Charity	0	20,000	260	19,740
Sky City Community Trust	0	2,000	0	2,000
Southern Regions Trust	0	10,000	10,000	0
Southland Community Trust	1,710	0	1,710	0
Trillian Trust	21,549	(3,486)	18,063	0
	<u>78,220</u>	<u>210,811</u>	<u>184,304</u>	<u>104,727</u>

Trillian Trust \$3,486 negative was an underspend refunded to Trillian

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2008 Received From	Opening Balance	Grants Received	Grants Spent	Closing Balance
ASB Charitable Trust	0	15,500	13,528	1,972
Auckland International Airport	1,907	0	0	1,907
Bendigo	0	1,300	1,300	0
Caversham Foundation	0	3,000	3,000	0
Central Lakes	0	1,278	1,278	0
Christchurch Community Trust	1,918	0	1,918	0
COGS Aoraki	2,907	0	2,907	0
COGS Auckland	1,566	3,000	3,856	710
COGS Canterbury Rural	424	0	424	0
COGS Christchurch/Banks Pen	496	2,500	1,256	1,740
COGS Central Otago	0	500	0	500
COGS Coastal Otago/Waitaki	1,815	2,000	3,096	719
COGS Far North	3,945	2,500	4,378	2,067
COGS Great Barrier	100	0	100	0
COGS Hamilton City	1,819	1,500	2,604	715
COGS Hauraki	457	0	457	0
COGS Hutt Valley	900	750	900	750
COGS Kahungunu ki Heretaunga	2,404	0	2,404	0
COGS Marlborough	0	500	0	500
COGS Manawatu/Horowhenua	1,500	0	1,500	0
COGS Manukau	3,609	5,560	6,102	3,067
COGS Nelson	953	1,000	1,679	274
COGS North Taranaki	1,254	1,000	1,427	827
COGS Papakura/Franklin	885	1,000	1,664	221
COGS Rodney/North Shore	1,861	1,000	2,523	338
COGS South Taranaki	1,351	1,750	2,381	720
COGS South Waikato	1,000	0	1,000	0
COGS Southland	42	1,500	1,019	523
COGS Tairāwhiti	993	0	993	0
COGS Tamatea/Tamaki/Nui-A-Rua	923	0	923	0
COGS Waikato West	783	0	783	0
COGS Wairarapa	2,315	0	2,315	0
COGS Waitakere	2,881	3,000	4,117	1,764
COGS Wellington	673	2,160	1,464	1,369
COGS Whanganui/Waimarion/Rangitikei	1,330	0	1,330	(0)
COGS Whangarei/Kaipara	1,141	2,000	2,146	995
COGS Whitiāreia	0	500	0	500
JR McKenzie Trust	0	20,000	1,538	18,462
Logan Campbell	2,000	0	2,000	0
Lottery Grants Board	9,578	39,000	44,918	3,660
Medic Alert Trust NZ	175	0	0	175
Mt Wellington Licensing Trust	5,000	0	5,000	0
NZ FFGW Canterbury	0	300	212	88
Paul Newman Foundation	0	10,399	0	10,399
Perry Foundation	0	10,000	10,000	0
Pub Charity	26,036	0	26,036	0
Pub Charity - Dunedin	30	0	30	0

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2008	Opening Balance	Grants Received	Grants Spent	Closing Balance
Received From				
Sky City	0	1,170	1,170	0
Southern Regions Trust	0	10,000	10,000	0
Southland Community Trust	0	2,000	291	1,709
Southland Medical Foundation	0	400	400	0
TG McCarthy	628	0	628	0
Trillian Trust	0	21,549	0	21,549
Total Grants	<u>87,599</u>	<u>169,616</u>	<u>178,995</u>	<u>78,220</u>
4 Fixed Assets	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	
2009				
Display Board	6,433	4,008	2,425	
Videos	669	669	0	
Books	602	602	0	
Computer Hardware	25,147	18,951	6,196	
Computer Software	3,851	2,914	937	
Office Furniture	8,363	3,297	5,066	
	<u>45,065</u>	<u>30,441</u>	<u>14,624</u>	
2008	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	
Display Board	6,433	3,680	2,753	
Videos	669	669	0	
Books	602	600	2	
Computer Hardware	29,208	16,285	12,923	
Computer Software	3,584	2,296	1,288	
Office Furniture	10,041	2,826	7,215	
	<u>50,537</u>	<u>26,356</u>	<u>24,181</u>	

5 Capital Commitments

The Society had no capital commitments at balance date (2008: Nil).

6 Guarantees and Contingent Liabilities

The Society has given no guarantees during the year and has no contingent liabilities at balance date (2008: Nil).

7 Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There have been no significant events subsequent to balance date (2008: Nil).

8 Related Parties

There have been no related party transactions during the year (2008: Nil).

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Audit Report

To the Members of Allergy New Zealand Incorporated.

We have audited the financial report on pages 1 to 8. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the society and its financial position as at 31 March 2009. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 5.

Board Responsibilities

The Board are responsible for the preparation of a financial report which gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the society as at 31 March 2009 and of the results of operations for the year ended 31 March 2009.

Auditors' Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- The significant estimates and judgments made by the Management Committee in the preparation of the financial report, and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the society's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with New Zealand auditing standards except that our work was limited as explained below. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide ourselves with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with, or interest in, the society.

Qualified Opinion

In common with other organisations of a similar nature, control over the income from Raffles, Subscriptions, Fundraising Activities and other income prior to being recorded is limited and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control.

In this respect alone we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion, except for adjustments that might have been found to be necessary had we been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning income from Raffles, Subscriptions, Fundraising Activities and other income the financial statements on pages 1 to 8 fairly reflect the results of operations for the year ended 31 March 2009.

In our opinion the financial report on pages 1 to 8 fairly reflects the financial position of the society as at 31 March 2009.

Our audit was completed on 24 July 2009 and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

M H & K Audit
Chartered Accountants
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