SIR EDMUND HILLARY'S

# HIMALAYAN TRUST ANNUAL REPORT



## 2024



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*"Human life is far more important*
*than just getting to the top of a mountain."*
- Sir Ed

## ABOUT US

Since its establishment by Sir Edmund and Louise Hillary in the 1960s, the Himalayan Trust (HT) has drawn together a large group of people dedicated to one philanthropic goal: breaking the cycle of poverty.

Through a legacy of giving, support and service, the Himalayan Trust has accomplished projects from the construction of the first school in Khumjung in 1961 to projects like the establishment of Sagarmatha (Everest) National Park and awarding life-changing scholarships to hundreds of students every year.

Himalayan Trust has fostered a dedicated community, committed to empowering the people of Nepal through education, health, water, infrastructure and environmental projects.

## DETAILS

The Himalayan Trust is a New Zealand based NGO with no political or religious affiliations and prioritises high standards of operations, public accountability, financial management, transparency and governance.

HT is a registered charity with the New Zealand Charities Commission and is a signatory to the Council for International Development and the Fundraising Institute of New Zealand's Code of Conduct. HT is also compliant with MFAT's Due Diligence framework.

The Himalayan Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees, drawn from a Membership - as covered in the Constitution adopted by the Board in March 2012, and revised 11 October 2023.

## OUR VISION

We envision a thriving Everest region where communities are empowered, resilient, and self-sustaining. By fostering education, advancing healthcare, improving infrastructure and preserving heritage, we aspire to create lasting change that honors the legacy of Sir Edmund Hillary and uplifts the people of the Himalayas for generations to come.

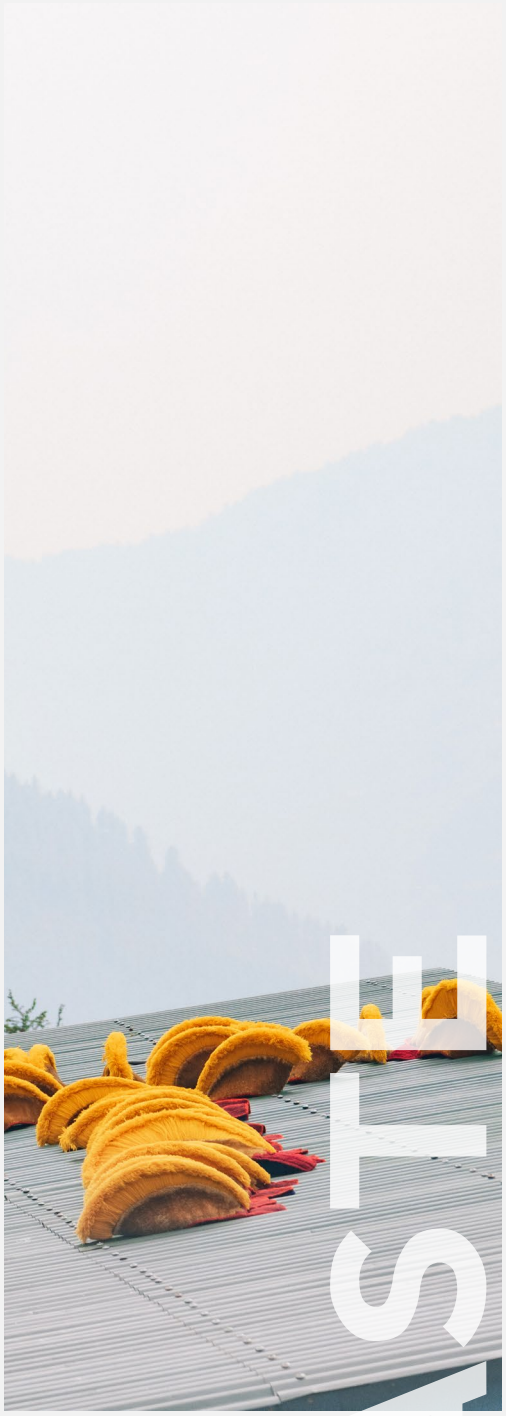
## OUR MISSION

In the spirit of friendship and goodwill, retaining the spirit of Sir Ed Hillary, the Himalayan Trust partners with the peoples of the Himalaya to achieve their aspirations through education, health, cultural, economic and environmental development.

## OUR APPROACH

### Power in Partnership

The people and the communities of the Everest region are at the centre of all our work. Ed established the Trust to operate in an inclusive way. As such we listen to the community, provide assistance where we can, and support their vision for a better future.



Above | Buddhist hats dry on a roof at Phungboche Monastery.

### Adventure by Nature

Our approach is rooted in the spirit of adventure that Sir Edmund Hillary embodied. Our commitment to adventure means that we are always ready to explore new ideas, navigate the complex terrain of development work, and adapt to the changing needs of the people we serve.

### Long Term Commitment to Change

We are committed to supporting the people of Solukhumbu and the Everest region for many years to come. Our projects and actions all work towards a long-term goal of breaking the cycle of poverty.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### Lady June Hillary

It is with great sadness that we farewelled Lady June Hillary on the 1st of June 2024. June was involved in the Himalayan Trust since its beginnings through her friendship Ed and Louise. After both losing their spouses, June and Ed got together, marrying in 1989. She had a deep fondness for the Himalayas and the people of Nepal and spent many cherished years in Nepal and India.

The Himalayan Trust is well known as the legacy of Sir Ed, but it is also the legacy of so many more incredible Kiwis. June was one of these. A remarkable woman whose life has left an indelible mark on the people of the Himalayan region.

From the early 1960's she was an advocate and champion of work that has led to incredible education success, life-saving healthcare and so much more. Her dedication and sense of responsibility to the people of Nepal was always apparent in the unfailing support she provided to Ed on his trips to Nepal and the Solukhumbu. When Ed died in 2008 she picked up the mantle and carried on the work of the Himalayan Trust during a critical time, providing invaluable continuity.

In response to June's passing, there was an outpouring of condolences from Nepal, with butter lamps lit from Khunde to Kathmandu and an hour of prayer for June which was held in a ceremony organised by Mingma Norbu of the HTN Kathmandu office. The Himalayan Trust farewells June with gratitude and respect, and honours her life and the contributions she has made.

Om Mani Padme Hum. Arohanui June.



Above | Sir Ed and Lady June Hillary at home in Auckland.

### Dick and Lee Estens

The Himalayan Trust is incredibly grateful to have received a very generous donation of $158,280 NZD from Dick and Lee Estens. This is a donation born of many years of friendship between Dick and HT's chairperson, Peter Hillary. Dick and Peter have done many trips into Solukhumbu together visiting some of the remote schools that we support. This incredible donation is a powerful expression of Dick and Lee's belief in the Himalayan Trust approach and mission, we are very grateful for this support. Thank you and Dhanyabad!



Above | Dick and Lee Estens in South Georgia, Antarctica.

### Claire Newman

As Claire concludes her nine-year term on the Board, we want to express our deep appreciation for her dedicated service and

the many contributions she made to the Himalayan Trust. Claire's tenure was marked by her steadfast commitment, particularly during the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic, where her guidance and support were invaluable.

Her industry-specific experience in non-profits brought both strategic and practical benefits to the Trust. Claire's expertise in HR matters ensured that our team was well-supported, while her careful attention to due diligence helped maintain the Trust's operational standards. Her involvement in events in Christchurch played a key role in building and maintaining strong community connections in the region.

