



Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa  
Playcentre Aotearoa

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# Annual Report

Playcentre 



Playcentre Aotearoa’s symbol was designed by Colin Simon, a Playcentre father and was adopted in 1973. The logo is complete when the additional lower circular text is added to give a full circle of text surrounding the central people component. The symbol is about all whānau: whānau cooperative, Playcentre whānau, community whānau, whānau of all cultures woven and blended into one, Playcentre, inclusive. The symbol is a visual representation of “Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together”. Colin went on to design the symbol for the 1984 Commonwealth Games.

**Legal name of entity**

Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa  
— Playcentre Aotearoa

**Entity type and legal basis**

Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa  
— Playcentre Aotearoa is a Charitable Trust incorporated under the Charities Trust Act 1957

**Charities number**

No. CC37155

**Certificate of incorporation number**

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About us



# About Playcentre Aotearoa

Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa – Playcentre Aotearoa (Playcentre) is a licenced early childhood education provider and charitable trust. It has a philosophy to empower whānau and tamariki to work, play, learn and grow together; while honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Individual Playcentres are co-operatively managed by parents and whānau with the support of their regional team, the national team and national Trustee Board.

## How we formed

Playcentre began in 1941 in the Wellington suburb of Karori. From the start, each Playcentre was a community driven initiative, organised by parents, utilising existing premises and using parents as teachers.

## Our commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi/ Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Playcentre Aotearoa made a commitment to The Treaty of Waitangi in 1989 and to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1994 to ensure the sustainability of Te Ao Māori within the organisation.

Throughout this report te reo Māori kupu are used, all kupu are defined in the glossary.

## What is Playcentre Aotearoa?

There are 401 Playcentres operating around the country. These centres range in numbers from five members to 150 members and are located from Awanui Playcentre north of Kaitiāia in Northland to Toi Tois Playcentre east of Bluff in Southland.

Playcentre Aotearoa operates in various capacities in order to deliver our services and achieve our goals set out in our mission statement.

We act as:

- a licensed early childhood education service (ECE), governed by the Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations and Licensing Criteria;
- a community of parents and whānau providing each other support and friendship as they raise their tamariki through their early years;
- an advocate for the importance of parent involvement in their children's education and the importance of play in the early years;
- a Charitable Trust with a governing Trust Deed; and
- an NZQA registered provider, accredited and approved to deliver early childhood education courses registered on the NZQA framework to our parents and whānau.

## Our vision

Whānau tupu ngātahi - families growing together

## Our mission

Playcentre is a whānau organisation which:

- Empowers whānau and tamariki to work, play, learn and grow together;
- Honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi and celebrates people's uniqueness; and
- Values and affirms parents as the first and best educators for their tamariki

So that whānau are strengthened and communities enriched.

*“  
Playcentre is the best  
thing I've ever done  
for my kids and for  
myself. I wish I had  
started sooner.*”



*“  
Being part of  
Playcentre has  
enriched the  
parenting in  
our house.*”



# Message from Trustee Board

On behalf of the board of Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa – Playcentre Aotearoa we are pleased to present this annual report for the year ended 31 August 2023.

It has been a year of significant progress for us in addressing the outstanding issues from our amalgamation in 2019. The most important has been the approval by the High Court of our new Trust Deed. This provides us with a strong and positive constitutional document which enables us to function as one national organisation of which each Centre is the local expression. With this in place, we can continue to work on the other key components of our current strategy which are the co-design of a new funding model, the development of a new operational model to enable parents to focus on our core philosophy of parents as the first and best educators of their tamariki and to finally complete the process of the amalgamation with all Centres joining Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa - Playcentre Aotearoa.

Our new Trust Deed has also enabled us to conduct our first ever Trustee Board elections on the “one whānau, one vote” basis where each whānau with tamariki currently enrolled with Playcentre has their say in deciding who sits on our Board to lead our organisation into the future. Whilst the election took place after the reporting year, it is so momentous that we need to report the results here:

### Te Whare Tikanga Māori vacancies:

- 1 Heather Ruru, serving a term of 3 years
- 2 Bes Lironi-Irvine, serving a term of 2 years
- 3 Andrea Webster, serving a term of 2 years

Liz Cribb withdrew during the voting process and this leaves a vacancy in Te Whare Tikanga Māori. There is a process under the new Trust Deed for both the whare and the Board to manage this.

### Tangata Tiriti vacancies:

- 1 Hayley Kirk-Smith, serving a term of 3 years
- 2 Alice Norton, serving a term of 3 years
- 3 Peta Vassalini, serving a term of 2 years

Fran Cowie will serve the remainder of her current term for Tangata Tiriti for a further 1 year.

Avis Stewart left the Board in June 2023 and Ann Langis, Gemma Scott and Rane Davies completed their terms at the AGM 2023. We thank them for their service. We also want to thank and acknowledge all of our thousands of volunteers without whom there would be no Playcentre and all our staff, under the leadership of our Chief Executive David Moger, without whom we could not run Playcentre. It is thanks to all our volunteers and staff working together that we can report all the achievements detailed in this annual report. We are also grateful for the support of all our sponsors, grant providers and to the Ministry of Education for their support in the ongoing co-design process.

2023 was a foundational year for us as we continue to build our sustainable future on our journey of *ki te pae tawhiti*, to distant horizons.

## Co-Presidents



Hayley Kirk-Smith



Heather Ruru

## Trustee Board members



Ann Langis



Bes Lironi-Irvine



Fran Cowie



Gemma Scott



Rane Davies



# Message from Chief Executive

**As I reflect upon my first full reporting year for Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa - Playcentre Aotearoa, it is with immense pride that I consider the achievements that have come as a direct result of our valued volunteers and staff working together in such a committed way. I have been continuing to visit Centres across the country to ensure that everything we do as an organisation is about making Playcentre happen across the motu. Everything we have been doing operationally has been about supporting *ki te pae tawhiti* (our amalgamation journey) and our core philosophy of parents as first and best educators of their tamariki.**

Behind the scenes we have designed, developed and deployed a new finance system to support our current and future needs more effectively. Our Finance Team, under the leadership of our Chief Financial Officer Stephen O’Neil have completed this project in record time. Our Property Team has been restructured with new Property Managers providing “boots on the ground” support backed up by a team back at the office to address the deferred maintenance issues across our property portfolio and ensure that we have safe and compliant places for our whānau and tamariki. This includes developing maintenance plans for the next 10 years. Our Human Resources and Hononga Māori teams have been supporting all our staff across all our National and Regional Offices and our Centres to make sure that we provide the best possible working environment we can.

Our Education Team, under the leadership of our Pedagogical Lead Kara Daly, have reviewed and updated our Level 4 qualification to improve

access to learning and make the outcomes more suitable for the needs of our adult learners. We gained recognition for primary teachers in Playcentre and developed the Playcentre Primary Teacher Bridging Award to empower primary teachers to succeed as Playcentre kaiako. When I first joined Playcentre, I listened to the feedback on our adult education programme which was focused on those two areas, so I am delighted to report that we have delivered solutions that respond directly to that feedback.

I also heard feedback that Playcentre is the best kept secret in Aotearoa and we have worked hard to change that. Thanks to the work of our Marketing and Communications Manager Jo Leahy and our valued volunteers and staff working together, we achieved outstanding results with our Playcentre Open Week and Messy Play Week campaigns. For Playcentre Open Week, we created a 234% increase in visitors at local Centres compared to last year. For Messy Play Week, we lit up our social media reaching over 100,000 people via our Playcentre Facebook page and received new Facebook and Instagram page likes/followers, up 550% and 257% respectively compared to last year. As a result of our media outreach, TV3’s AM Show aired a live broadcast from Kumeu Playcentre where I was interviewed as Chief Executive alongside whānau and tamariki from the Centre. This was an amazing opportunity to promote Playcentre to a large audience. We also ran campaigns to support National Volunteer Week, Matariki and Māori Language Week with great levels of engagement that we will build upon in the years ahead.

I am so grateful for all the hard work and commitment from our staff and volunteers who have achieved so much by working together so positively for the sake of our whānau and tamariki. Thank you all so much for everything you do for Playcentre.

As we continue to build Playcentre into one national organisation of which each Centre is the local expression where whānau tupu ngātahi – families grow together, I can think of nothing more fitting than to conclude my report with some feedback we have received from whānau across the country:

“  
*Playcentre gave me some stability when I was struggling as a first-time Mum.*  
- Chevaughan

“  
*Being part of Playcentre has enriched the parenting in our house.*  
- Virginia

“  
*Playcentre is our home away from home. Having a wonderful supportive group of friends has made all the difference to our whānau.* - Diana

“  
*Playcentre is the best thing I’ve ever done, for me and my kids.*  
- Emily



As we work together for a positive future, I want to see every household in Aotearoa New Zealand being able to benefit from all we do as an organisation and invite everyone to join us on our *ki te pae tawhiti* journey to our centenary and beyond!

Ngā mihi nui me ngā mihi aroha,

**David Moger**  
Chief Executive



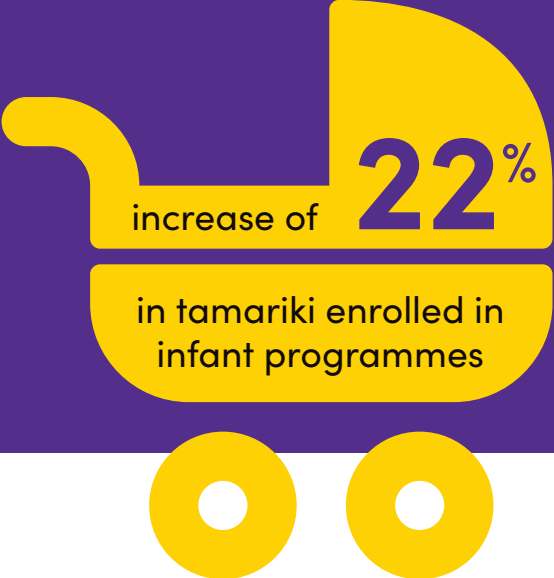
# 2022/2023 Highlights

for Playcentre Aotearoa



The adult education programme has delivered

**992** with **10,636**  
workshops attendees  
(increase of 24%) (increase of 40%)



**5%** increase in tamariki enrolled at Playcentre



An increase of 41% in educational module completion

**14,031**  
valued volunteers



**167**

Māori Bicultural Officers engaged in training

for Best Preschooler Activity Centre/Class

“

As an ECE teacher I always tell people that Playcentre is the best form of ECE available, it’s truly amazing and the opportunities are endless.





# Strategic Plan 2020–2030

## Ngā Whāinga o Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa 2020–2030



### Whakakaha/ Strengthen Support

#### Strategic Priority

Playcentre Aotearoa has data and information; this will be used to detect patterns, understand problems and determine solutions to support and strengthen Playcentres in a targeted and proportionate manner.

#### Whāinga/Goals

Playcentre Aotearoa will utilise robust information and trends to support and strengthen our Centres.

Playcentre Aotearoa Management will work with Centres to develop networks internally within the organisation and with external stakeholders to strengthen and support Centres and their members.

Playcentre Aotearoa will ensure that information is readily available to assist with research and to retain our stories / institutional knowledge.

#### Tukunga iho/Key Outcomes

- Centres are strong and sustainable.
- Accurate historical and current information is available to Centre members, Playcentre Aotearoa Management team and Trustee Board
- Individual Centre information and overall organisational data is used to develop ongoing plans for Centres to be implemented in partnership with Playcentre Aotearoa Management
- Centres are supported and strengthened through robust internal and external networks
- We have a culture of telling our stories



### Whakatipu/ Build Community

#### Strategic Priority

The Playcentre Aotearoa community will grow by valuing current members and providing opportunities to attract new whānau / members to participate.

#### Whāinga/Goals

The membership of Playcentre Aotearoa will reflect the communities in which our Playcentres are based.

Playcentre Education provision and delivery will meet the needs of both whānau / members and the organisation equally.

#### Tukunga iho/Key Outcomes

- Our membership reflects the diversity of all New Zealand communities
- Playcentres are a vital resource for whānau and contribute to the success of the communities in which they are based
- Playcentre whānau are confident and competent life-long learners



### Ari/Increase Visibility

#### Strategic Priority

As experts in the area of learning through play for all ages, Playcentre Aotearoa will use our knowledge to increase our visibility and presence in the communities we support.

#### Whāinga/Goals

Playcentre members and staff will work to reenergise and promote the Playcentre Movement within our communities.

#### Tukunga iho/Key Outcomes

- Playcentres are known as the centre of the community and are the first choice for whānau.
- Playcentre members are recognised as experts in the field of learning through play for all ages



### Kanorau/ Diversify Funding

#### Strategic Priority

We will seek to increase and diversify the funding available to Playcentre Aotearoa to ensure the stability and growth of the organisation. We will make investments in people and technology to improve our efficiency and optimise the service we provide to our whānau and community.

#### Whāinga/Goals

Playcentre will be financially viable and operate effectively and efficiently.

