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# The Society of St George's Hospital Inc





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## *Information for prospective members*

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St George's Hospital is a not-for-profit charitable Society. The organisation is governed by a group of Cantabrians who have been elected to the Society as members.

The Society members are the supreme governing body and have the responsibility of electing a Board of Directors which provides the governance over the operational activities of the organisation. The Society members monitor the performance of the Board of Directors.

This booklet summarises information about St George's Hospital Inc and includes a further summary of members' responsibilities.

If after reading this booklet you are interested in helping us by becoming a member of the Society, please contact either of the undersigned or fill out the application form.

**Blair Roxborough**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**John Barr**  
**President of the Society**

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# 1 *St George's Hospital*

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St George's Hospital is an Incorporated Society and a registered charity operated by and for the people of Canterbury.

The Hospital was first suggested in the 1850s when the London-based Canterbury Association encouraged Canterbury's founding settlers to create a vibrant new city and to build a cathedral, a boys' school, a university college, a church hospital and later a medical school.

The early Canterbury settlers' vision resulted in the development of Christ's College in 1851, Christchurch Hospital in 1862, followed by the University of Canterbury in 1874 and Medical School in 1972.

In the early 1920s a band of enthusiasts, led and inspired by Canon J R Wilford, then Principal of College House, set about founding a private Church of England Hospital in Christchurch.

The Hospital was built as a result of co-operation between the Anglican Church and a group of interested Cantabrians and opened its doors in 1928. The Hospital is registered to care for surgical, medical, and maternity patients mostly from the private sector. It also contracts to provide a range of surgical and obstetric services to public patients funded by Government.

The Hospital does not have shareholders. Any financial surplus is re-invested in the Hospital and/or used to carry out the Hospital's charitable objectives.

Today, the Hospital is one of the largest private hospitals in New Zealand.

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## 2 *Objects of the Society*

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The Society is established for medical, religious, and charitable objects and purposes within New Zealand only. In particular the Society is established:

- (a) To erect, maintain, administer, and endow a private general hospital or hospitals and to provide related services and facilities.
- (b) To exercise and perform all necessary duties, functions, and obligations in regard to such hospital or hospitals and to the nursing and treatment of the sick or infirm generally.
- (c) To impart into the work the religious element of Christian life, duty, and obligations.
- (d) To apply any profits accruing from the activities or work of the Society to the furtherance of its charitable objects especially the altruistic nursing of the sick or for such other purposes which accord with its charitable objects.
- (e) To carry out the charitable objects of the Society either alone or in association with such other person, corporation, body, or trust as may be approved by the Society.
- (f) To enter into any form of contract or contractual arrangement with any other entity for the purpose of carrying out the Objects of the Society.

NB: The above Objects of the Society are enshrined into the Society's Rules of Association.

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### 3 *Membership of the Society*

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Membership of the St George's Hospital Society is through nomination and election by the Society members.

Prospective members are expected to have an interest in the wellbeing of the Hospital.

Membership provides:

- The opportunity to play an active role overseeing the strategic development of the Hospital.
- The opportunity to support the charitable objects of the Society.
- The opportunity to bring the voice of the community to the on-going life of St George's Hospital.

From its inception the Hospital has had a close link with the Anglican Church. While the Hospital cares for all denominations, membership of the Society is structured to preserve this strong Anglican connection.

There is a requirement that, at any time, not less than 60% of the members of the Society must be listed on a parish roll of the Anglican Church.

Every person aged 18 years or older may be eligible to be elected to membership of the Society.

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## 4 *Role of the Society's members and their obligations*

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The Society receives, considers, and approves policy and monitors the wellbeing of the Hospital.

The Society is the ultimate authority regarding matters affecting the future direction of the Hospital and major capital expenditure.

A Board of Directors reports to the Society and is responsible for matters of governance ensuring the Hospital is both financially and medically viable.

Responsibilities of St George's Hospital Society members include:

- Attending meetings held every three months
- Promotion of the Objects of the Society
- Being supportive of the Hospital's place in the community
- Actively seeking to interest prospective members in the Society
- Having an active concern for the Hospital's performance
- Expressing encouragement of management and staff in appropriate ways
- Contributing to the development of policies pertaining to the Objects of the Society
- Exploration of suitable and achievable charitable objectives
- Maintaining confidentiality in matters when advised by the Board of Directors or Management of the Hospital
- Voting at meetings or by proxy, on the following matters:
  - Election of new Society members
  - Consideration of major expenditure requests from the Board of Directors
  - Consideration of changes to the Constitution of the Society and other matters relating to the wellbeing of the Hospital that may come before the Society for resolution
  - Electing the President and Vice-President, members of the Board of Directors and of the Advisory Committee \*
  - Approving major transactions
  - Approving the Annual Report

Please note that all members of the St George's Hospital Incorporated Society will be subject to the policies set from time to time by that Society.