We are particularly grateful for the thoughtful and steady governance Claire provided throughout her term. Her contributions have been valuable in upholding the strategic governance that our board provides. We extend our sincere thanks to Claire.

## Hillary Himalayan Foundation and Rolex Perpetual Planet

In November 2023, a donation of $83,263 NZD was received from the Hillary Himalayan Foundation courtesy of the Rolex Perpetual Planet Initiative. Separate to the Himalayan Trust, the Hillary Himalayan Foundation is directed by Peter Hillary who is the chairperson, Alex Witten-Hannah, Sarah Hillary and Lily Hillary. The Foundation was created by Alex Witten-Hannah, Peter Hillary and Yvonne Oomen to support projects, such as the Sir Edmund Hillary Visitor Centre, and to provide student scholarships and other assistance to the people of the Himalayas.

The Himalayan Trust is incredibly grateful to the Hillary Himalayan Foundation who have granted this donation to support our programmes. The donation reflects our shared commitment to the wellbeing of the Everest region's people and will significantly support our work in education, healthcare, and sustainable development. Thank you to the HHF for your support and commitment to the Himalayan Trust work in Nepal.

## New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) New Zealand for their continued support of the Himalayan Trust. Our longstanding partnership which was established on an annual basis in 2003 (but has existed since 1960) has been essential in delivering projects to high standards of international development. With MFAT's support and experience, we are always able to do the best by the students and communities we serve in the Everest region. This collaboration has enabled us to uphold Sir Edmund Hillary's legacy and have a bigger impact in improving education, healthcare, and sustainable development for generations. We are deeply grateful for MFAT's commitment and look forward to continuing this invaluable partnership.



Above | Claire Newman at a Summit Challenge event near Aoraki Mt Cook.



Above | Peter Hillary and Sarah Hillary in London during the E70 celebrations in 2023.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Peter Hillary



Hello and Namaste Himalayan Trust members, Supporters and Friends of the Himalayan Trust,

The past year started with the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the first ascent of Mt Everest in the Khumbu, Kathmandu, Delhi, London and Geneva with two special events in New Zealand in Auckland and Christchurch. It was an incredible time and underscored what the climb of Everest in 1953 represented to the world – that we could do more, go further, than we thought we could before. People could climb the world's highest mountain, people could manage the altitude and the debilitating effects of extreme altitude and this sent an empowering message around the world. And Ed Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the humble and remarkable heroes of the mountaineering adventure. Of course it was just the beginning and Ed went on to put this dynamism to the service of the people of the Solu Khumbu building friendships, schools, hospitals, air strips, forestry programmes, high altitude physiological studies, the establishment of Sagarmatha National Park (Everest NP) and vouching for the environment and the people who lived there.

### Delivering Impact for Our Donors

The work in Nepal was always supported by donors who wanted to contribute to making a difference to the communities from where the petitions for support came; build us a school for our children, a hospital, a water system. A lot has changed in Nepal since then but the need for education in particular has grown just as the very nature of education has changed. Today literacy is not just reading a book and being able to write with a pen, it includes being able to use a computer, research a topic on the internet, deliver your ideas in written form and also verbally; being able to stand up and speak to others and have them receive your message.

### Trust Partners

Our supporters have made these changes possible and of course this is just the beginning. The progression of our educational improvements in the Solu Khumbu region takes time and commitment and as we prepare for our third five year programme of 'Quality Education' we know that without the improvements in educational standards thousands of young people will be left behind.

We are greatly thankful to MFAT for their support and partnership with our education work and to all the other donors and HT members who contribute too. We can't do this

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work without you and I hope you will join us on visiting the Himalayas and see for yourselves what has been achieved.

## An International Impact

The visibility of the Mt Everest story in India is of particular note as we saw during the Everest 70th with our event at the NZ High Commission in Delhi. The New Zealand connection with the highest mountain in the world is a thing of great pride and for India lifts NZ's status and opens opportunities. We can see that we will receive support for our work in the Himalayas from Indian sources in the near future. My representation of the Himalayan Trust in India and in Europe, the UK, the US, Canada, Australia and elsewhere sends a message of both the diplomatic and philanthropic values of Ed Hillary and the organisation and connections he created.

## A Growing Board

The Himalayan Trust has just had an election and we have two new board members with Miranda Cahn and Georgia Cervin and the return of two old ones in Mike Gill and myself. So we have an incredible range of expertise and experience and look forward to their contributions and involvement.

## A Vision for the Himalayan Trust

Our vision for the next five years and beyond is to consolidate and extend our education programmes and make them relevant to the modern times. Most teaching in the hills of the Himalayas is delivered in a mid to late twentieth century way. Roads are extending up into the mountains and this will change the nature of how the small village schools will operate with the spectre of a transport system such as school buses not too far in the distance which will inevitably result in the consolidation of many schools. This will result in greater investment in these schools. There is a demographic change occurring in the hills too – people moving to Kathmandu and overseas and other people moving up into these villages from poorer areas to the south. My vision for the Himalayan Trust is that we can deliver support and expertise in all the areas that we work and maintain our strong (some would say enviable) connections with the communities we serve.

Finally, a special thanks to our Himalayan Trust partners in Nepal, HTN. Under the leadership of Pasang Dawa and Mingma Norbu we are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated and experienced partners. Also to our Edutech partners, Mike and Sheryl Chisholm, many thanks. And to MFAT in Wellington – you keep us on our toes but you are a vital and great partner to the HT in making a difference in the high hills of the Himalayas on behalf of all New Zealanders. We hugely appreciate you.

Thank you for your trust and support, and I look forward to another year of transformative change with our partners in the Himalayas.

Sincerely,



Peter Hillary
Chairperson, Himalayan Trust



## MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Himalayan Trust members, donors, partners and supporters,

The June 2023-24 year has been another good year for the Himalayan Trust. The financial year began half-way through an incredible series of global Everest 70th Anniversary celebrations where Peter and I were representing the Himalayan Trust in New Delhi. It was a great privilege to be at an event held by the New Zealand and British High Commission in India where the power of the Everest legacy can be felt keenly. These travels continued with events through to London, culminating in two amazing events in Auckland and Christchurch. We were greatly moved by the enthusiasm that our members, donors and supporters showed during these events, which meant that they were successful fundraisers as well as an opportunity to reconnect over shared passion.

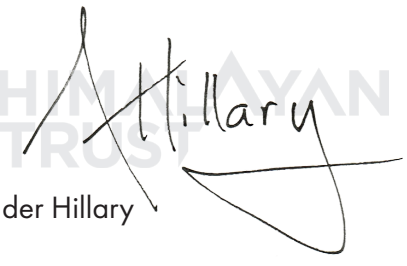
Our other appeals and events throughout the financial year were conducted frequently, but on a smaller scale. This is part of our aim to broaden awareness of the Trust's mission across Aotearoa New Zealand and to build the next generation of supporters for our activities. Initiatives such as Summit Challenge are an invaluable tool in this regard, which provide a sound vehicle for fundraising and engagement innovation for younger demographics (20-40 years).

The strength and dedication of our members and supporters enables us to continually commit to the broad scope of our work in Nepal. During my monitoring trips to Nepal, I am impressed by the breadth of impact the Himalayan Trust can achieve, as well as the incredible gratitude held for our support and the longevity of this support commitment. While my grandfather Sir Ed is widely celebrated for this work in Solukhumbu, I am also moved by the kinship held for New Zealanders too.

Education continues to be at the core of our mission. We have supported initiatives that not only enhance the quality of education in the region but also provide opportunities for young people to grow into leaders for their communities and dream of a brighter future. Our healthcare projects have reached new milestones too, ensuring that essential services are available to those who need them most, particularly in remote areas. I hope you will read more about this work in this report.