#### Tukunga iho/Key Outcomes

- Playcentre is funded at a level that reflects the value of the services it provides to whānau in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Playcentre Aotearoa achieves measurable growth in secured funding across the organisation in every year
- Centres achieve individual fundraising goals
- The management of our financial resources ensures the best outcomes for our Centres



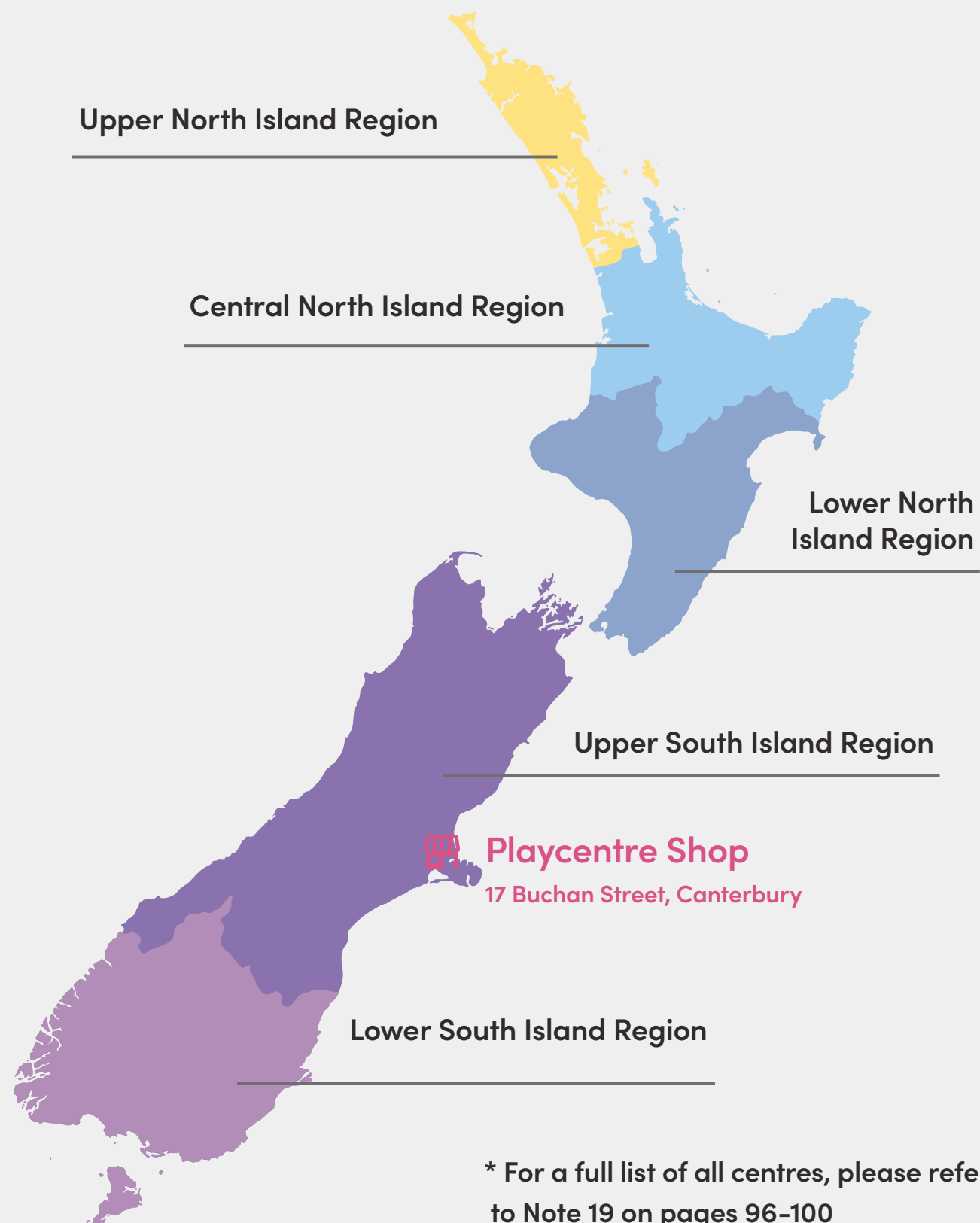


Our  
structure



# 401

Playcentres located in five regions around New Zealand\*



\* For a full list of all centres, please refer to Note 19 on pages 96-100

## Support structure

Our structure is in place to support centre members, whānau, volunteers and our tamariki and pēpi.

### Trustee Board

as of 31 August 2023

**Playcentre Aotearoa is governed by a Board of Trustees.**

#### Co-Presidents

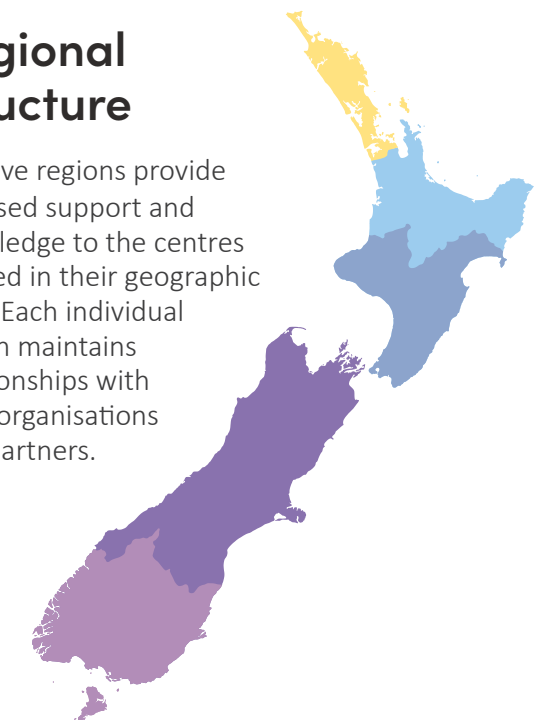
Hayley Kirk-Smith  
Heather Ruru

#### Trustee Board Members

Ann Langis, Bes Lironi-Irvine, Fran Cowie,  
Gemma Scott, Ranees Davies

### Regional structure

The five regions provide localised support and knowledge to the centres located in their geographic area. Each individual region maintains relationships with local organisations and partners.



### Upper North Island Region

as of 31 August 2023

#### Regional Manager

Tara Solomon

#### Regional Support Lead

Keri Squires  
Kiri McCabe

#### Regional Funding Administrators

Maria King, Tammy Downes, Lisa England,  
Charmaine Garrity, Gesina England

#### Whānau Programme Lead

Debbie Iles  
Jackie Quinlan-Dorbeck

#### Kaihononga Māori

Shekinah Graham

### National team

as of 31 August 2023

#### Chief Executive

David Moger

#### Chief Financial Officer

Stephen O'Neil

#### Communications Manager

Jo Leahy

#### Human Resources Lead

Kate Woods

#### Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori

Erana Rattray

#### National Property Manager

Virginia Driver

#### Pedagogical Lead

Kara Daly

#### Principal Advisor

Susan Bailey

#### Strategy, Development & Growth Manager

Anna Steel



Regional structure continued

Central North Island Region

as of 31 August 2023

Regional Manager

Kaye Connolly

Regional Support Lead

Cojana Spear  
Colleen Roycroft-Dominguez

Regional Funding Administrator

Toni Schou  
Sunita Westerbaan  
Vanessa Fitzgerald

Whānau Programme Lead

Katrina Hudson

Kaihononga Māori

Jean Yern

Lower North Island Region

as of 31 August 2023

Regional Manager

Paulene Gibbons

Regional Support Lead

Louise Turnbull  
Camille Plimmer

Regional Funding Administrator

Rebecca Morgan  
Paula Bowen  
Edwina Marsh

Whānau Programme Lead

Karyn Wick  
Emily Robinson

Kaihononga Māori

Faith Tupou

Upper South Island Region

as of 31 August 2023

Regional Manager

Sara Moore

Regional Support Lead

Sally Couper  
Rebecca Congalton

Regional Funding Administrator

Caroline Ellison  
Tracey Chynoweth  
Nicky Williamson

Whānau Programme Lead

Louise Groufsky  
Fiona Mildon

Kaihononga Māori

Tara Bovill

Lower South Island Region

as of 31 August 2023

Regional Manager

Melissa McKie

Regional Support Lead

Judy Hinton  
Nikki Gallagher

Regional Funding Administrator

Vacant

Whānau Programme Lead

Cathy Andresen

Kaihononga Māori

Lisa Te Raki

Playcentre shop



The Playcentre Shop is located at 17 Buchan Street, Sydenham, Christchurch.

They stock high-quality equipment and educational resources for all areas of play and development for young children.

The Canterbury Playcentre Shop was opened in Christchurch in 1949 to supply local Playcentres with equipment and resources.

Today, that tradition continues but the Playcentre Shop is now open to the public and supplies customers from all around New Zealand (and the world) through its online shop.



“  
Such a warm service and knowledgeable for each developmental stage of what would be a good idea for individual children.



# This year at a glance





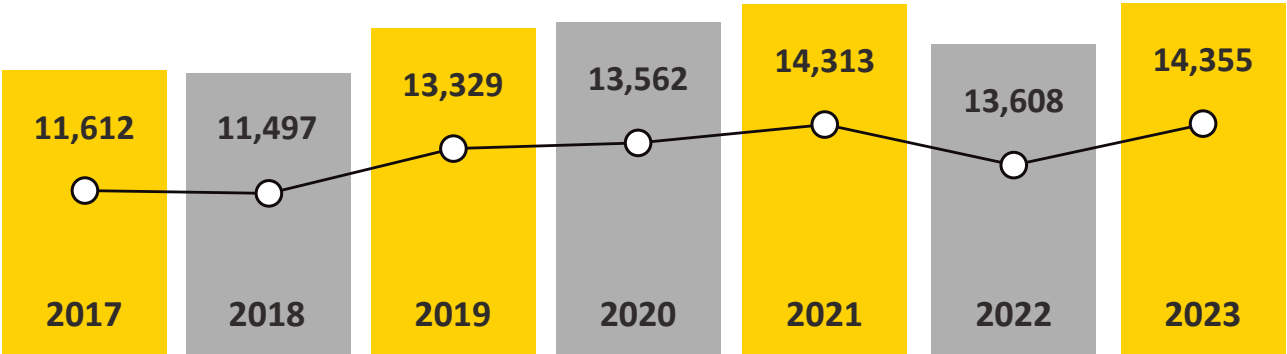
# This year at a glance

14,355 = 5%

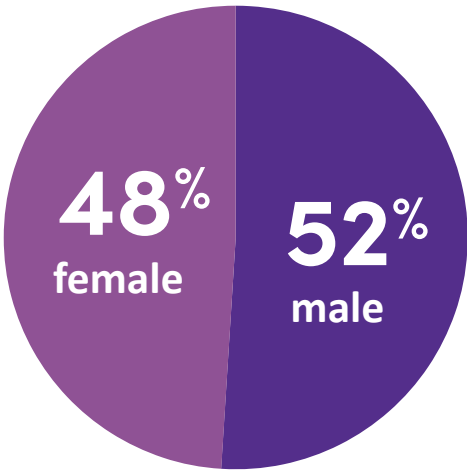
Total tamariki enrolled at Playcentre

Increase on the previous year

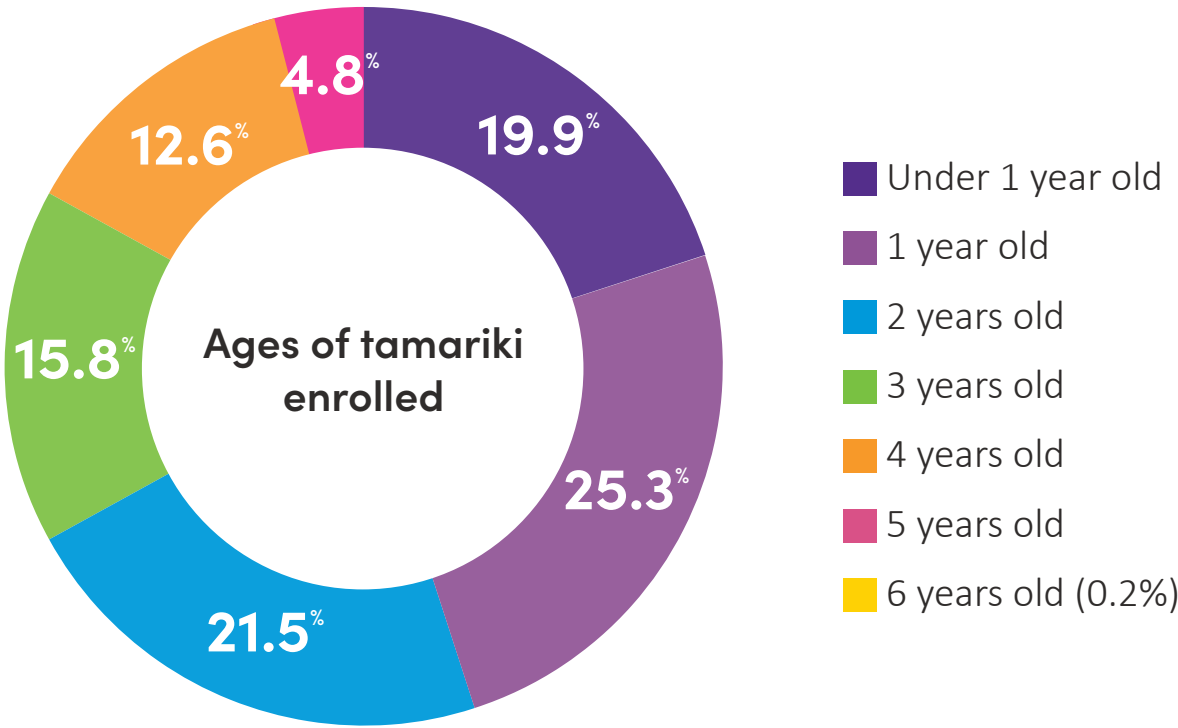
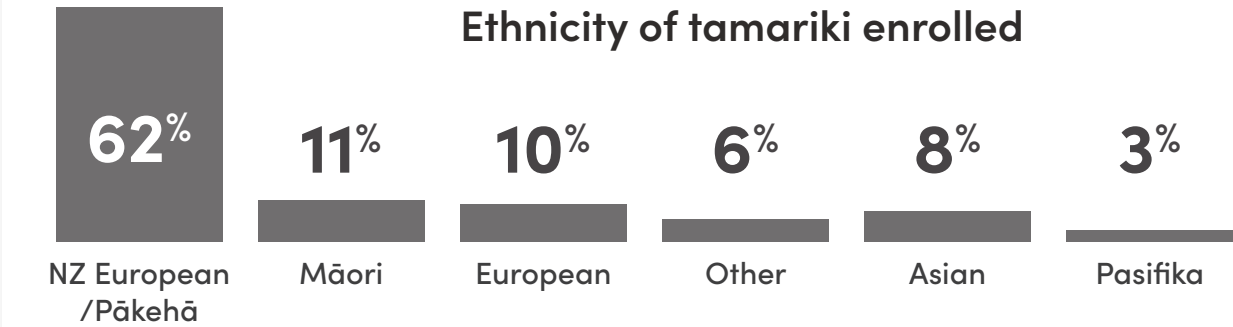
## Tamariki enrolled