- \* *The Society has formed an Advisory Committee to assist with certain specified duties and to be available to evaluate matters referred to it, in accordance with the Constitution.*

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## **5 *The Society's obligations to members***

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The Society will:

- Keep members informed on the operational activities of the Hospital including its financial status
- Consult with members over the development of policy that establishes the strategic direction of the Hospital
- Arrange guest speakers on relevant subjects, often specialists on recent medical trends and methods of treatment
- Provide a forum for discussion on topics relevant to the role of the Hospital

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## 6 *Overview of the future direction of St George's Hospital*

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In 1999 the decision was made to extensively redevelop the site to ensure the Hospital meets the health care expectations of the next generation of Cantabrians. The first stage was the development of the Canon Wilford Wing, commissioned in 2002, featuring 2 surgical wards, 4 operating theatres, main recovery, underground car park, consulting rooms, a café, pharmacy, and a laboratory. This was followed in 2008 by the commissioning of the car park building and our third consulting room building, Leinster Chambers.

The next project was the development of a new state-of-the-art purpose built St George's Cancer Care Centre. In 2009 the St George's Cancer Institute was formed to fundraise \$7 million to purchase two linear accelerators for the new Centre. Linear accelerators provide life-saving radiation treatment, and the addition of the two at St George's Cancer Care increased the capacity in Canterbury by 67% or 33% for the South Island.

St George's Cancer Care Centre was fully commissioned in March 2010. This facility was renamed 'St George's Cancer Care – The Glasson Centre' in 2016 in recognition of the huge contributions made by Cilla and Tim Glasson.

In September 2010 Christchurch experienced a major earthquake. While the Hospital suffered little damage from this earthquake, subsequent earthquakes in 2011 took their toll on the Heritage Building which was structurally damaged beyond repair and was demolished.

Whilst all other buildings have performed well structurally, the levels of some are now uneven and unable to be repaired so will have to be replaced as soon as possible. In addition, extensive superficial damage did occur in some areas during the larger of the aftershocks but most damage has now been repaired.

In May 2014 the construction of the first of the next three stages in the St George's Hospital redevelopment commenced (the Atrium Hospital entrance, replacement radiation treatment suite in St George's Cancer Care) with the basement of the new Randolph Wing commencing in August that year.

September 2015 saw the commencement of a new business unit. The St George's Eye Care facility is located on the ground floor of Canon Wilford Wing.

The new St George's Cancer Care Centre radiation treatment suite was officially opened by the Prime Minister in November 2016. The Governor General of New Zealand officially opened the Atrium and Randolph Wing in July 2017.

Construction of the third stage of the redevelopment Cressy Wing, commenced in 2018 with an expected occupation date in early 2021.

Stage three (Cressy Wing) opened on schedule and within budget in November 2020 and was officially opened by the Governor General of New Zealand in July 2021.

Construction of the St George's Cancer Care Centre Bunker 3 commenced in July 2021 and was completed in April 2023. The first patients were treated on the new Elekta Unity MR linear accelerator (first in New Zealand, and 100<sup>th</sup> in the world) in May 2023.

Thank you for taking the time to read our information booklet.

If you would like to find out more about the activities of the Society and St George's Hospital Incorporated, please feel free to contact one of the undersigned or alternatively, if you would like to become a member, complete the Membership Application Form.

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# Membership application form

The Secretary  
Advisory Committee  
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Christchurch 8140  
rjbarr@ayrshire.co.nz

I (print full name): \_\_\_\_\_

hereby apply for membership of the Society of St George's Hospital Inc

## Contact details:

Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (business) \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Religious Affiliation:

- Member of a parish?  Yes  No
- Parish affiliated with:  Anglican Church / ACANZP  
 Confessing Anglicans / CCAANZ  
 Unknown

Parish name: \_\_\_\_\_

*This information is necessary to enable the Hospital to comply with the Constitution of the Society – Section 6.2 states that:*

*“Every person aged 18 years or older may be eligible to be elected to membership of the Society provided that at any time, not less than 60% of the members of the Society must be listed on a parish roll of the Anglican Church.”*

## Demographics (confidential):

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender Identity: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Understanding our people supports our ambition to be a diverse Society, inclusive of all.*

*We use this information to track whether we are achieving our strategic goal that in aggregate, members reflect the diverse experiences, stages of life and communities of wider Christchurch.*

*Because some people find this information sensitive, we will keep it confidential to the Advisory Committee.*

## Professional/ Vocational background:

Key roles/skills/knowledge/experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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*Especially any that might be relevant to the membership, or Governance, of St George's Hospital Society.*

What interests you in St George's Hospital? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Please include any interest in healthcare, charitable healthcare, or good governance.*

**The following Society members support my application:**

Nominator's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Secunder's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please forward to the Secretary:*       *This completed application form*       *A current resume*