Serving as the general manager of the Himalayan Trust continues to be an incredible opportunity for me to do important work that changes lives as well as contribute to a legacy that inspires others to do good. Our work has remained true to the vision of Sir Edmund Hillary—to empower the people of Solukhumbu through education, healthcare, and sustainable development.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our partners, donors, and the communities we work with who inspire us every day. As we look ahead, we hope to continue to improve the Himalayan Trust by building capacity and resilience to grow towards the evolving needs of fundraising and development.



Alexander Hillary

## MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY CHAIR

### David Simmons - Strategy Trustee

Following last year's celebrations 2024 has been another year of steady progress. Within our renewed strategic plan we have developed/sought a sharper focus on the long-term goals of the Trust, its governance, membership, activities and implementation. Each of these has a separate workstream.

An independent due diligence report (BDO), while highlighting our strengths as a small charitable Trust, has also highlighted areas for improvement such as risk management and partnerships.

Similarly, the Board has commenced an organizational capacity review (based on USAID manuals). Both are designed to ensure we remain a small, but adroit charity which is both effective and efficient in its core goals of delivering human capacity development in the Everest region.

Throughout the year I have held fortnightly meetings with our GM (Alexander Hillary) to support and guide strategic and tactical actions. Through Alexander's leadership we have achieved much. We work within a constantly changing physical and social environment and new goals, such as the support in the wake of the Thame glacial lake outburst, water resource and environmental management, have emerged as pressing concerns.

The trust has been a tried-and-true supporter and facilitator of education, health, infrastructure and environmental programmes in Solukhumbu. Our commitment to this legacy and mission remains steadfast and we continuously seek to build our membership base in support of these enduring development needs.

## WORKING TOWARDS OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

You can view our strategic plan by visiting himalayantrust.org and going to 'About' then 'Reports & Plans'.

### GOAL 1: Healthy Lives

- Khunde hospital has undergone over $100k USD in improvements funded by the Sokol Family Foundation.
- The Himalayan Trust alongside the American Himalayan Foundation funds the ongoing operational costs of the Hospital and it's outreach clinics.
- All medical staff have undergone specialist trainings including high-altitude first aid.
- In the 2023/24 year 5,857 patients were treated by Hospital and Clinic staff.

### GOAL 2: Equitable and Quality Education.

- Access to quality schooling: 77 scholarships awarded on a talent and needs basis. 42 classrooms with improved furniture, furnishings and

classroom equipment.

- Quality teaching: 33 School based teacher training programmes. 19 teacher salaries covered.
- Literacy: 43 literacy programmes held in schools. Record School Examination results saw Khumjung School with a 100% pass rate.
- Technological Literacy: 8 New computer labs in schools. Capacity building for technological teaching.
- Equitable Access: Community education sessions held in schools. Menstrual Health programme development in progress. Record number of female and Rai ethnicity student scholarships.

## GOAL 3: Greater Environmental Sustainability and Resilience.

The Himalayan Trust believes that the natural environment of the Solukhumbu Himalaya is a powerful asset to its people, however in a changing climate there are multiple threats to health, livelihoods and the environment. The Himalayan Trust has been engaging with community and scientific sources to develop a reforestation programme that addresses carbon sequestration, watershed health and biodiversity/ecological heritage. This work is ongoing and will result in research-based project and implementation plan.



Above | A nepalese flag at sunset in lower Solukhumbu.

## GOAL 4: Long-term and Ongoing Funding of Our Work in Nepal

- Investment Strategy: Successfully preserved capital and achieved returns of over $500,000.
- Fundraising Success: Our various fundraising campaigns raised over $750,000, reflecting the growing support and innovation in engagement strategies.
- Broadened Awareness: Public awareness increased, with 4,200 new social media followers and 600 new email subscribers.
- Regular Giving: 56 new regular donors this year, bringing steady monthly contributions of $58,000, proving the success of our focus on sustainable giving.
- Membership Growth: 67 new members joined, strengthening our base and community connection, with plans to expand further next year.

## GOAL 5: Keeping Sir Edmund Hillary's Legacy Relevant

- Summit Challenge: Now established as an iconic event, it saw a 49% activation rate and raised $130,200. It continues to represent the values of adventure and philanthropy that resonate with New Zealanders.
- Everest Day: Though smaller in scale this year as compared to the 70th Anniversary in the year prior, Everest Day still raised $15,000 and engaged the NZ-based Nepalese community, keeping the Everest legacy alive.
- Youth Engagement: Expanded efforts to reach younger generations through Summit Challenge. Plans are underway for using Everest Day and a unique Everest virtual reality experience to engage school-age children for 2025.
- Visitor Engagement: The Sir Edmund Hillary Visitor Centre and our treks continued to attract visitors, enhancing their appreciation for the Trust's work in the Everest region.



Above | Edmund Hillary (Left) and Tenzing Norgay (Right) ascending high on Mt Everest before their historic summit in 1953

## GOAL 6: A Sustainable Organisation

- Governance Improvements: Streamlined financial processes, resulting in more efficient reporting and improved governance practices
- Corporate Partnership: Received a $158,000 contribution from Dick and Lee Estens of Grove Juice, a major corporate engagement that underscores the potential for future partnerships.
- Operational Efficiency: Our small team of two has developed automated systems and processes. This has reduced administrative overhead and increased resilience, allowing the Trust to function efficiently with minimal resources.
- Donor Engagement and Networking: Fostered active participation in our events from members and major donors, strengthening our community of supporters through events and personal outreach.

## A YEAR IN NUMBERS

Alongside our partner organisation Himalayan Trust Nepal, here is an insight into what we have achieved.

**77** Scholarship students. 31 Male and 46 Female.
A record number of female recipients

**108** Schools with stationery support
+2 more schools this FY.

**19** Teachers with salary support. 14 male and 5 female.

**43** Computer labs maintained and supported with 8 new labs built.

**43** Schools engaged in the Literacy through Integrated Learning programme which improves literacy teaching, supports students and parents, and evaluates literacy progress.

**4,692** Patients treated at Khunde Hospital.

1,955 Male and 2,737 Female.

**1,165** Patients treated at Phortse and Thame clinics

**42** Classrooms with child-friendly furniture and room improvements across 27 schools.

**33** School-based Teacher Training programmes.

**488** Summit Challenge fundraisers - a new record - raising $130,200 (up 35% on last year) with the support of 1,217 donors

OUR IMPACT

# PROJECT MAP

## Solukhumbu Himalaya Nepal

The Himalayan Trust has projects throughout Solukhumbu in education, healthcare and water. In the 2023/24 year the following locations had active projects. This map provides an indicative overview and does not display every project location.

- Education
- Computer Labs
- Healthcare
- Water
- Environment
- Other



## HEALTHCARE REPORT

The Healthcare Subcommittee: Lindsay Strang, Emma Heydon, Bruce Arroll and Michael Gill.

Healthcare has been one of the key areas of support that the Himalayan Trust New Zealand has provided in the Solukhumbu region, from the building of Khunde Hospital almost six decades ago through to today. Over that time period this has taken the form of a wide variety of health-related projects. Some, such as Phaplu Hospital, which were originally supported by HTNZ continue to be supported by the Himalayan Trust Nepal with aid from other donors. In the present time, Khunde Hospital and its outreach clinic services are the main healthcare projects with ongoing direct support from HTNZ.