## Gender of tamariki enrolled



## Ethnicity of tamariki enrolled

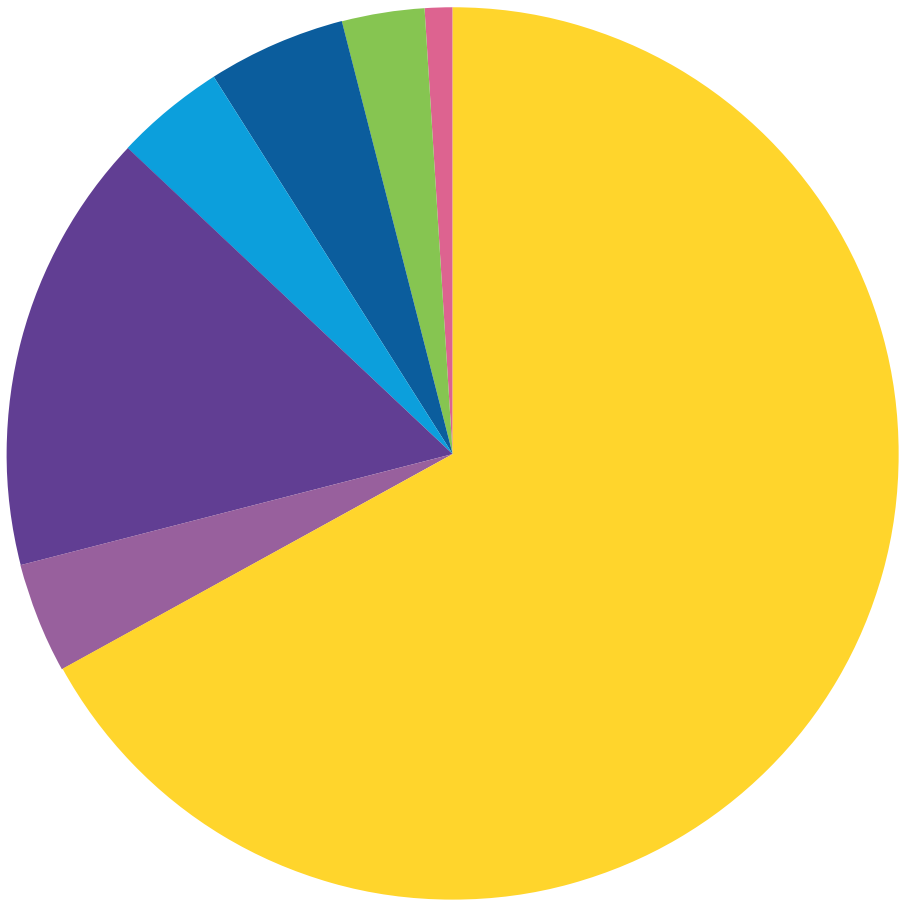


# This year at a glance continued

## Main sources of funding\*

Playcentre Aotearoa’s primary sources of funding are Ministry of Education funding, fundraising, grants and donations

	\$,000
Ministry of Education ECE revenue	15,898
Education revenue	849
Grants, donations and fundraising revenue	3,885
Other non-exchange revenue	906
Sale of goods or services	1,209
Interest revenue - loans and receivables	719
Other exchange revenue	205
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>23,671</b>

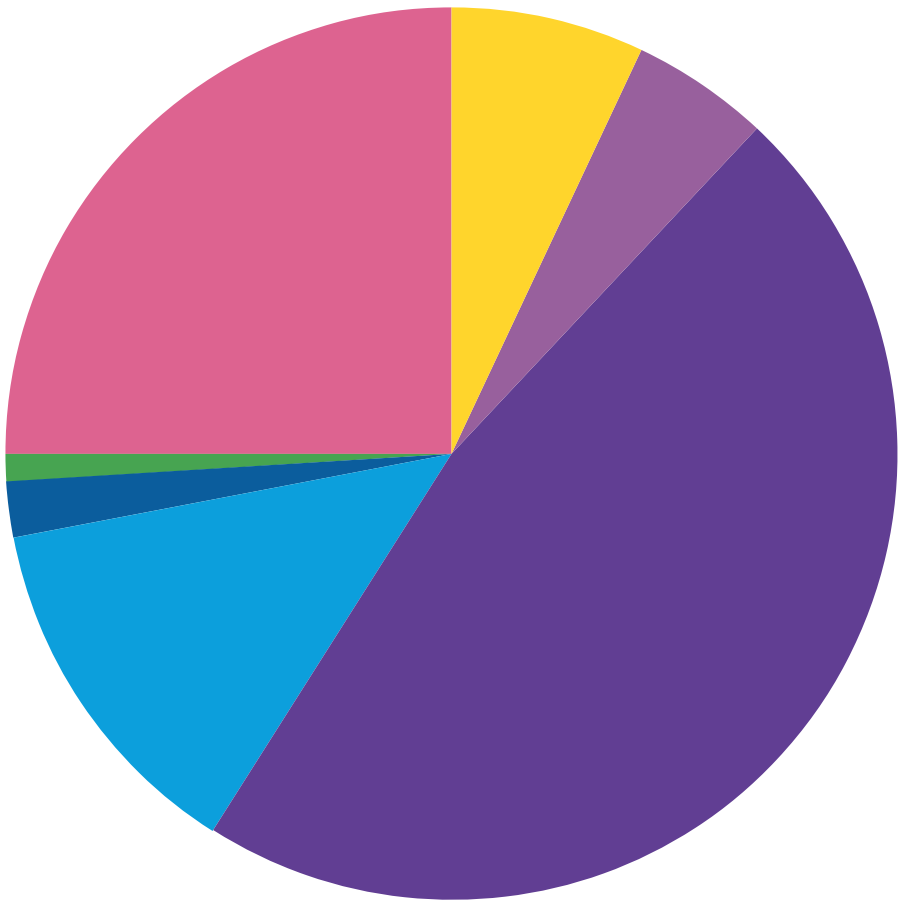


\* For a further breakdown please refer to page 79 of the Annual Report

## Expenditure\*

Playcentre Aotearoa’s expenses breakdown for 2022/2023

	\$,000
Administration and office expenses	1,967
Depreciation expense	1,415
Staff costs	12,579
Repairs and maintenance	3,576
Insurance	523
Rental expenses	199
Other expenses	6,572
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>26,831</b>



\* For a further breakdown please refer to page 79 of the Annual Report



A photograph of three young children in costumes playing in a sandpit. One child is dressed as a police officer in a blue uniform with a cap and badge, holding a clear plastic bottle. Two other children are dressed as firefighters in red jumpsuits and helmets, also holding clear plastic bottles. They are all pouring water from their bottles into a large, conical sand volcano that has been painted with white and pink paint. A woman in a dark jacket is crouching in the background, watching the children play. The scene is set outdoors in a sandpit with a wooden fence and trees in the background. A yellow circular graphic element is overlaid on the image.

Our  
programmes



# Playcentre sessions



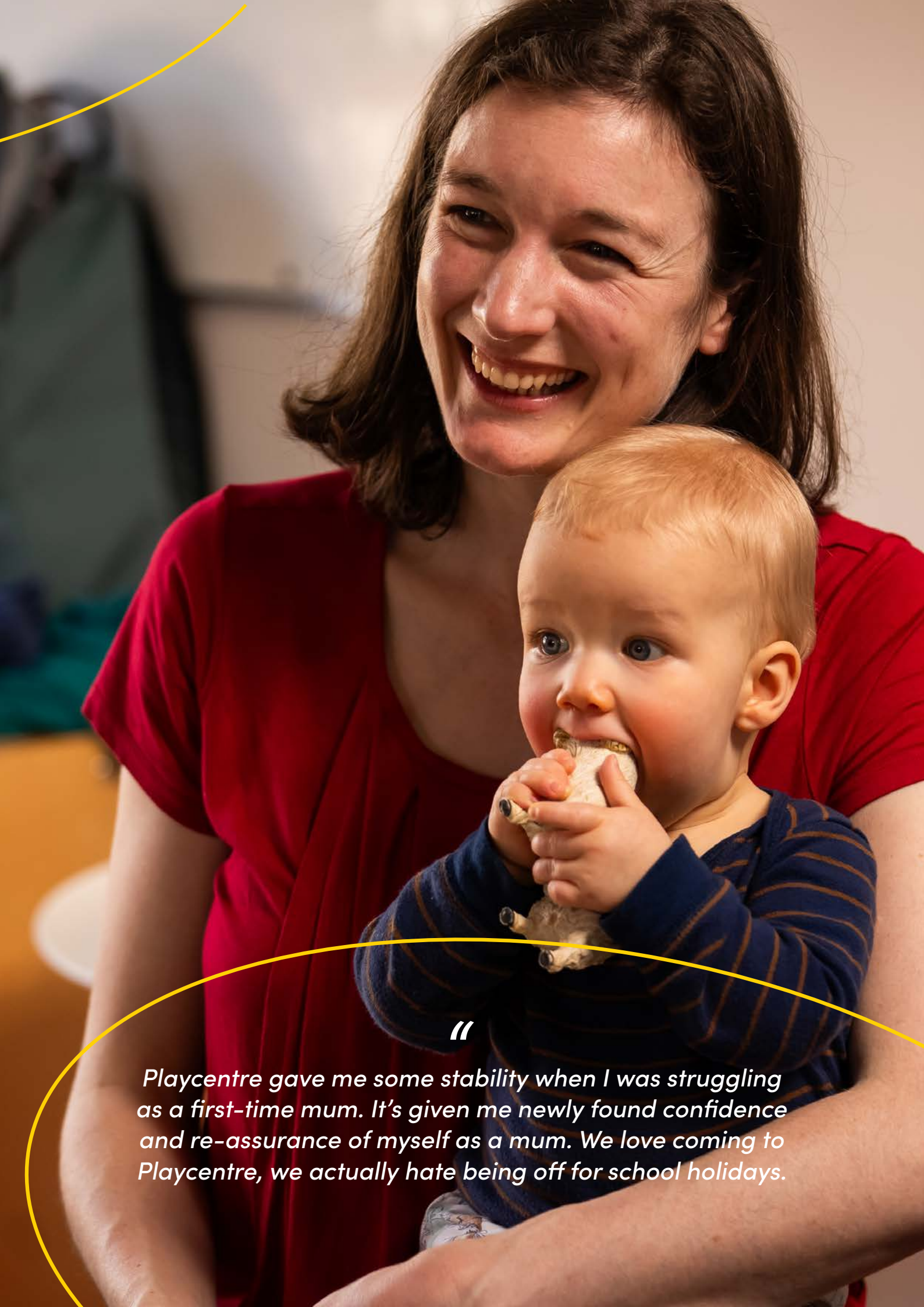
Playcentre caters to tamariki aged 0 - 6 years in a mixed age setting.

Playcentre endorses mixed age play and encourage tuakana-teina relationships, as it allows tamariki to engage and guide others, older and younger than themselves and become part of, and contribute to, society as a whole.

Older children learn how to communicate, teach, share and negotiate with empathy for their younger peers while younger children are stimulated by playing alongside, learning from and observing older peers.

Because parents, whānau and caregivers attend sessions... the ratio of adults to tamariki ranges from **1:5 to 1:1**

This allows Playcentre to offer a child initiated programme based on the individual child’s strengths, interests and allows for regular excursions.



“  
Playcentre gave me some stability when I was struggling as a first-time mum. It’s given me newly found confidence and re-assurance of myself as a mum. We love coming to Playcentre, we actually hate being off for school holidays.



# Increasing participation

## Playcentre is experiencing growth in enrolment numbers.

The total number of tamariki enrolled at Playcentre this year increased by 5% on the previous year.

Over the last year, Playcentre has run several promotional campaigns to attract new whānau.

- Sep 2022 - Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
- Oct 2022 - Grandparents Day
- Mar 2023 - Playcentre Open Week
- Jun 2022 - National Volunteer Week
- Jul 2022 - Matariki
- Aug 2023 - Messy Play Week

## Messy Play Week campaign

We reached 51,352 people through our Messy Play Week social media campaign and received 2,580 link clicks through to the Messy Play Week page our website during August 2022. We had 40 centres enter our competition via social media and we received very positive feedback from centres about the campaign.



## Promotional campaigns

Playcentre staff and volunteers worked together to achieve outstanding results with our Playcentre Open Week and Messy Play Week campaigns. For Playcentre Open Week, we had a 234% increase in visitors at local Centres compared to last year. As a result of our media outreach for Messy Play Week, TV3’s AM Show aired a live broadcast from Kumeu Playcentre where our Chief Executive was interviewed alongside whānau and tamariki from the Centre. This was an amazing opportunity to promote Playcentre to a large audience. We also ran campaigns to support National Volunteer Week, Matariki and Te Wiki o te Reo Māori with great levels of engagement from Centres.