### Khunde Hospital:

Khunde Hospital consistently delivers high-quality healthcare services to the local community and visitors, under the leadership of Doctor-in-Charge Mingma Kanchi Sherpa, with Dr Kami Temba as the Himalayan Trust's medical advisor. It serves the communities in Khumbu and the Upper Pharak region of Khumbu. The hospital also provides services to individuals who have migrated to the area for employment, as well as seasonal workers and trekkers.

Since the hospital was built in 1966 there have been huge changes in the patterns of patients seen and their presenting conditions. This partly reflects changes in lifestyle, nutrition and economy in the region, with increasing burdens of non-communicable disease (particularly cardiovascular disease and diabetes), and as a result 40% of outpatient presentations in the past year were for screening and regular follow up of these conditions or general check-ups in well individuals. In addition, the outpatient and inpatient numbers also reflect the increasing availability of other health services in the region, particularly in Namche, and increased mobility of many locals between the Solukhumbu and Kathmandu. Over the last fiscal year, 4,692 patients were seen as outpatients at Khunde Hospital – roughly half the number seen at the peak in the early 2000s. The Table opposite provides a comprehensive breakdown of patient presentations by category in the last year.

Khunde Hospital continues to provide outreach support to clinics located in Phortse and Thame, which together treated 1,165 patients last year. This support is in the form of providing medications, peer support to the clinic health workers and regular outreach clinic visits by the Khunde Hospital doctors. It was very saddening to hear that the clinic in Thame was swept away in August by the glacial outflow flood that caused significant damage in the village. Services continue to operate out of a tent, provided by Mr Milan Magar who was appointed as the new Thame Clinic Health Assistant earlier this year.

The Khunde Hospital team welcomed several other new members in the past year – Mr Phurba Tashi Sherpa as a Lab Technician and Ms Samjhana Basel as a Staff Nurse. Existing staff also attended continuing medical education programmes, including Dr Mingma Kanchi undertaking a Diploma in Mountain Medicine. For the first time in some years, Khunde








Top | Medical Supplies provided to Khunde, Thame and Phortse.

Middle | Lab Technician Mr Phurba Tashi Sherpa running blood tests in the lab.

Bottom | Thomas Swinburne and Staff Nurse, Fura Doma Sherpa above Khunde.

Hospital also hosted a final year medical student from University of Auckland Medical School, Thomas Swinburn, to undertake his medical elective and we are pleased that these enduring relationships between New Zealand and Nepal continue.

As the health needs of the region evolve and access to alternative services change, keeping Khunde Hospital relevant into the future is an evolving challenge. This is made harder by a lack of good epidemiological data, which would ideally be used to guide planning of future healthcare services. Increasingly preventative projects are a focus, but are still often driven by perceived needs rather than evidence. In the past year these projects included Covid-19 booster and measles/rubella vaccination campaigns, free dental camps in coordination with Namche Dental Clinic and eye screening camps. A generous donation from the Sokol Foundation led to the acquisition of an endoscope to be used for gastric screening camps undertaken by a visiting specialist and new laboratory analysers, broadening the investigation options that Khunde Hospital can provide. A formal review of Khunde Hospital services and infrastructure was also conducted in late 2023 with recent upgrades being undertaken. The HTNZ team remains committed to helping provide appropriate and long-term healthcare support to the region.

| **Condition categories** | **Female** | **Male** |
|---|---|---|
| Infectious or Parasitic diseases | 9 | 10 |
| Communicable vector, water and food borne diseases | 44 | 53 |
| Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) | 1 | - |
| Infections (Respiratory/urinary) | 212 | 222 |
| Nutritional and metabolic disorder | 5 | 1 |
| Skin diseases | 84 | 71 |
| ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat) related infections/disorders | 57 | 47 |
| Oral and dental health related disorder | 135 | 137 |
| Eye problem | 173 | 151 |
| Obstetric and gynecological problems | 17 | - |
| Mental health related problems | 20 | 7 |
| Cardiovascular & respiratory related problems | 17 | 11 |
| Orthopedic problems | 134 | 128 |
| Surgical problems | 7 | 9 |
| Other diseases and injuries | 189 | 26 |
| General examination /routine general health checkup/ counseling | 1036 | 826 |
| Common presenting symptoms | 185 | 132 |
| Obstetric, prenatal, postnatal & contraception | 362 | - |
| Childhood Immunisation | 23 | 24 |
| | **2737** | **1955** |
| **Total Patients at Khunde Hospital** | | **4692** |



Left | A typical classroom in Solukhumbu.




Left | A teacher exhibiting how they utilise smart boards in teaching lessons... youtube is often used!




Left | Ms Deepa Niraula, a Himalayan Trust teacher trainer working with a new teacher in Kharikola school.



Left | Peter Hillary and Alexander Hillary receiving Khada and Rhododendron flowers at a remote school in southern Solukhumbu.

Right | Lhakpa Tenji Lama, the Himalayan Trust Nepals programme director teaching a student the English alphabet.



## EDUCATION

The Education Subcommittee: Michael Gill, Alexander Hillary, David Simmons, Miranda Cahn and Simone Goodall.

In partnership with Himalayan Trust Nepal, Himalayan Trust continues its commitment to improving education outcomes in Solukhumbu. Solukhumbu has a literacy rate of 76.9%, closer to the national average, however, remote areas such as Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality, including the Everest region, report lower literacy levels of 74.9%. Particularly concerning is the female literacy rate in these rural communities, which stands at just 66.2%. Reading comprehension tests among students further suggest that the actual prevalence of literacy may be even lower, indicating that students in these regions are not receiving the same quality of education as their peers elsewhere in Nepal.

To bridge this gap, the Quality Education Programme, supported by MFAT through the New Zealand International Development Cooperation, focuses on enhancing education across 108 schools to deliver a sustained regional impact.

### School results

Khumjung Secondary School, also known as the Hillary School, became the top-performing school in Solukhumbu, achieving a 100% pass rate with exceptionally high personal scores in the National Examination Board (NEB) results for the 2024 Secondary Education Examination (SEE).

Khumjung's 27 students, comprising 15 girls and 12 boys, had two pupils scoring A+, 12 scoring A, 11 scoring B+, and two scoring a B. Khamsu Wongdu Sherpa's





### About the Quality Education Programme

The Quality Education Programme Solukhumbu is the Himalayan Trust's 5-Year programme designed to achieve the following goal:

**Improved teaching and learning outcomes through quality education for all children in Solukhumbu.**

The programme is constructed around three critical long-term outcomes (LTO's) that all our interventions and activities contribute towards:

1. Students achieving higher levels of success in literacy and core subjects
2. Increased student retention through higher grades and tertiary
3. Increased local ownership of education outcomes.

Within these long-term outcomes are a series of other outcomes and interventions. For instance, our school infrastructure and classroom support interventions, aim to 'Improve access to modern learning material in quality and healthy school'. This in turn will 'Improve the number of schools meeting quality standards' and result in LTO 3: 'Increased student retention through to higher grades and tertiary'.

With the programme concluding in April 2025, we look forward to sharing the substantial progress that has been achieved. The Himalayan Trust has begun the planning and development of another phase of QEPS that focusses on leveraging the successes of the past 5 years and addressing newly identified gaps and contextual changes to education in Solukhumbu.



Top Left | Students from Mopong School enjoying new furniture in a recently renovated classroom.

Bottom Left | Some of Mopong School's students, parents and teachers holding QEPS school curriculum books supplied by the Himalayan Trust.