“  
*Messy Play Week has been wonderful thus far, and I have noted a consistent amount of visitors through Titirangi Playcentre... It looks like all the PR & advertising that Playcentre has done has really paid off.*  
– Alesha Murray,  
Titirangi Playcentre

“  
*We visited Playcentre and realised what we needed was a place that kept our family close together, rather than apart. Ngaio Playcentre has been my son’s ECE ever since and will be until he graduates to school. I can’t imagine a better place for him.*





# Infant programmes



## Playcentre offers two infant programmes, Babies Can Play and Space for you and your baby.

These tailored sessions focus on the needs of babies and younger children and provide parenting support and friendship with other new parents.

Both these programmes are run at Playcentres by experienced facilitators, giving the adults and babies the chance to make real connections during baby's first two years.

Parents meet weekly to explore parenting and their baby's development. Topics discussed include sleep, attachment and brain development. Parents also enjoy music, books and play experiences with their babies, while getting to know other new families in their local community.

“

*I felt encouraged and supported by our fabulous facilitators and gained so much confidence because of them.*

In 2022/2023 Playcentre had:



Total number of infants enrolled in Babies Can Play and Space programmes has increased by 22% since the previous year.

## Playcentre has four dedicated centres that only run Infant programmes:

Nawton Family | Space Southland/Tramway | St Andrews | Lynfield



“

*It gave me a place to learn about looking after a newborn and navigating the challenges of being a new parent.*



# Adult education





# Playcentre Education



Playcentre Education is accredited by NZQA to provide a programme, that leads to the New Zealand Certificate In Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4), for our parents and whānau.

The NZQA programme provided for adults within Playcentre supports the informal learning taking place in a Centre, leading to an expansion

in parenting and early childhood education skills for anyone keen to learn.

Our education programme was introduced in June 2018 and is nationally recognised both within and outside of Playcentre, offering further career opportunities in the early childhood education sector.



69% of delivery was online

From 1 September 2022 - 31 August 2023



and we have awarded



and



**73**

people with the NZ Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4)  
(an increase of 7%)

## Programme review and update to version 2

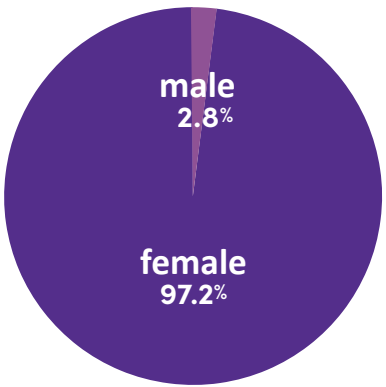
At the end of 2022, the Education team completed a full review and update to the education programme, in line with feedback from learners, teaching staff and in line with an updated certificate version from NZQA. Delivery of the updated programme started in Jan 2023, and includes streamlined content, less repetitive assessments and better integration of te reo Māori throughout. Ākonga are completing modules faster and providing positive feedback about the changes. The changes also mean that the programme is more accessible and motivated learners can move quickly.

## Primary Teacher Bridging Award

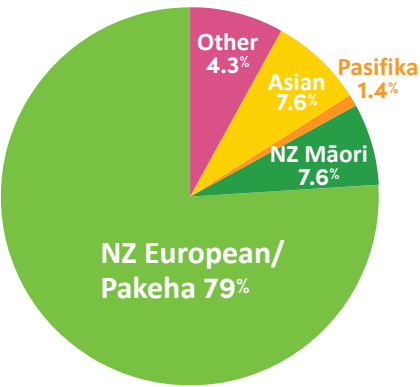
In 2022, Playcentre worked with the Ministry of Education to have primary teaching qualifications recognised for licensing Playcentre sessions. Alongside this the Playcentre Primary Teacher Bridging Award was developed to provide primary teachers with an induction to leading Playcentre sessions as Person Responsible and contributing to quality sessions for quality funding. In the first 8 months of the bridging award being available, 59 people completed the award.

## Demographic Profile Students with Playcentre Education\*

Gender



Ethnicity



“

I gained incredibly useful insights into childhood development and how to run quality sessions for the kids that support their learning and development. It’s made me more confident as a parent, and I enjoy sessions even more having completed the education – I notice more about the magic of kids’ learning unfolding in front of me on session.



# Professional Learning and Development



Playcentre offer a Ministry of Education funded professional learning and development programme SELO (Strengthening Early Learning Opportunities).

## PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

- Ensure effective implementation of Te Whāriki (2017)
- Strengthen leadership within Playcentres for individuals, Māori and Pasifika families
- Strengthen internal evaluation practices within centres
- Embed National Education & Learning Priorities (NELP) into practice

## CENTRE CLUSTER PROGRAMMES

- Each programme includes three centres that are geographically close to each other
- All centres in the cluster are supported to work through an internal evaluation with a strong focus on Te Whāriki
- Facilitators introduce the NELP and support whānau and support staff to embed them in practice
- Facilitators connect with, and work alongside support staff to ensure ongoing sustainability for the centre

**17** Cluster programmes with **51** centres participating and **358** participants

## LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

- Leadership programmes have one of three focus areas – Playcentre Leadership, Māori Leadership or Pacific Leadership
- The Playcentre leadership programme focuses on building on pedagogical leadership skills within Playcentre
- The Māori leadership programmes provide a safe space to explore Māori culture, language and identity and develop understanding and leadership within centres
- The Pacific leadership programmes provide an opportunity to build strong relationships, an increased understanding of Pacific culture, language and identity and leadership within centres
- Leadership programmes involve a mixture of face-to-face and online formats, workshops, and follow-up visits

**393** in **17**  
participants Leadership programmes

**15** Professional Learning and Development Facilitators



“

Ākonga were encouraged to use critical thinking and problem solving and observe and overcome barriers in their centres. They made enquiries into what Te Reo Māori looks like for their learners in an everyday Playcentre context including waiata, excursions and kōrero on session.





Te Ao Māori



# Te Ao Māori



Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa (Playcentre Aotearoa) made a commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1989. Māori have special significance as tangata whenua and together we are committed to protect and promote mātauranga Māori.

## Playcentre Aotearoa honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi:

- In our two-house governance model, where the values and viewpoint of both Tāngata Tiriti and Tāngata Whenua guide consensus decision making flowing through to the operations of Playcentre Aotearoa.
- In recruitment and employment practices
- Mihi whakatau and poroaki, whakamoe and whakatuwhera practices
- Through the Kaihononga Māori team supporting and strengthening cultural competencies within education and training initiatives for all kaiako and kaimahi.
- Strengthening Māori leadership within Playcentre.
- Promoting National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP) into practice

This year we have enhanced tikanga Māori practices across our service, with particular focus on whakamoe (closing) and whakatuwhera (opening) new centres and playgrounds.

## Kaihononga Māori Team

Our Kaihononga Māori Team strives to incorporate te reo me ona tikanga Māori into the everyday life of our organisation. As a kāhui we develop and strengthen kaimahi leadership and learner support capability to improve outcomes for our priority Māori learners.

Kaihononga acknowledge the commitment needed towards achieving equitable outcomes for tamariki Māori in Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa and ensuring that te reo Māori not only survives but thrives. This is both a strategic priority for Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa as well as for the Government in the Statement of National Education Learning Priorities (NELP) and Tau Mai Te Reo the Māori Language in Education Strategy.

Māori  
tamariki  
account for  
**11%**  
of  
tamariki enrolled in  
Playcentre  
sessions  
nationwide

In 2022-2023  
**9%**  
of centres ran  
**Reo Rua  
sessions**  
nationwide

**133**  
workshops held in Te Reo  
Māori me ngā tikanga  
**167**  
participants  
in He Kaiwhakaihūwaka  
Māori bicultural officer  
training nationwide



Tamariki and whānau from Playcentres in the Hokianga area visit Te Piiti Marae to celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. The visit was organised by Mrs Waihoroi Johnson, who has worked as a Session Facilitator at Karatia Playcentre for 27 years. Te Piiti Marae is her ancestral home and tūrangawaewae.





Property



# Property



Total value of land & building portfolio = \$37,614,000



Freehold land & buildings	Leased/occupied land & buildings
88%	12%

## Property make up (\$,000)

Land	Freehold/leasehold buildings	Other assets
\$11,002	\$20,469	\$6,143

## Property Expenditure (\$,000)

Repairs & Maintenance spending	Capital spending
\$3,576	\$2,041

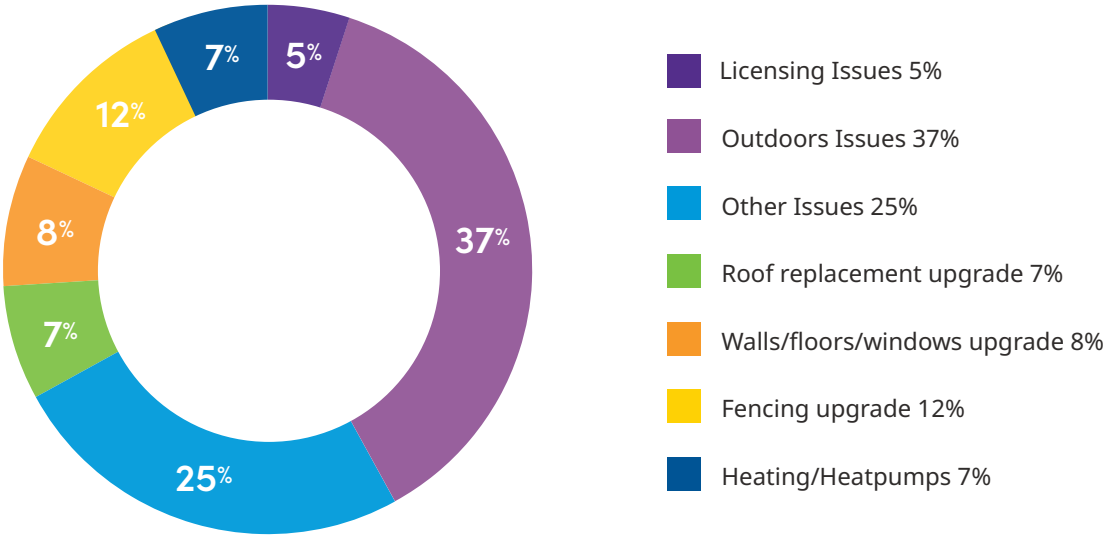
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*The manaakitanga which has been extended to our small settlement of Haumoana, has resonated deeply within our community of Playcentre parents. The incredible power of giving and the love with which it was offered, has been felt ten-fold in our community. You have honoured us with your gifts.*

*We are pleased to have now settled our insurance claim and are in a position where we can rebuild our Playcentre over the coming months. It is your support, and the support of others like you, that has kept us going and focused on reopening our Playcentre.*

# National Property Fund Grants Approved for Each Project Purpose

Total of \$529,521 spent in 2022/2023 financial year



**60** Playcentres benefited from the National Property Fund

## Property damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle

In early 2023, 75 or 18% of our Centres suffered property damage due to flooding caused by two North Island Cyclones.

Our national property team and regional staff had to manage a substantial and challenging workload to support Centres through this natural disaster. By leveraging our national buying power, Playcentre Aotearoa convinced our insurers to let us use our own assessors to speed up the insurance claim process for Auckland Centres.

We also launched a fundraising campaign, encouraging Playcentre whānau and kaiako to donate to flood damaged Centres across the motu, which successfully raised thousands of dollars. The comment to the left from Haumoana Playcentre thanking donors will give you an appreciation of what some Playcentre whānau went through.





Our  
community



# For the whole whānau



Mums, dads, and all whānau including grandparents, aunties and uncles, and other caregivers are welcome to attend Playcentre with their tamariki or mokopuna.

This means our tamariki develop supportive relationships with a range of adults, and it also adds to the rich array of experiences available as different adults bring new things to the play table.

## Fathers attending Playcentre

Playcentre was established in 1941 to support mothers. It goes without saying that parenting styles have changed a lot over the past 80 years. Today, in 2023, fathers often attend Playcentre and make up a significant portion of volunteers.



“

*As a tāne (man) we are in the minority when it comes to roles in early childhood and primary caregiving, and the more we can encourage men to take a greater part in the education of their tamariki the better.*

*At its core Playcentre is an extension of what we all do at home with our tamariki, play with them and teach them. Playcentre provides the structure to make this play ever more meaningful and valuable. I love knowing that every week I can go to a place where my kids can play with their friends, where I can chat and commiserate with other parents, and I can become ever more the parent I want to be.*

*– Oliver Macesmith, Playcentre Dad.*

## Grandparents attending Playcentre

Both grandparents who are acting as primary caregivers, and grandparents who simply want to spend more time with their grandchildren often attend Playcentre sessions.

At Playcentre grandparents are a valued part of our village. It is a privilege for grandparents and grandchildren to spend time together and the benefits for both are huge and well documented.

In October each year Playcentre holds a special day – Grandparents Day – to honour, recognise and celebrate those with silver in their hair and gold in their hearts.



“

*I am a nana who has been attending Whataupoko Playcentre in Gisborne for approximately 2.5 years. I’ve learnt so much and have an amazing whānau now. I love messy play and totally am a hands-on nana to all the tamariki there. – Mel Rankin*



# Involvement in Communities



Playcentres are a hub and gathering place for their local communities, providing a space and resources for whānau, pēpi, tamariki and groups and other organisations. This fosters collaboration and strengthens relationship within the community.

# 8%

of our centres lease to home based ECE providers

# 11%

of our centres host or lease to non-Playcentre community Playgroups

# 59%

of our centres throughout Aotearoa are regularly hired out to community groups such as Toy Library, Music Groups, Community Playgroups, Plunket and home based ECE carers.



“

*We have been working closely with the local community on building a community garden. This is on land beside Playcentre and a number of our members have been keenly involved. This is also a key part of our internal evaluation (grounding ourselves in nature).*

*- Korokoro Playcentre*







Our  
volunteers



# Our volunteers



Playcentre could not function without all of those who volunteer.

Our volunteers are an integral part of Playcentre philosophy, providing invaluable support to our centres, other volunteers, tamariki and pēpi.