Above | Students at Phungmoche School use child friendly furniture, stationary and art supplies in an engaging English language lesson.

A+ score of 3.9 Grade Point Average (GPA) was the highest for a boy in the district. Much credit for these spectacular results goes to the former Headmaster Ngawang Dorjee Rai, and the new incumbent, Kancha Nuru Sherpa and his team.

Solukhumbu topped the 14 districts of Koshi Province with a pass rate of 87%. What makes this particularly remarkable is that, unlike other community schools of Nepal, the students of Khumbu Pasanglhamu Rural Municipality take the exams in English, as introduced by the Himalayan Trust throughout the Khumbu region in 2011.

## Teacher training

Teacher training initiatives, including the School Based Teacher Training Programme (SBTTP) in 33 schools and the Literacy through Integrated Learning (LIL) initiative in 43 schools, have been critical in improving classroom instruction and fostering literacy and numeracy development among early-grade students. These programmes include a variety of techniques including in-classroom teaching support, demonstration classes, low-cost lesson material development and teacher curriculum training.

## Capacity building

In addition to teacher training, QEPS has furthered work on building the capacity of education stakeholder organisations as part of our LTO 3: Increased ownership of education outcomes. This has seen the field teams work with School Management Committees to conduct training on school management and leadership as well as providing support in the development of achievable and actionable School Improvement Plans. Other work has been conducted with the Parent Teacher Associations and broader parent groups to help parents with tools and strategies that support their children's education. The 2023/24 year has also seen

capacity building improvement within HTN who have conducted GEDSI training and internal teacher training development.

## School improvements and Computer Labs

Himalayan Trust, in collaboration with EduTech Nepal, continued to improve school infrastructure by establishing computer labs in eight schools in the 2023/24 year as well as providing essential classroom and educational materials to 108 schools. In addition to this, 42 classrooms from 27 schools have received child-friendly furniture including office tables, desks, benches, carpets, bookcases, cushions, and dustbins/pans along with other essential materials. A further 43 classrooms have received Early Childhood Educational Development (ECED) specific materials, including items such as wooden puzzles, ground mats, books and magnetic drawing boards.

## Scholarships

Scholarship programmes have also been instrumental in supporting equitable access to education, with 77 students receiving financial aid across primary, secondary, and tertiary levels – the different scholarships are shown in the chart below. These scholarships empower local talent, combat financial barriers to education and help ensure that students in Solukhumbu can pursue higher education and contribute to their communities. We are proud of what these students are accomplishing, and you can read some of their stories in the following pages of this report.

| Scholarships and Recipients by Gender | Male | Female |
|---|---|---|
| Sir Edmund Hillary Memorial Scholarship | 18 | 30 |
| Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality and Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level Scholarship (for students of KPLRM) | 5 | 6 |
| Himalayan Trust Bachelor Level (for students of Southern Solukhumbu) | 7 | 6 |
| Mountain Disaster Relief Education Support (MDRES) Scholarship | 1 | 4 |
| | **31** | **46** |
| **Total Scholarships** | | **77** |

## Teacher salaries

Since 2012, Himalayan Trust has been providing salary support for teachers, ensuring quality education in major subjects such as English, Science, Social Studies, and Maths. Currently, QEPS supports the salaries of 19 teachers across 13 schools. This support is often critical for the sustainability of certain schools and improves the transfer of educational expertise maintaining the high standards that QEPS strives for.

## Small Grants

Every year through the QEPS programme, small grants are awarded to worthy projects. Applications are received year-round and these are assessed on a needs basis by the HTN board. In the 2023/24 year, 2,100,000 Nepalese Rupees ($25,000 NZD) were awarded to seven projects throughout Solukhumbu. These projects included items such as smart boards for Chaurikharka Secondary School, Science Lab equipment for Lukla Basic School and Classroom maintenance to Mopung Basic School.

## Education outlook

In the past year there have been important signifiers of improvement to the education outcomes in Solukhumbu which is empowering, however, there is still much to achieve. In the coming years out-migration (particularly of Sherpa families) and the rapidly developing road infrastructure will create substantial changes to the education landscape. These changes are representative of wider trends occurring across the country as Nepal modernises. While the Nepalese Government's expenditure on education is consistently decreasing, the Net Enrolment Rate and student retention rates continue to improve as education becomes a priority for most families.



Left | An early grade class using a new teaching technique delivered with the support of a Himalayan Trust Teacher Trainer.



Right | ECED students with wooden puzzles, furniture and classroom equipment provided through QEPS.

## Identified Needs:

Throughout Solukhumbu there is still urgent improvements needed to education quality and resources, this is felt most keenly in lower Solukhumbu where many small schools have seen little improvement since Sir Ed built the first schools there. Other areas of focus for the Himalayan Trust Education programme include:

- Removing barriers to access: including disability inclusion, menstrual health and education, excluded caste groups and disadvantaged families.
- Centres of Excellence: developing resilient and high performing schools through infrastructure, planning and capacity building.
- Scholarship support: wraparound support for scholarship students including career counselling and internship opportunities.
- Teacher Training and teach salaries: providing more sustained support to teachers and education stakeholders.

## Conclusion

The 2023/24 year has been highly productive for the Quality Education Programme, and we are incredibly grateful for the support and vision of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade that make this possible. We are also grateful for the expertise and passion of Edutech Nepal who make the Computer Labs possible for Solukhumbu Schools. Lastly, we are most grateful for the hard work, attention to detail and care that Himalayan Trust Nepal take in the implementation of this programme.

If you would like further details on the education programme please contact info@himalayantrust.org.

## SCHOLARSHIP STORY: MINGMA DOMA SHERPA

### The Scholarship Journey for Higher Education

I am Mingma Doma Sherpa, a girl from the rural Himalayan region of Solukhumbu, Nepal. I am a dreamer, aspiring to pursue higher education despite the uncertainties that lie ahead. I hail from Thesyo, a remote village where I grew up with my family of nine members, now eight, in Khumbu. My parents sent me and my siblings to study at Thame Basic School, where we attended classes from nursery to grade seven. Despite facing challenges, including the devastating earthquake of 2015, we persevered and exceled in our studies, eventually passing the Secondary Education Examination.

Following our success, the next hurdle was securing admission for grade 11 and 12 in Kathmandu. Though uncertain due to financial constraints, my late father's unwavering support made it possible. With his encouragement, my sister and I enrolled in Ekata James English Academy taking Education. It was during this time that I learned about a scholarship opportunity offered by Himalayan Trust for students who excelled at Khumjung Secondary School. Fortunately, I secured the third position and applied for the scholarship, which was invaluable in supporting my education.

However, just as I was about to take my final board exam, the Covid-19 pandemic struck, disrupting our academic plans. Despite the setbacks, we persevered and eventually passed our high school (10+2) exams with good grades. But uncertainty loomed once more about the future held for me, especially considering our family's financial struggles.

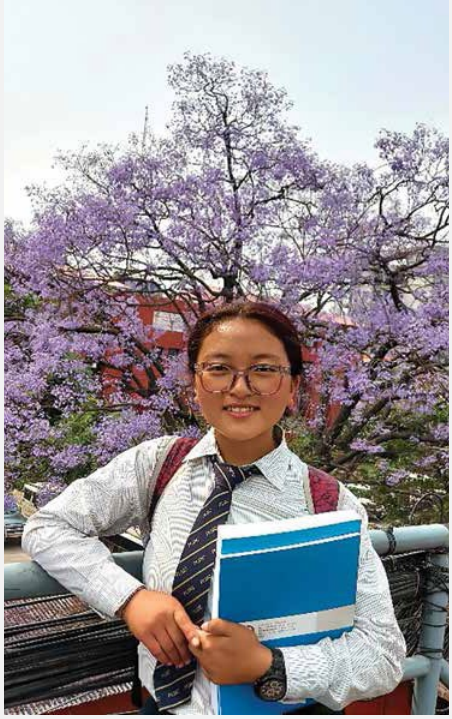
Just when I was considering giving up on my dreams and returning to my village in search of job opportunities, fate intervened. I learned about a scholarship opportunity for a bachelor's degree through an announcement from Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality (KPLRM) and Himalayan Trust. With renewed hope, I applied for the scholarship and was overjoyed to be selected for pursuing Bachelor in Education taking English as a major subject.

Thanks to the combined support of KPLRM and HTN, I embarked on my journey towards higher education, enrolling at Pushpalal Memorial College. Despite facing personal tragedy with the sudden loss of my father in an avalanche on Mt. Everest, I persevered with my studies, fuelled by the scholarship's support and my determination to succeed.

Today, I am in my third year of my bachelor's degree, grateful for the opportunities afforded to me by HT scholarships. This support has not only transformed my educational path but also instilled in me a sense of hope and determination for the future.

As I look ahead, I am unsure of my exact plans post-graduation, but I am committed to pursuing a career in education and possibly pursuing further studies. I am immensely grateful to HTN and KPLRM for their unwavering support and encouragement, which have been instrumental in shaping my journey thus far.

Thank you for being a part of my incredible journey. Here's to chasing dreams and turning them into reality!



Above | Mingma Doma Sherpa in Kathmandu on her Bachelor scholarship.



Above | Students in a busy solukhumbu classroom.



Above | Ms. Deepa Niraula, Education Training Officer for English language in the School Based Teacher Training Programme.



Right | Students at the inauguration of a new computer lab at their school in Dhudkosi



Left |Stationary packed and ready to be delivered to schools at the beginning of the academic year in April.



Right | The HT and HTN team in Kharikola with young monks that have recieved educational support.



Above | The largest computer lab built in Solukhumbu by the Himalayan Trust at the district headquarters of KPLRM in Chaurikharka.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## Financial Statements for 2023/24

The Himalayan Trust Finance Subcommittee is proud to report a strong financial year that exhibits progress towards our strategic and financial goals.

Finance Subcommittee: Michael Gill, Peter Hillary, David Simmons, Alexander Hillary.

Audited by JSA Audit Limited.

Accounts by Jason Edwards, HLB Mann Judd.

Bankers are Bank of New Zealand.

Investments are held with Private Wealth Advisors.

## Financial Position

Financial position as of 30 June, 2024.

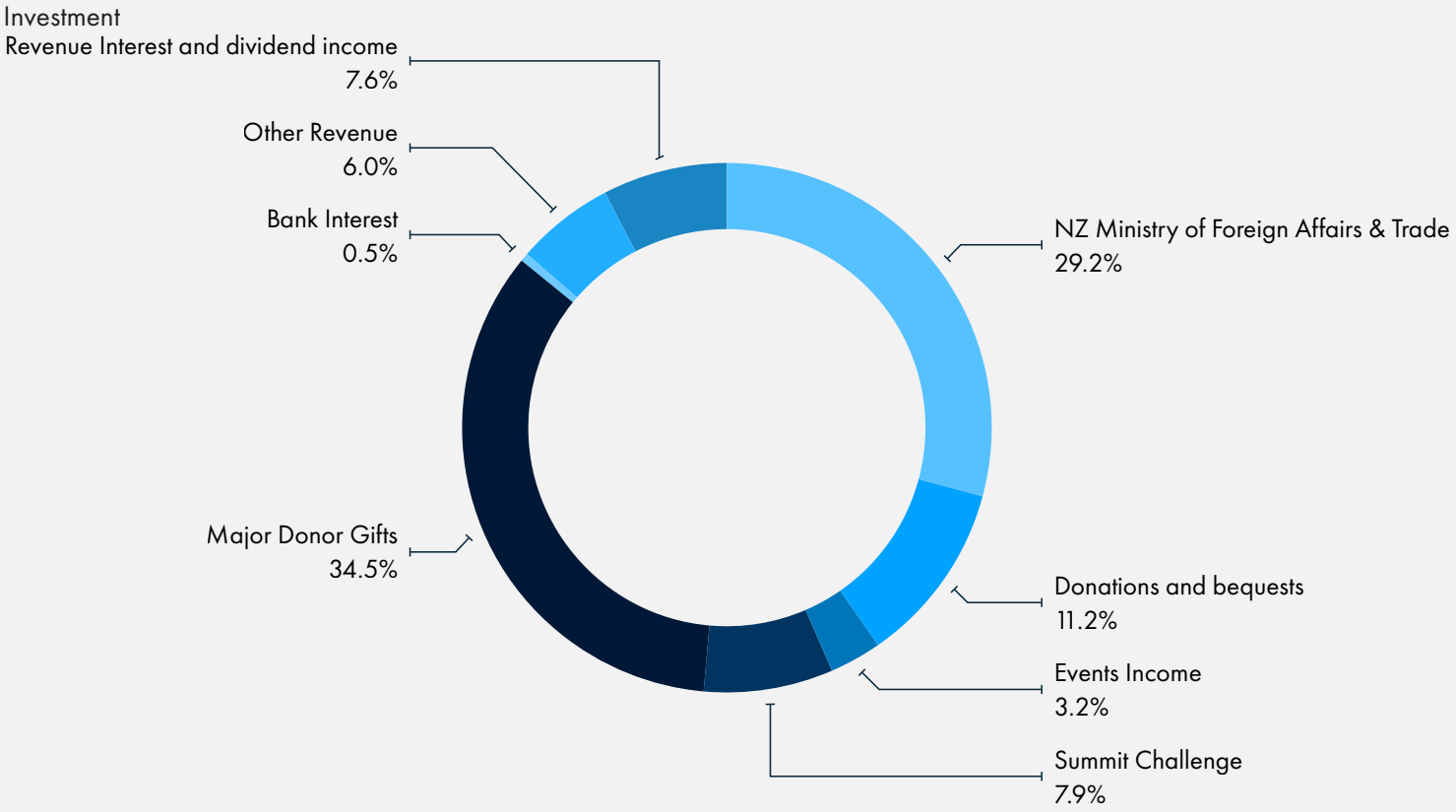
| Assets | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| BNZ Bank Accounts | 242,837 | 166,923 |
| Petty Cash | 426 | 426 |
| Receivables | 91,556 | 2,520 |
| Prepayments | 14,587 | 12,308 |
| GST Refund | 707 | 2,454 |
| Assets Sub Total | **350,113** | **184,631** |
| **Non-Current Assets** | | |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | - | 2,721 |
| Investments | 4,290,896 | 3,902,287 |
| Non-Current Assets Sub Total | **4,290,895** | **3,905,008** |
| **Total Assets** | **4,641,009** | **4,089,639** |
| **Current Liabilities** | | |
| Accounts Payable | 38,787 | 36,435 |
| Income in Advance | 139,733 | 168,088 |
| **Total Liabilities** | **178,520** | **204,524** |
| **Trust Equity** | **4,462,489** | **3,885,115** |

## Revenue Statement

Total income ($1,319,862) for year ending 30 June, 2024.