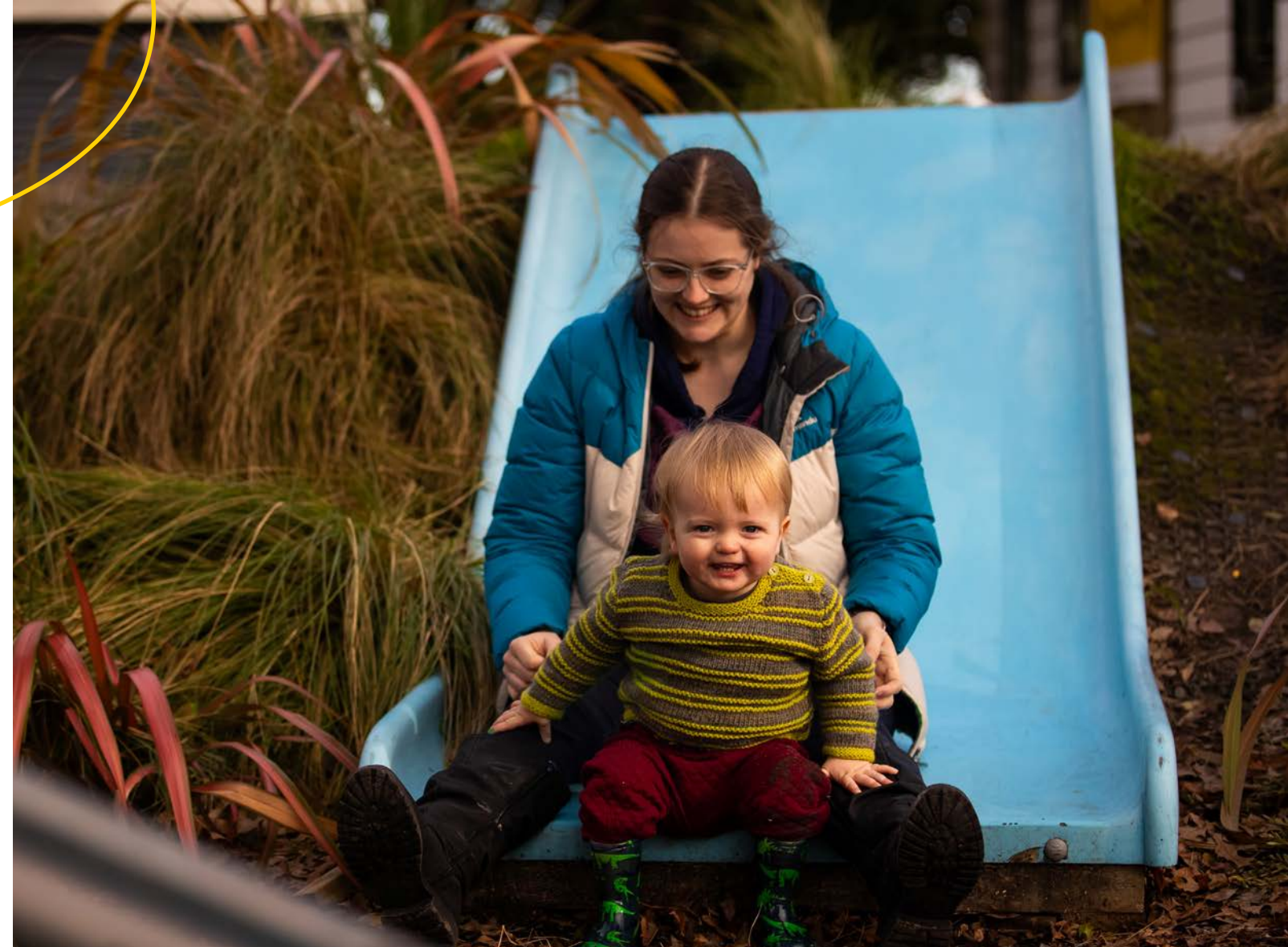
Through the act of volunteering, whānau help form strong communities, people learn transferrable skills, build friendships and relationships.

Volunteers at Playcentre support individual centres by taking on an officeholder area in their centre. The roles and professional development opportunities at each centre include:

President | Secretary | Treasurer | Education | Bi-cultural  
Health and Safety | Enrolments | Property | Equipment  
Policy | Employment | Public Relations | *and many others.*

Playcentre offers office holder workshops and training for these roles and other specialised areas (for example accounting programme support and training for our volunteer treasurers).

On behalf of the tamariki and their whānau who will benefit from Playcentre we would like to thank everyone for all they do.



“

*Volunteering at Playcentre has given me the opportunity to pick up lots of new skills which will look great on my CV when I go back to paid work.*



“

*Our volunteers bring so many different skills that benefit our tamariki when it comes to setting up play and learning experiences for them.*

*Thank you*  
**to our  
14,031 valued  
volunteers**



# Our life members, associate members and patrons



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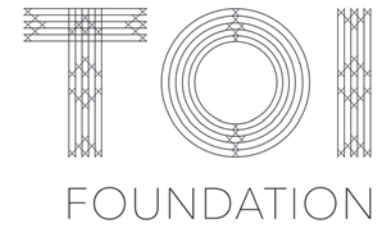


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# Thanking our donors, sponsors and supporters



## Tēnā rawa atu koutou – Thank you very much

Playcentre deeply appreciates the generosity of caring individuals, businesses, trusts and foundations who value and support our kaupapa.

Thank you to all who make Playcentre possible through their contribution which enables centres nationwide to support tamariki and pēpi and foster the involvement of whānau through early childhood education.





Thanking our donors, sponsors and supporters continued





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## Entity Information

For the year ended 31 August 2023

## Financial Statements of Playcentre Aotearoa

The financial statements of Playcentre Aotearoa for the year ending 31st August 2023 report on the Playcentre Aotearoa Group only. In previous financial years these financial statements reported on both Playcentre Operations (the national organisation) and Playcentre Aotearoa Group, which includes the national organisation and all Playcentres and Shops. This change has been required by our auditors, as under the Public Benefit Entity Conceptual Framework there can only be one reporting entity in a set of financial statements.

Information on the financial performance and position of Playcentre Operations can be found in the financial statements in Note 15.

## Legal Name of Entity

Playcentre Aotearoa (“Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi”)

## Reporting Entity and Structure

Playcentre Aotearoa is a Charitable Group registered under the Charities Act 2005 (CC55368). These consolidated financial statements are for Playcentre Aotearoa (‘the controlling entity’) and its controlled entities listed in Note 19 (together referred to as the ‘Group’) and individually referred to as ‘Group entities’.

## Entity’s Purpose or Mission

The underlying philosophy of Playcentre Aotearoa is:  
“Whānau tupu ngātahi – families growing together”.

Our Mission Statement is:

Playcentre is a family organisation

- Where adults and children are empowered to work, play, learn and grow together;
- Where Te Tiriti o Waitangi is honoured and people’s uniqueness is celebrated;
- Where parents are affirmed and valued as first and best educators of their children.

So that whānau are strengthened and communities are enriched.

## Trustee Board Members

Avis Stewart – Co-President, resigned as a Trustee 31st July 2023

Ann Langis – Co-President, resigned as Co-President 25th August 2023

Heather Ruru – appointed Co-President 1st August 2023

Hayley Kirk-Smith – appointed Co-President 25th August 2023

Ranee Davies

Bes Lironi-Irvine

Gemma Scott

Michelle Hutton – finished term 26th November 2022

Fran Cowie – appointed 26th November 2022





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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PLAYCENTRE AOTEAROA GROUP

### Opinions

We have audited the general purpose financial report of Playcentre Aotearoa Group and its controlled entities (together, "the Group"), which comprise the consolidated financial statements on pages 79 to 100 and the consolidated statement of service performance on page 78. The complete set of consolidated financial statements comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 August 2023, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, consolidated statement of changes in equity/net assets and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

#### *Opinion on the Consolidated Statement of Service Performance*

In our opinion, the accompanying general purpose financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated service performance for the year ended 31 August 2023, in accordance with the group's service performance criteria, in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

#### *Qualified Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements*

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 August 2023, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

#### **Basis for Qualified Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements**

In common with other similar organisations, controls over donations from Playcentre whānau and external parties and fundraising income received prior to being recorded is limited, and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control. Accordingly, the completeness of donations and fundraising income is unable to be determined.

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) ("ISAs (NZ)") and the audit of the consolidated statement of service performance in accordance with the ISAs and New Zealand Auditing Standard (NZ AS) 1 *The Audit of Service Performance Information (NZ)*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the General Purpose Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In addition to audit services, our firm provided taxation advisory services regarding GST compliance. The engagement has not impaired our independence as auditor of the Group. We have no other relationship with, or interests in, the Group.

#### **Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern**

We draw attention to Note 18 to the consolidated financial statements, which discloses that the ability for the Group to continue as a going concern in the medium term is dependent upon the changes to the operating model being agreed to by the individual Playcentres, and a co-design funding model with a significant increase in bulk funding being agreed to by the Ministry of Education. As stated in Note 18, these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 18, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



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### Other Matter

The comparative information in the statement of service performance for the year ended 31 August 2023 is unaudited.

### Trustees' Responsibilities for the General Purpose Financial Report

Those charged with governance are responsible on behalf of the Group for:

- (a) the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements and consolidated statement of service performance in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime, and;
- (b) service performance criteria that are suitable in order to prepare the statement of service performance in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime; and
- (c) for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements and consolidated statement of service performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the general purpose financial report, the Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Group for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the General Purpose Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and the consolidated statement of service performance are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this general purpose financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the general purpose financial report is located at the External Reporting Board's website at:

<https://www.xrb.govt.nz/standards/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-13/>

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### Who we Report to

This report is made solely to the Group Trustees, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state 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 Group and the Groups Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

*BDO Wellington Audit Limited*

BDO WELLINGTON AUDIT LIMITED  
Wellington  
New Zealand  
24 April 2024



Consolidated Statement of Service Performance

For the year ended 31 August 2023

The Charitable Aims of Playcentre Aotearoa are set out in the Constitution. This has been replaced with a Trust Deed (effective 1st September 2023). The charitable aims are:		
1.	Promote and encourage the development of Playcentre activities	
2.	Support learning through play	
3.	Foster adult education and bicultural development	
4.	Offer adult education courses that enhance the understanding of the education and care of young children	
5.	Ensure adult participation and responsibility in the cooperative running of Playcentres	
6.	Embody Te Tiriti o Waitangi-based partnership within Playcentre Aotearoa	
7.	Assist families to provide quality play experiences for all children in an inclusive environment which acknowledges and incorporates the dual heritage of Aotearoa New Zealand	
8.	Organise the training, approval and employment of suitable persons to support Playcentres	
9.	Nurture sustainable services and practises at all levels of Playcentre Aotearoa	
10.	Raise public awareness of Playcentres	
11.	Assist and foster innovation and research in the fields of early childhood education, adult education and young children	
12.	Generally do each and every act necessary and proper to achieve the objects of Playcentre Aotearoa	

The Trustee Board have agreed to key measures of delivery against these charitable objectives	FY2023	FY2022
Promoting and encouraging Playcentre activities and support learning through play:		(unaudited)
Number of Playcentres operating in Aotearoa New Zealand	401	402
Number of tamariki enrolled at Playcentres	14,355	13,608
Number of infant programmes run	365	263
Number of infants enrolled at programmes	5,191	4,246
Foster adult education and bicultural development		
Number of leadership programmes run	17	14
Number of participants in leadership programmes	393	256
Offering adult education and courses enhancing understanding of young tamariki’s education and care:		
Number of education events run	992	797
Number of participants in education workshops	10,636	7,607
Ensure Whānau participation and responsibility in the cooperative running of Playcentres		
Number of volunteers on Playcentre sessions	10,793	10,232
Embodying Te Tiriti o Waitangi-based partnership:		
Number of Te Reo Māori me ngā tikanga workshops held	133	122
Playcentres actively conducting Reo Rua sessions	9%	7%
% of tamariki enrolled who are Māori	11%	11%

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue

and Expense For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
REVENUE		\$,000	\$,000
Revenue from non-exchange transactions			
Ministry of Education ECE revenue		15,898	15,183
Education revenue	3	849	927
Grants, donations and fundraising revenue	3	3,885	2,909
Other non-exchange revenue		906	112
Revenue from exchange transactions			
Sale of goods or services		1,209	1,112
Interest revenue - loans and receivables		719	227
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	86
Other exchange revenue		205	153
TOTAL REVENUE		23,671	20,709
EXPENSES			
		\$	\$
Administration and office expenses		1,967	1,646
Depreciation expense	5	1,415	1,238
Staff costs	4	12,579	10,811
Provision for bad debts		7	1
Repairs and Maintenance		3,576	2,071
Insurance		523	486
Rental expenses		199	195
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	5
Impairment of property upon revaluation	5	-	374
Other expenses	4	6,565	5,256
TOTAL EXPENSES		26,831	22,083
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(3,160)	(1,374)
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses for the year		(3,160)	(1,374)



Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity/Net Assets

For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Special Purpose Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
		\$,000	\$,000	\$,000
Opening Balance at 1 September 2022		544	63,729	64,273
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses for the year - surplus for the year		-	(3,160)	(3,160)
Net transfers to Special Purpose Reserves		(52)	52	-
Closing Balance 31 August 2023	8	492	60,621	61,113
Opening Balance at 1 September 2021		1,599	64,270	65,869
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses for the year - surplus for the year		-	(1,374)	(1,374)
Correction of Prior Period Error	12	-	(222)	(222)
Net transfers to Special Purpose Reserves		(1,055)	1,055	-
Closing Balance 31 August 2022	8	544	63,729	64,273

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 August 2023

	Notes	Playcentre Aotearoa	
		2023	2022
		\$,000	\$,000
ASSETS		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash at bank	9	11,667	16,186
Investments - term deposits	9	13,574	13,065
Inventory		85	77
Accounts receivable - from exchange transactions	9	128	202
Accrued income	9	1,287	1,203
Prepayments		681	465
Assets Held for Sale		268	68
Total Current Assets		27,690	31,266
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	37,614	37,188
Total Non-Current Assets		37,614	37,188
Total Assets		65,304	68,454
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payables - from exchange transactions	9	785	1,130
Revenue received in advance		2,246	2,038
Provisions - employee entitlements		788	648
GST payable		372	365
Total Current Liabilities		4,191	4,181
Total Non-Current Liabilities		-	-
Total Liabilities		4,191	4,181
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		61,113	64,273

Financial Statements were approved for issue by the Trustee Board of Playcentre Aotearoa.