| Revenue | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade | 385,000 | 385,000 |
| Donations and Bequests | 147,270 | 133,069 |
| Events Income | 41,947 | 40,229 |
| Treks | - | 195,040 |
| Summit Challenge | 104,206 | 89,840 |
| Major Donors | 455,010 | 90,204 |
| Bank Interest | 6,769 | 2,129 |
| Other Revenue | 79,184 | 10,674 |
| Investment Revenue | 100,476 | 84,743 |
| **Total Revenue** | **1,319,862** | **1,030,928** |

This year has been successful for the Himalayan Trust which is largely due to generous major donors Dick and Lee Estens and the Hillary Himalayan Foundation (Peter and Sarah Hillary) as well as strong investment returns. This revenue split is reflected in the chart below:



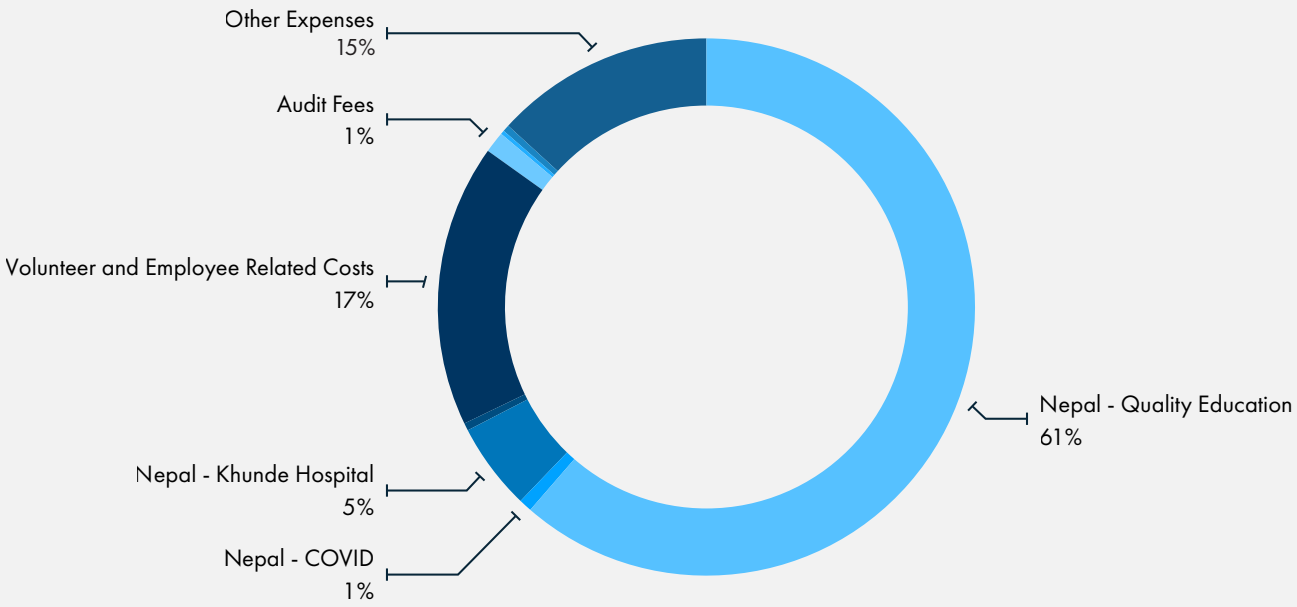

## Expenditure Statement

Total expenditure ($1,165,621) for year ending 30 June, 2024.

| Expenditure | 30 June 2024 | 30 June 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| Nepal - Quality Education | 715,465 | 801,252 |
| Nepal - COVID | 9,122 | 26,214 |
| Nepal - Khunde Hospital | 61,159 | 70,052 |
| Nepal - Programme Management | 5,286 | 4,422 |
| Volunteer and Employee related costs | 198,268 | 184,164 |
| Treks | - | 105,530 |
| Audit Fees | 14,901 | 12,051 |
| Depreciation/Loss on Disposal | 2,721 | 2,721 |
| Foreign Exchange Translation Loss/(Gain) | 4,717 | (4,096) |
| Other Expenses | 153,982 | 145,126 |
| **Total Expenses** | **1,165,621** | **1,347,436** |
| **Net Operating Surplus /(Deficit)** | **154,241** | **(316,508)** |
| Gain/(Loss) in fair value in investments | 423,133 | 160,641 |
| **Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year** | **577,374** | **(155,866)** |

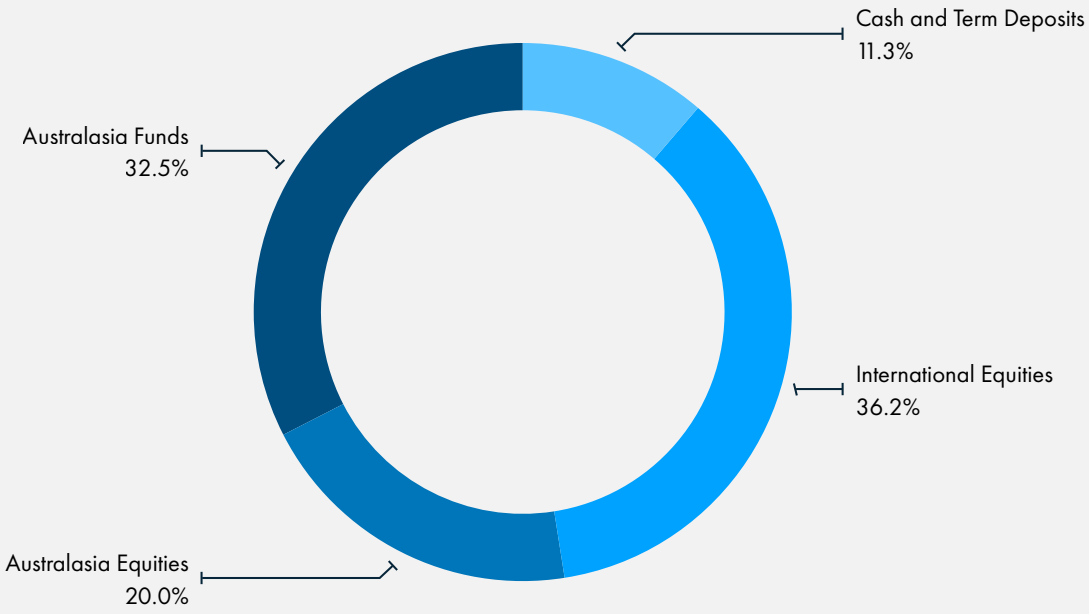


This expense split is reflected in the chart below:




## Investments Overview

The Trust's investment portfolio is managed by Private Wealth Advisors, independent investment advisors, in accordance with the investment policies of the Trust (SIPO,2023). These investments are overseen by the Finance Subcommittee and have seen a $523,609 NZD return (including investment gain). The successful management of the portfolio for this financial year has been a result of Michael Gill's meticulous care for which we are incredibly grateful.




An excerpt from Sir Ed's will:

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## FUNDRAISING OVERVIEW

The Himalayan Trust would like to thank our committed and generous supporters over this past year that have made our fundraisers a success.

### Summit Challenge, 1-31 March

The 2024 Summit Challenge was a remarkable success, raising $130,200 (up 35% on last year) with the support of 1,217 donors. We saw enthusiastic participation from 488 individuals, teams, and organisations, achieving a 49% activation rate (number of profiles who raised over $1, up 26% on last year) due to improved email communications that encouraged profile setup and blog posts.