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# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
<b>CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Proceeds from:</b>			
Ministry of Education ECE Revenue		16,061	15,183
Grants, donations and fundraising revenue		3,807	2,909
Education revenue		849	927
Other operating receipts		2,388	948
<b>Payments to suppliers and employees</b>			
Education expenditure		(558)	(615)
Staff costs		(11,910)	(10,576)
Other operating payments		(13,179)	(9,037)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>		<b>(2,542)</b>	<b>(261)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Interest received		719	227
Increase in Equity from Amalgamation		-	28
Purchase and sale of financial instruments (term deposits)		(509)	813
Receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	187
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(2,187)	(1,182)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities</b>		<b>(1,977)</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(4,519)</b>	<b>(188)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		<b>16,186</b>	<b>16,374</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year</b>		<b>11,667</b>	<b>16,186</b>

# Notes to and Forming Part of the Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2023

## Note 1 – Reporting Entity

Playcentre Aotearoa (“Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi”) is a Charitable Group registered under the Charities Act 2005 (CC55368). These consolidated financial statements are for Playcentre Aotearoa (‘the controlling entity’) and its controlled entities listed in Note 19 (together referred to as the ‘Group’) and individually referred to as ‘Group entities’.

## Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### (a) Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements comply with the Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (“PBE Standards RDR”) as appropriate for Tier 2 not-for-profit public benefit entities, and disclosure concessions have been applied. These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP.

Playcentre Aotearoa qualifies as a Tier 2 reporting entity, as for the two most recent reporting periods it is not publicly accountable and not large (operating expenditure has been between \$2m and \$30m in the current and prior year).

These consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Trustee Board on 24th April 2024.

### (b) Measurement base

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost.

### (c) Functional and presentation currency

The consolidated financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars (\$) which is Playcentre Aotearoa’s functional and presentation currency, rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

There has been no change in the functional currency of the entity during the year.

### (d) Use of judgement and estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

For an assessment of the Going Concern assumption, refer Note 18.

### Land and buildings

Completeness of land and buildings has been established through land title searches for all properties owned by the Playcentre Aotearoa.



(e) Basis for consolidations

Playcentre Aotearoa controls Playcentre Operations, 412 Playcentres and other entities listed in Note 19.

Entities within Playcentre Aotearoa comprise a wide variety of size and accounting capacity. Most entities rely upon volunteer treasurers and so implementing new accounting processes requires significant resources and support. There is currently some variability in the application of accounting policies across the Playcentre Aotearoa. However, these matters are not considered to be material to Playcentre Aotearoa.

All intra-group balances, transactions, revenues and expenses are eliminated on consolidation. The financial information of all group entities are prepared for the same reporting period. There are no non-controlling interests in any group entities, and there have been no changes in the group entities for the reporting period.

The consolidated Playcentre Aotearoa Group financial statements comprise all entities where Playcentre Aotearoa has the capacity to govern the financial and operating policies, so as to benefit that entity’s activities.

(f) Revenue recognition

Ministry of Education – ECE revenue

Ministry of Education (“MoE”) ECE revenue to Playcentre Aotearoa is recognised in the period it is earned. An adjustment has been recognised to account for MoE ECE revenue accrued to balance date and a liability for revenue earned in advance.

Education revenue – TEC

Playcentre Aotearoa receive training grants from the Tertiary Education Commission (“TEC”). These grants are recognised in the period they are earned.

Grants, donations and fundraising revenue

The recognition of non-exchange revenue from Grants, Donations and Fundraising depends on the nature of any stipulations attached to the inflow of resources received, and whether this creates a liability (i.e. present obligation) rather than the recognition of revenue.

Stipulations that are ‘conditions’ specifically require the entity to return the inflow of resources received if they are not utilised in the way stipulated, resulting in the recognition of a non-exchange liability that is subsequently recognised as non-exchange revenue as and when the ‘conditions’ are satisfied.

Stipulations that are ‘restrictions’ do not specifically require the entity to return the inflow of resources received if they are not utilised in the way stipulated, and therefore do not result in the recognition of a non-exchange liability, which results in the immediate recognition of non-exchange revenue.

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods in the course of ordinary activities is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of returns, trade discounts and volume rebates. Revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the customer, recovery of the consideration is probable, the associated costs and possible return of goods can be estimated reliably, there is no continuing management involvement with the goods, and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably.

Insurance Income Received

Insurance income will be recognised upon receipt of insurance proceeds. Expenditure relating to this insurance income (e.g. repairs) may be accounted for in a different accounting period.

(g) Accrued revenue

Accrued revenue is stated at their estimated realisable value. Unrecoverable debts are written off when recognised.

(h) Investments

Deposits at registered banks are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

(i) Property, plant and equipment

Items of property plant and equipment over \$2,500 are initially recorded at cost or, in the case of donated assets, are initially recorded at their fair value as their deemed cost at initial recognition. Initial cost includes the purchase cost, or fair value as the case may be, and those costs that directly relate to bringing the asset to the location where it will be used, and making sure it is in the appropriate condition necessary for its intended use. Items of Property, Plant and Equipment are subsequently measured at cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate assets (major components) of property, plant and equipment. Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognised in surplus or deficit. Ongoing repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

(j) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to allocate the item of property, plant and equipment cost less estimated residual value over their estimated useful lives of each component of an item of property, plant and equipment. Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight line basis. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives unless it is reasonably certain that the entity will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term. Assets under construction are not subject to depreciation.

Depreciation methods, useful lives, and residual values are reviewed at reporting date and adjusted if appropriate. Land is not depreciated.

The useful lives used for straight line depreciation are:

Building Improvements	50 years
Computers (and computer equipment)	2-5 years
Furniture Fittings and Equipment	2-15 years
Centre assets	2-15 years

(k) Employee entitlements

Short-term employee benefit liabilities are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation to remunerate employees for services provided up to reporting date for which settlement will occur within 12 months of reporting date, and are measured on an undiscounted basis and expensed in the period in which employment services are provided.

(l) Donated services

The work of Playcentre Aotearoa is dependent on volunteer activity. Because of the difficulty of determining their value with reliability, donated services are not recognised in these Consolidated Financial Statements. However, these donated services are acknowledged as a major contribution to the operations of Playcentre Aotearoa.



**(m) Goods and Services Tax**

All amounts are shown exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) except for Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable, which are stated inclusive of GST. Any GST payable or refundable at balance date is shown in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

**(n) Taxation**

Playcentre Aotearoa have been granted charitable status by the Inland Revenue Department and are considered to be exempt from taxation. No taxation has been provided for in the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**(o) Reserves or tagged funds**

Reserves or Tagged Funds are reserves established by Playcentre Aotearoa for special purposes. Playcentre Aotearoa may alter these funds without reference to any other party. Revenue and expenditure relating to the Funds are accounted for in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense, therefore the reserves are an attribution of accumulated revenue and expenses.

**(p) Inventory**

Stock on Hand is measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of stock on hand is based on the first-in, first-out principle. Inventory is then subsequently measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value. The net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses.

**(q) Leases**

Operating lease payments, where the lessors effectively retain substantially all the risks and benefits of the ownership of the leased items, are recognised on a straight line over the lease term.

**(r) Impairment of Assets**

Property, Plant and Equipment where an owned building is situated on leased land is tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset’s carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset’s fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, the age and condition of the building, as well as the period remaining on the lease is taken into consideration. Property, Plant and Equipment that suffered an impairment is reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at the end of each reporting period.

**(s) Cash and Cash Equivalentents**

Cash and cash equivalentents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. For the purposes of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalentents consist of cash and cash equivalentents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

**(t) Financial instruments**

**(i) Recognition and initial measurement**

Trade receivables are initially recognised when they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when Playcentre Aotearoa becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. At initial recognition, an entity may measure short-term receivables and payables at the original invoice amount if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

Playcentre Aotearoa derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Charitable Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

**(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement**

**Financial Assets**

On initial recognition, all financial assets of Playcentre Aotearoa are classified and measured at amortised cost.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions:

- it is held within a management model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The amount of any impairment loss identified is measured as the difference between the asset’s carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future expected credit losses that have not yet been incurred). Interest revenue continues to be accrued on the reduced carrying amount and is accrued using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss. Individual trade receivable balances that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified, along with associated allowances.

These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in surplus or deficit. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in surplus or deficit.

**Financial liabilities**

All of the financial liabilities of Playcentre Aotearoa are classified and measured at amortised cost.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in surplus or deficit. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in surplus or deficit.



Impairment of financial assets

Playcentre Aotearoa recognises loss allowances for expected credit losses (ECLs) on financial assets measured at amortised cost.

“Playcentre Aotearoa measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:

- bank balances for which credit risk (i.e., the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.”

Loss allowances for trade receivables are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs. When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, Playcentre Aotearoa considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

Playcentre Aotearoa assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

Playcentre Aotearoa considers a financial asset to be in default when the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e., the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

(u) Changes in Accounting Policies

Changes due to the initial application of a new, revised, and amended PBE Standards:

(i) PBE IPSAS 41 Financial Instruments

PBE IPSAS 41 Financial Instruments is effective from 1 January 2022 and was adopted by Playcentre Aotearoa on that date.

PBE IPSAS 41 introduces new recognition and measurement requirements for financial assets and restricts the ability to measure financial assets at amortised cost to only those assets that are held within a management model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. In addition, measurement of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense is also restricted.

PBE IPSAS 41 has had an immaterial impact on the measurement and recognition of financial instruments of Playcentre Aotearoa, as financial assets that were recognised as loans and receivables are now recognised as amortised cost.

(ii) PBE FRS 48 Service Performance Reporting

PBE FRS 48 Service Performance Reporting is effective for periods from 1 January 2022 and was adopted by Playcentre Aotearoa on that date.

PBE FRS 48 requires specific disclosures for the reporting of service performance information which have been provided in the statement of service performance.

Note 3 – Revenue

	2023	2022
	\$,000	\$,000
<b>Grants, Donations &amp; Fundraising Income:</b>		
External Grants - Lotteries NZ	160	160
External Grants - Other	1,869	1,382
Fundraising Income	1,134	795
Donations from Playcentre whānau	462	385
Donations from external parties	260	187
<b>Total Grants, Donations &amp; Fundraising Income</b>	<b>3,885</b>	<b>2,909</b>
<b>Education Income</b>		
MOE Fees Received	250	287
TEC Training Grant received (Note 7)	599	640
<b>Total Education Income</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>927</b>

Note 4 – Expenses

	2023	2022
	\$,000	\$,000
<b>Staff Costs</b>		
Employment Benefits	6,883	5,622
Centre Support Wages	5,166	4,747
Wages and Salaries included in Education Expense	530	442
<b>Total Staff Costs</b>	<b>12,579</b>	<b>10,811</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Other Property Expenses	1,672	1,072
Utility Expenses	1,013	878
Other Expenses	3,880	3,306
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>6,565</b>	<b>5,256</b>



Note 5 – Property, Plant & Equipment

31 August 2023	Land	Buildings	FFE*	Centre Assets	Computers	Total
Cost	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000
Balance at 1 September 2022	11,177	23,984	279	11,309	329	47,078
Additions	-	391	21	1,540	89	2,041
Disposals	-	-	-	(115)	-	(115)
Transfer to assets held for sale	(136)	(80)	-	-	-	(216)
Balance at 31 August 2023	11,041	24,295	300	12,734	418	48,788
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment						
Balance at 1 September 2022	39	3,334	24	6,312	181	9,890
Disposals	-	-	-	(115)	-	(115)
Depreciation	-	508	19	838	50	1,415
Transfer to assets held for sale	-	(16)	-	-	-	(16)
Balance at 31 August 2023	39	3,826	43	7,035	231	11,174
Net Book Value						
As at 31 August 2022	11,138	20,650	255	4,997	148	37,188
As at 31 August 2023	11,002	20,469	257	5,699	187	37,614

31 August 2022	Land	Buildings	FFE*	Centre Assets	Computers	Total
Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 September 2021	11,177	23,981	237	10,566	185	46,146
Additions	0	3	48	987	144	1,182
Disposals	(115)	-	(6)	(244)	-	(365)
Transfer to assets held for sale	115	-	-	-	-	115
Balance at 31 August 2022	11,177	23,984	279	11,309	329	47,078
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment						
Balance at 1 September 2021	-	2,575	8	5,619	133	8,335
Disposals	-	-	(1)	(9)	-	(10)
Impairment	(6)	380	-	-	-	374
Depreciation	-	471	17	702	48	1,238
Transfer to assets held for sale	45	(92)	-	-	-	(47)
Balance at 31 August 2022	39	3,334	24	6,312	181	9,890
Net Book Value						
As at 31 August 2021	11,177	21,406	229	4,947	52	37,811
As at 31 August 2022	11,138	20,650	255	4,997	148	37,188

\*FFE = Furniture, Fittings and Equipment

**Legal Ownership:** There are issues with the legal ownership of Wairaka and Foxton Playcentres. In both of these cases, legal ownership is held by Incorporated Societies which were dissolved several years ago. It is likely that both properties are legally “bona vacantia” and therefore owned by the Crown. Efforts are being made to have these properties transferred into the name of Playcentre Aotearoa, however this is expected to take some time. In the meantime, Playcentre Aotearoa have control in substance of these properties and, in the case of Wairaka Playcentre, they have a value in use. Therefore, both continue to be recognised as assets in the financial statements, but Foxton Playcentre, which is closed, has been fully impaired in the prior year. The value of these assets in the consolidated financial statements is Land \$170K, Buildings \$137K (in relation to Wairaka) and the impairment recognised is \$179K, in relation to Foxton.

Note 6 – Commitments and Contingencies

		2023	2022
		\$,000	\$,000
(a) Lease Commitments			
	0-1 years	242	104
	1-5 years	589	255
	5 years +	176	171
		1,007	530

(b) Other Commitments

The Trustee Board have commitments of \$322K towards the building of a new Playcentre in Mount Maunganui and \$350K towards the building of a new Centre for Cornwall Park Playcentre.

(c) Contingent Liabilities

Playcentre Aotearoa owns a number of buildings and property improvements on land that is leased from third parties. At the conclusion of these leases, there is a possible obligation to restore or "make good" the land to some extent. At the present time the timing, extent and occurrence of the obligation is uncertain due to historically not having made good on these obligations due to buildings being re purposed by Playcentre Aotearoa or a third party. It is unlikely that "make good" provisions will be enforced in most cases and no reliable estimate can be made of the potential liability and therefore no liability has been recognised in the financial statements.

Note 7 – Tertiary Education Training Fund (TEC)

	2023	2022
Income	\$,000	\$,000
Student Achievement Component Funding - TEC (Note 3)	599	640
	599	640
Less Expenditure		
Wages (Note 4)	530	442
National Compliance Expense	21	20
Use of Equipment	-	1
Administration Expense	46	36
	597	499



## Note 8 – Special Projects Funds

	2023	2022
	\$,000	\$,000
Research Fund	-	57
Building upgrade/repairs reserves	321	321
Gwen Somerset Reserve	69	66
Colleen Chandrahasen Reserve	34	32
Rōpū funds (provided by NSPA)	68	68
	492	544

The reserve for Research Funds was disestablished during the year by the Board and released into general reserves. Other movements in these funds relate only to attributions of notional interest revenue.

In addition to these Special Projects Funds, the Trustee Board have set aside funds received from the sale of property to deal with future property issues. This includes proceeds from the sale of the former King Country Association office, the former NNI Regional Office, and property at Matiere and Matura. These funds currently total \$821,865 and no spend has been made against this total.

## Note 9 – Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

	2023	2022
	\$,000	\$,000
<b>Financial assets:</b>		
Cash on hand	11,667	16,186
Trade and other receivables	128	202
Accrued income	1,287	1,203
Term deposits	13,574	13,065
	26,656	30,656

Bank term deposits are invested over a range of terms at an interest rate between 4.10% - 6.24% (2022: 1.00% - 2.30%).

	2023	2022
	\$,000	\$,000
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	785	1,130
	785	1,130

## Note 10 – Related Party Transactions

We acknowledge that transactions between centre whānau and their family connections take place often resulting in products or services being received at discounted prices or by donation. These transactions are considered to be of immaterial value to Playcentre Aotearoa overall.

## Note 11 – Key Management Remuneration

	2023	2022
	\$,000	\$,000

<b>The total remuneration of members of the Trustee Board being honoraria paid to the Co-Presidents and Trustees were as follows:</b>		
Total Remuneration	45	55
Number of Persons	8	*8

\* There are 8 Trust Board members (2021 - 6 Board members until November 21 and 8 thereafter). Honoraria is paid retrospectively and on a pro-rata basis which allows us to maintain the agreed Honoraria amount.

<b>The total remuneration of the senior management group is as follows:</b>		
Total Remuneration	887	850
Number of FTE*	8.8	7.8

\* Total remuneration reflects costs to the organisation during the financial year, while FTE reflects the position at 31 August

## Note 12 – Assets brought into the Reporting Entity

During the 2023 year there were no assets brought into the Reporting Entity (2022: Manunui Playcentre was brought into the Playcentre Aotearoa Group. A Marsden Playcentre asset created in error in 2016 was removed).

## Note 13 – Covid 19

In October 2021 the government announced a Covid-19 Vaccine Mandate for all staff and volunteers working in Early Childhood Education. This Health Order, which effectively applied to all Playcentre whānau, resulted in a number of whānau and their children leaving Playcentre, as well as several staff. Enrolment numbers have now recovered to pre-mandate levels and Playcentre is experiencing modest growth. Absences due to sickness are higher than pre-Covid and the lapsing of the Ministry of Education’s Covid absence dispensations has had an impact on funding.

## Note 14 – Property Portfolio

Condition Surveys have been completed for all of Playcentre’s Property Portfolio, including buildings owned by the Ministry of Education, local councils and third parties. The findings from these surveys were that many buildings had been poorly maintained over the years, resulting in some issues which needed to be addressed urgently and a large number of non-urgent issues which were resulting in degradation of the buildings. In addition, property issues were resulting in non-compliance with licencing criteria in some Playcentres. A programme of work is underway to remedy these issues and this is expected to be completed over the next 2-3 years.



## Note 15 – Playcentre Operations

The Playcentre Aotearoa Group includes Playcentre Operations, which provides support and shared services to Playcentres, funded by a levy on bulk funding earned by Playcentres. Most Playcentre property, ECE licences and the relationship with the Ministry of Education is held by Playcentre Operations. The viability of individual Playcentres is therefore reliant on Playcentre Operations continuing to operate. It is important to note that funds held by Playcentres are not accessible to Playcentre Operations. The financial activities and position of Playcentre Operations have been set out below in order to give context to Note 18 (Going Concern) and to provide further information to Playcentre whānau & users of the consolidated financial statements. This information is a management performance metric, prepared by removing the economic activity of individual Playcentres & consolidation adjustments.

	Group			Playcentre Operations	
				2023	2022
	Primary Financial Statements	Add back Eliminations	Less Playcentres & Shops		
Financial Performance	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000
Revenue					
Levies Revenue	-	5,971	-	5,971	5,838
Ministry of Education ECE revenue	15,898	(66)	(12,823)	3,009	2,723
Other Revenue	7,723	478	(4,866)	3,335	2,303
Total Revenue	23,621	6,383	(17,689)	12,315	10,864
Expenses					
Staff costs	12,579	(371)	(3,435)	8,773	7,277
Repairs and Maintenance	3,576	(5)	(2,492)	1,079	557
Depreciation	1,415	-	(869)	546	529
Playcentre Operations levy	-	5,971	(5,971)	-	-
Other expenses	9,261	462	(5,185)	4,538	3,751
Total expenses	26,831	6,057	(17,952)	14,936	12,114
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3,210)	326	263	(2,621)	(1,250)
Assets and Liabilities:					
Cash and term investments	25,241	-	(12,400)	12,841	15,106
Assets held for sale	268	-	-	268	68
Other current assets	2,181	2,822	(3,043)	1,960	1,614
Fixed Assets	37,614	39	(9,042)	28,611	29,262
Total Assets	65,304	2,861	(24,486)	43,680	46,050
Funds held on behalf of Playcentres	-	2,354	-	2,354	1,983
Other current liabilities	4,191	181	(1,259)	3,113	3,281
Non current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	4,191	2,535	(1,259)	5,467	5,264
Net Assets	61,113	326	(23,227)	38,213	40,786

## Note 16 – Constitutional Change

At the Special General Meeting on the 25th of November 2022 the constitutional threshold to pass a new Trust Deed to replace the Constitution was reached. As some individuals voiced concerns about the process used to pass the Trust Deed, the Trustee Board asked the High Court to confirm the Trust Deed. The High Court confirmed the Trust Deed in August 2023, with effect from 1st September 2023.

## Note 17 – Events After the Balance Date

On 1st September 2023 the Trust Deed of Playcentre Aotearoa was officially registered and put into effect.

On 23rd November 2023 Playcentre Aotearoa sold the building in Fairfield Dunedin from which the Lower South Island regional office had been operating. This sale was for operational reasons as the Lower South Island regional office is now operating out of leased premises.

In September 2023 ERO carried out the first evaluation of Playcentre Aotearoa as a national organisation, as part of a their new industry-wide review process. The report was received in March 2024 and had an overall judgement of Progressing within the Whakāto Emerging section of their Assurance Review framework.

In November 2022 Playcentre Aotearoa requested an Emergency Funding Grant from government. In the Budget on 18th May 2023 the Minister of Education announced a grant to Playcentre Aotearoa of \$3.08m, to be paid during the government financial year ending 30th June 2024. The deliverables for this grant have been agreed with the Ministry of Education and relate mainly to property and health and safety work. A formal contract was signed by both parties in December 2023. On the 4th of March 2024 a variation to this agreement was signed to correct errors in the original document. The first payment under this contract, of \$1.54m, was received in late March 2024. It is anticipated that all grant deliverables will be completed between 1st September 2023 and 30th June 2024 and that the entire grant will be received within this period.

## Note 18 – Going Concern

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the Playcentre Aotearoa Group being a going concern. At the date of signing the consolidated financial statements, there is material uncertainty relating to events or conditions, listed below, that cast significant doubt on the Playcentre Aotearoa Group’s ability to continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future.

The ability of the Playcentre Aotearoa Group to continue operating depends upon the continued operations of Playcentre Operations (see Note 15). While Playcentre Operations has significant reserves, deficits are projected to continue and Playcentre Operations is projected to run out the funds in the medium term, on its present course. It is important to note Playcentre Operations is unable to access funds within the Playcentre Aotearoa Group to assist with cashflow issues, should they arise, because the group is made up of different entities holding bank accounts under individual authorities.

Playcentre Aotearoa Group is working with the Ministry of Education to agree a new Co-Design funding model to significantly increase bulk funding income but this has not yet been confirmed.

Playcentre Operations is also working with the controlled entities within the Playcentre Aotearoa Group to implement a new operating model which will enable growth and cost efficiencies. This operating model is expected to result in the Playcentre Aotearoa Group operating as one co-ordinated national organisation, with funding centralised and available to support the financial viability of the individual Playcentres (see Note 19) and Playcentre Operations. The Playcentre Aotearoa Trust Deed requires individual Playcentres to agree before they become part of the new operating model.

The possibility that these matters aren’t achievable creates a material uncertainty that casts significant doubt over the ability of Playcentre Aotearoa Group to continue as a going concern. If Playcentre Aotearoa Group was not a going concern, it may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities at values currently presented within the financial statements, in the ordinary course of business. These consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustment relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts, nor to the amounts and classifications that may be necessary should Playcentre Aotearoa Group be unable to continue as a going concern.



# Notes to and Forming Part of the Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2023

## Note 19: Group Entities

*Entities Consolidated into the Playcentre Aotearoa Group for the Reporting Period ended 31 August 2023*

Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa  
- Playcentre Aotearoa (“Playcentre Operations”)  
Addington Playcentre  
Akaroa Playcentre  
Alicetown Playcentre  
Amberley Playcentre  
Aotea Island Playcentre  
Appleby Playcentre  
Aramoho Playcentre  
Aria Playcentre  
Arohena Playcentre  
Ashburton Playcentre  
Ashhurst Playcentre  
Ashley Playcentre  
Ashridge Road Playcentre  
Ashurst Park Playcentre  
Atawhai Playcentre  
Atiamuri Playcentre  
Avonhead Playcentre  
Awakeri Playcentre  
Awanui Playcentre  
Awatere Playcentre  
Awatuna & Districts Playcentre  
Balclutha Playcentre  
Balfour Playcentre  
Beachhaven Playcentre Incorporated  
Beachlands Maraetai Playcentre  
Belfast Playcentre  
Belmont Playcentre  
Birkenhead Playcentre Society Incorporated  
Blackball Playcentre  
Blenheim Playcentre  
Blockhouse Bay Playcentre  
Blueskin Playcentre  
Bombay Playcentre  
Brightwater Playcentre  
Brooklyn Playcentre  
Bucklands Beach Ohui-a-rangi Playcentre

Burwood Playcentre  
Cambridge Playcentre  
Canterbury Playcentre Shop  
Carterton Playcentre  
Clarkville Playcentre  
Clinton Playcentre  
Clutha Valley Playcentre  
Clyde Playcentre  
Coatesville Playcentre  
Cockle Bay Playcentre  
Collingwood Playcentre  
Cornwall Park Playcentre  
Coromandel Playcentre  
Culverden Playcentre  
Cust/West Eyreton Playcentre  
Darfield Playcentre  
Dargaville Playcentre  
Days Bay Playcentre  
Deanwell Playcentre  
Diamond Harbour Playcentre  
Dinsdale Playcentre  
Drury Playcentre  
Dunsandel Playcentre  
Eastside Playcentre  
Eden Epsom Playcentre  
Edgecumbe Playcentre  
Ellerslie Playcentre  
Enner Glynn Playcentre  
Feilding Playcentre  
Fendalton Playcentre  
Foxton Playcentre  
Frankton/Wakatipu Playcentre  
Freemans Bay Playcentre  
Galatea Playcentre  
Glen Eden Playcentre  
Glen Innes Playcentre  
Glendene Playcentre  
Gleniti Playcentre

Gore Playcentre  
Greenhithe Playcentre  
Greenpark Playcentre  
Grey Valley Playcentre  
Halcombe Playcentre  
Halswell Playcentre  
Hamilton East Playcentre  
Hamurana Playcentre  
Hanmer Springs Playcentre  
Harewood Playcentre  
Hataitai Playcentre  
Haumoana Playcentre  
Havelock North Playcentre  
Hawera Playcentre  
Helensville Playcentre  
Henderson Valley Playcentre  
Herne Bay Playcentre  
Hillsborough Playcentre  
Hinds Playcentre  
Hinuera Playcentre  
Hora Hora Cambridge Playcentre  
HoraHora Whangarei Playcentre  
Hororata Playcentre  
Horotiu Playcentre  
Houghton Valley Playcentre  
Howick Playcentre  
Huimai Playcentre  
Hukerenui Playcentre  
Hunterville Playcentre  
Hunua Playcentre  
Inglewood Playcentre  
Island Bay Playcentre  
Johnsonville Playcentre  
Kaeo Playcentre  
Kaikoura Playcentre  
Kaitaia Playcentre  
Kaiti Playcentre  
Kaiwaka Playcentre  
Kaniere Playcentre  
Kaponga Playcentre  
Karaka Playcentre  
Karatia Playcentre  
Karori Playcentre  
Katikati Playcentre

Kaukapakapa Playcentre  
Kawakawa Playcentre  
Kelburn Playcentre  
Kerikeri Playcentre  
Kohukohu Playcentre  
Korokoro Playcentre  
Koutu Playcentre  
Kumeu Playcentre  
Laingholm Playcentre  
Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre  
Leamington Playcentre  
Leeston Playcentre  
Leithfield Playcentre  
Lepperton Playcentre  
Lincoln Playcentre  
Linkwater Playcentre  
Linwood Playcentre  
Little River Playcentre  
Longbeach Playcentre  
Lower Hutt Playcentre  
Lower Waitaki Playcentre  
Lumsden Playcentre  
Lynmore Playcentre  
Lyttelton Street Playcentre  
Macandrew Bay Playcentre  
Maihihi Playcentre  
Mairangi Bay Playcentre  
Makarewa Playcentre  
Mamaku Playcentre  
Mamaranui Playcentre  
Mananui Playcentre  
Manawaru Playcentre  
Mangapai Playcentre  
Mangapapa Playcentre  
Mangatangi & Districts Playcentre  
Mangaweka Playcentre  
Mangere Bridge Playcentre  
Manukau Peninsula Playcentre  
Manunui Playcentre  
Manurewa Playcentre  
Manutuke Playcentre  
Mapua Playcentre  
Maramarua/Kopuku Playcentre  
Marsden Playcentre



Martinborough Playcentre  
Massey Playcentre  
Matakana Playcentre  
Matamata Playcentre  
Matawai Playcentre  
Maungakaramea Playcentre  
Maungaraki Playcentre  
Maungatapere Playcentre  
Maungaturoto Playcentre  
Maungawhau Playcentre  
Mayfield Playcentre  
Methven Playcentre  
Milson Playcentre  
Miramar Playcentre  
Morningside Playcentre  
Mornington Playcentre  
Morrinsville Playcentre  
Mosgiel Playcentre  
Motueka Playcentre  
Mount Albert Playcentre  
Mount Somers / Staveley Playcentre  
Mt Maunganui Playcentre  
Mt Wellington Playcentre  
Murchison Playcentre  
Naenae Playcentre  
Narrowneck Playcentre  
National Park Playcentre  
Nawton Family Playcentre  
New Market Playcentre  
New Plymouth Playcentre  
New Ranui Playcentre  
New Windsor Playcentre  
Newlands - Tamariki Playcentre  
Newtown Playcentre  
Ngaio Playcentre  
Ngakuru Playcentre  
Ngatea Playcentre  
Normanby Playcentre  
Normandale Playcentre  
North Beach Playcentre  
Northend Playcentre t/a Community Playcentre  
Oakura Playcentre  
Oamaru Playcentre  
Ohaeawai Playcentre

Ohai Playcentre  
Ohau Playcentre  
Ohaupo Playcentre  
Okato Playcentre  
Omakau & Districts Playcentre  
Omakere Playcentre  
Omapere Playcentre  
Omokoroa Playcentre  
Onehunga Playcentre  
Onepoto Playcentre  
Onerahi Playcentre  
Ongaonga Playcentre  
Opoho Playcentre  
Opotiki Playcentre  
Opunake Playcentre  
Otaki Playcentre  
Otakiri Playcentre  
Otamauri Playcentre  
Otaua Aka Aka Playcentre  
Otautau Playcentre  
Otorohanga Playcentre  
Otumoetai Playcentre  
Outram Playcentre  
Oxford Playcentre  
Paekakariki Playcentre  
Paeroa Playcentre  
Pakuranga-Rahihi Playcentre  
Palmerston Playcentre  
Pamapurua Playcentre  
Papakura Playcentre  
Papamoa Playcentre  
Paparoa Playcentre  
Papatoetoe Playcentre  
Paraparaumu Playcentre  
Paremata Playcentre  
Park Road Playcentre  
Parklands Kamo Playcentre  
Parklands Playcentre  
Parkside Playcentre  
Paroa Playcentre  
Parua Bay Playcentre  
Paterson Street Playcentre  
Patumahoe Mauku Playcentre  
Peachgrove Playcentre

Peria Playcentre  
Picton Playcentre  
Pinehaven Playcentre  
Piopio Playcentre  
Pirongia Playcentre  
Pleasant Point Playcentre  
Point Howard Playcentre  
Pokeno Playcentre  
Pongakawa Playcentre  
Porangahau Playcentre  
Port Ahuriri Playcentre  
Port Ohope Playcentre  
Prebbleton Playcentre  
Puahue Playcentre  
Pukeatua Playcentre  
Pukekawa Playcentre  
Pukekohe East Playcentre  
Pukekohe Playcentre  
Pyes Pa Playcentre  
Queenstown Playcentre  
Raglan Playcentre  
Rahotu Playcentre  
Rakaia Playcentre  
Ranfurly Playcentre  
Rangiora Playcentre  
Rapanui - Brunswick Playcentre  
Rawene Playcentre  
Red Beach Playcentre  
Redwood Playcentre  
Reefton Playcentre  
Renwick Playcentre  
Reporoa Playcentre  
Rerewhakaaitu Playcentre  
Richmond Playcentre - Invercargill  
Richmond Playcentre - Nelson  
Riselaw Road Playcentre  
River Downs Playcentre  
Riversdale Playcentre  
Rolleston Playcentre  
Roslyn Bush Playcentre  
Roslyn Maori Hill Playcentre  
Roxburgh Playcentre  
Ruawaro Playcentre  
Russell Playcentre

Russley Playcentre  
Sawyers Bay Playcentre  
Shannon & Districts Playcentre  
Shirley Playcentre  
Silverdale Playcentre  
Somerfield Playcentre  
South Brighton Playcentre  
Southbridge Playcentre  
Spencerville Playcentre  
Spring Creek Playcentre  
Springvale Playcentre  
St Albans Playcentre  
St Heliers Glendowie Playcentre  
St Leonards Playcentre  
Stokes Valley Playcentre  
Stratford Playcentre  
Swanson Playcentre  
Tahuna Playcentre  
Tai Tapu Playcentre  
Taihape Playcentre  
Tairua Playcentre  
Takaka Playcentre  
Takapau Playcentre  
Takapuna Play Centre Incorporated  
Takarunga Playcentre  
Tamahere Playcentre  
Tamatea Playcentre  
Tapanui Playcentre  
Tapawera Playcentre  
Taradale Playcentre  
Taranaki Playcentre Shop  
Taupiri Playcentre  
Taupo Family Playcentre  
Tauriko Playcentre  
Tawa - Linden Playcentre  
Te Akau & Districts Playcentre  
Te Aroha Playcentre  
Te Awamutu Playcentre  
Te Kauwhata Playcentre  
Te Kawanui Playcentre  
Te Kopuru Playcentre  
Te Kuiti Playcentre  
Te Marua Playcentre  
Te Poi Playcentre



# Glossary of Te Reo Māori words

Te Puawaitanga O Atareta Playcentre  
Te Puke Playcentre  
Te Puna Playcentre  
Terrace End Playcentre  
Thames Parawai Playcentre  
The Key Playcentre  
The Levin Playcentre (Incorporated)  
Tikokino Playcentre  
Tikorangi Playcentre  
Tirau Playcentre  
Titahi Bay Playcentre  
Titirangi Playcentre  
Titoki Playcentre  
Toi Tois Playcentre  
Toko Playcentre  
Tokoroa Playcentre  
Tomarata Playcentre  
Torbay Playcentre  
Totara Grove Playcentre  
Totara Park Playcentre  
Totaravale Playcentre  
Tramway Playcentre  
Tuakau Playcentre  
Tuatapere Playcentre  
Turua Playcentre  
Tutukaka Coast Playcentre  
Urenui Playcentre  
Victory Playcentre  
Waiatarua Playcentre  
Waiau Playcentre  
Waiheke Island Playcentre  
Waihi Beach Playcentre  
Waihi Playcentre  
Waihopai Playcentre  
Waikanae Playcentre  
Waikouaiti Playcentre  
Waimamaku Playcentre  
Waimauku Playcentre  
Wainui Playcentre  
Wainuiomata Playcentre  
Waipu Playcentre  
Wairaka Playcentre  
Wairoa Playcentre  
Waitara Playcentre

Waituna West Playcentre  
Wakefield Playcentre  
Wallaceville Playcentre  
Waotu Puketurua Playcentre  
Warkworth Playcentre  
Waterloo Playcentre  
Waverley Playcentre  
Welcome Bay Playcentre  
West Harbour Playcentre  
West Melton Playcentre  
Weston Playcentre  
Westport Playcentre  
Westside Playcentre  
Weymouth Playcentre  
Whakamaru Playcentre  
Whangaehu-Turakina Playcentre  
Whangamata Playcentre  
Whangaparaoa Playcentre Incorporated  
Whangarei Heads Playcentre  
Wharepuhunga Playcentre  
Whataupoko Playcentre  
Whitford Playcentre  
Whitianga Playcentre  
Wilton Playcentre  
Windy Ridge Playcentre  
Wood Hatton Playcentre  
Woodend Playcentre  
Woodville Playcentre  
Woolston Playcentre  
Wyndham Playcentre

**Aotearoa** – New Zealand

**Ākonga** – students

**Ari** – increased visibility

**Aroha** – love, compassion, empathy, affection

**He Kaiwhakaihūwaka** – champion for te Reo Māori or bicultural officer

**Hononga Māori Team** – Māori Relationship Team

**Kāhui** – cluster

**Kaiako** – educator(s), teacher(s)

**Kaihononga Māori** – Māori relationship advocate

**Kaimahi** – employee, staff

**Kanorau** – diverse

**Kaupapa** – topic, matter of discussion

**Ki te pae tawhiti** – to distant horizons

**Kōrero** – to discuss, tell, say, speak, read, talk, address.

**Kupu** – words, vocabulary

**Manaakitanga** – show respect, generosity, hospitality, support and care for others.

**Marae** – courtyard; the open area in front of the wharenui, where formal greetings and discussions take place. Often also used to include the complex of buildings around the marae.

**Matariki** – is the Māori name for the star cluster most commonly known as Pleiades.

Traditionally Māori used the rising of Matariki as a marker for the New Year. Different iwi use different stars as markers that tell them when they should celebrate the New Year. Some iwi use Puanga, Puaka some Rehua while others use Atutahi. Matariki is associated with good health and wellbeing.

**Mātauranga Māori** – Māori knowledge - the body of ancient knowledge includes the Māori world view, perspectives, Māori creativity and cultural practices.

**Mihi whakatau** – speech of greeting, official welcome speech - speech acknowledging those present at a gathering.

**Mokopuna** – grandchild or grandchildren

**Motu** – island

**Ngā mihi nui, ngā mihi aroha** – great acknowledgements and kind regards.

**Ngā Whāinga o Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa** – Strategic Plan of Playcentre Aotearoa

**Pēpi** – baby or babies.

**Poroaki** – formal farewell ceremony

**Reo Rua** – bilingual

**Tamariki** – children

**Tāne** – male, man, husband

**Tangata Tiriti** – is one of two governing houses in Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa (Playcentre Aotearoa). Together Te Whare Tikanga Māori and Tangata Tiriti form the basis of our Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership.



**Tangata whenua** – people of the land (literal), descendants of the first people to settle Aotearoa New Zealand, indigenous people (Māori), person or people with customary authority over an area that may include land and sea. This authority is held by first settlement of an area or by succeeding to an area through active occupation and negotiation with the first peoples.

**Te ao Māori** – the Māori world

**Te reo Māori** – the Māori Language

**Te reo me ona tikanga Māori** – the Māori language and traditional Māori practice and protocols.

**Te Tiriti o Waitangi** – The Treaty of Waitangi

**Te Whānau Tupu Ngātahi o Aotearoa**  
– Playcentre Aotearoa

**Te Whare Tikanga Māori** – a group within Playcentre Aotearoa that is made up of current and previous Playcentre members who whakapapa Māori whenua or who have tamariki who whakapapa Māori.

**Te Whāriki** – early childhood curriculum or woven mat

**Te Wiki o te Reo Māori** – Māori Language Week

**Tēnā rawa atu koutou** – Thank you all very much

**Tikanga** – traditional custom, practice, and protocol

**Tuakana-teina** – senior and junior siblings, used where an older or more knowledgeable child supports the learning of a younger or less knowledgeable child.

**Tukunga iho** – key outcomes

**Tūrangawaewae** – the place where one has the right to stand, where one has rights, and belonging through kinship and whakapapa.

**Waiata** – song/s

**Whakakaha** – strengthen support

**Whakatipu** – grow community

**Whakamoe** – to put to sleep or to close

**Whakatuwhera** – to open

**Whāinga** – goals

**Whānau** – family

**Whānau tupu ngātahi** – families growing together



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