The Mt Iron MEGA Challenge in Wanaka, in partnership with Kinisi Running, had over 70 participants climbing 30,000 vertical meters in 24 hours. Innovations like trans-Tasman progress graphics and custom leaderboards that highlighted both fundraising and activity levels played a significant role in engaging participants by displaying what the 'model Challenger' looked like.

Key learnings included the importance of engagement strategies, the success of community events, and the effectiveness of custom leaderboards in motivating participants. Overall, this was our most successful challenge yet, setting a new standard for future fundraising efforts.




Above | Summit Challenge Leaderboards



Above | Summit Challengers during the Mt Iron MEGA Challenge in Wanaka with Kinisi Running.

### Everest Day, 29 May 2024

Everest Day on 29 May 2024 raised just over $15,000, down significantly from last year's total, which was driven by the 70th anniversary of the first ascent of Everest. This year, we relied primarily on EDMs to our existing database, a small social media campaign featuring the "Give a Fiver for Ed" video by Alexander Hillary, and a direct mail campaign with hand-drawn cards from students in Nepal sent to 80 selected donors. Despite lower overall funds, the campaign was highly efficient and generated 14 new monthly regular givers. However, the direct mail campaign ultimately raised only $1,320, likely due to a lack of 'warm-up' for the donors before receiving the cards.

Major anniversaries and events significantly boost engagement and donations, highlighting their importance in our fundraising strategy. The combination of EDMs and targeted social media content proved effective

for effort versus outcome, suggesting potential for streamlined 'micro-campaigns' in the future. Additionally, the campaign's success in securing new monthly donors underscores the effectiveness of targeted, compelling content in achieving long-term fundraising goals. However, the direct mail campaign's failure indicates the need for better pre-engagement with potential major donors to maximise impact.

Next year, we plan to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first female ascent of Everest with a major event in Auckland and a virtual reality experience touring New Zealand schools, aiming for greater success.




Left | The Himalayan Trust Fiver for Ed video can be seen on facebook or instagram.




Right | Representatives from the Nepalese community in New Zealand and Australia at Parliament for Everest Day 2024.

## Christmas Appeal, Nov–Dec 2023

The Christmas Appeal for 2023 was a successful campaign, raising approximately $18,000 through donations and online store purchases. We had 92 donors with a median donation amount of $100. We ran a targeted EDM campaign by segmenting our database, which effectively engaged our supporters.




Above |Christmas Tea Towels designed by Ant Sang, exhibiting traditional Nepali motifs.

Key elements of the appeal included the development of a Himalayan Christmas tea towel designed by illustrator Ant Sang, along with the sale of Christmas cards, books, and other merchandise in our online store. Additionally, we sent out physical Christmas cards to several hundred people in our database, featuring a message of gratitude and a suggestion to buy 'charitable Christmas gifts.' While direct mail requires significant effort, including design, printing, and distribution, this campaign demonstrated that the results are well worth the investment. The direct mail campaign was particularly successful, showcasing the effectiveness of personalised, tangible communications.

The success of the physical Christmas card campaign highlighted the importance of incorporating traditional mail in our fundraising strategy, especially when coupled with a heartfelt message and a clear call to action.

Based on these insights, we plan to run a variation of this campaign again this year, incorporating the successful elements to maximise engagement and donations.

## Regular Giving

Regular giving accounted for $58,000 in the last financial year, with an

average of 210 regular donors per month and 56 new regular donors acquired during the year. This income source has become increasingly important as we navigate challenging economic times, marked by considerable donor churn. Key tactics included focusing many of our calls to action in campaigns and appeals on regular giving rather than one-off donations, regularly highlighting our values and history to instill a sense of legacy within our community, and improving the donation form on our website to enhance user experience. These strategies have effectively fostered a stable and reliable income stream, ensuring the continuity of our vital work in the Nepal Himalaya.



Above | Tsewang Nuru Sherpa on his Te Araroa fundraising hike in New Zealand.

## Membership

Last year, we launched a new membership strategy following a change in the Trust's constitution, allowing anyone to become a non-voting member. This enabled us to create two tiers of membership: Standard at $46/year and Summit at $106/year. Summit membership includes special gifts, limited edition merchandise, and hard copies of the annual report. Over the past year, we welcomed 67 new members—many of whom are Summit Members—and aim to attract 100 new members in the coming year.

We view membership as a critical vehicle for building and maintaining the Trust's community in New Zealand, particularly as our core supporter base ages. Membership helps maintain relevance, build awareness, and foster a sense of connection to our mission. Our members act as ambassadors within their communities, spreading the word about the Trust's work and inspiring others to join our cause.

## Independent Fundraising

Independent fundraising is an important aspect of our community engagement, allowing supporters to take initiative and raise funds for the Trust. Last year, we had one noteworthy fundraiser, Tsewang Sherpa, who walked the Te Araroa Trail over three months and raised over $4,700. Our fundraising platform supports these efforts by providing individuals with a personal fundraising page, blog capabilities, and online donation processing, enabling fundraisers to share their journey and solicit support from their networks.

We are also considering reinstating the Himalayan Trust's support of fundraisers who participate in races such as marathons and raise funds while doing so. This approach has been successful for the Trust in the past and represents a promising avenue for future fundraising efforts.

## Events

In the last year, we have not held any significant events other than the Everest 70 events in Auckland and Christchurch. Moving forward, it is our goal to host more events, both formal and informal, to strengthen community ties and engagement. In the coming year, we are planning a Midwinter's Dinner in Christchurch, an exciting VR experience, Everest Day dinners and additional events to further connect with our supporters and community.

## Corporate Engagement & Major Donors

Corporate engagement has been a crucial aspect of our fundraising strategy, although it has been lacking in recent years. Recently, the Trust

received a donation of $158,000 from Dick Estens, managing director of Grove Juice. Grove Juice will contribute $1 per product sold to the Himalayan Trust. This partnership was facilitated by Peter Hillary, who has guided Dick and his family in Nepal several times over the years. This recent success highlights the need to focus more consistently on corporate engagement as a vital component of our overall fundraising strategy.

### Key Lessons Learned

This year's fundraising efforts underscored the value of a multifaceted approach. Diversifying our channels—combining EDMs, social media, direct mail, and independent fundraising—proved essential for maximizing engagement and donations. Major events and anniversaries significantly boosted participation, highlighting their importance in our strategy. Personalized communications, such as targeted EDMs and direct mail, successfully increased donor involvement, demonstrating the power of making supporters feel valued. Our successful partnership with Grove Juice illustrated the potential of corporate engagement, reinforcing the need for a consistent focus in this area. Emphasizing regular giving provided a stable income stream, while a mix of formal and informal events helped strengthen community ties. Lastly, supporting independent fundraisers expanded our reach and impact, showcasing the collective power of our community.

### Challenges

This year, we encountered several significant challenges in our fundraising efforts. Economic uncertainty strained traditional funding sources, pushing us to adopt more diverse and resilient strategies. The decline in engagement outside major anniversaries highlighted the need for a consistent event calendar to maintain momentum throughout the year. Our reliance on EDMs for certain campaigns showed their limitations, underscoring the importance of a multi-channel communication approach.

The direct mail campaign, though successful in parts, required substantial effort, revealing the necessity for better pre-engagement strategies to enhance impact. Inconsistent corporate engagement exposed a gap that needs addressing to secure more robust support.

Donor churn remained a pressing issue, particularly amid economic challenges, emphasizing the importance of retention strategies for regular donors. Our independent fundraising platform, while promising, highlighted the need for ongoing support and promotion to foster broader participation.

These challenges have offered valuable lessons, steering us towards more effective and resilient strategies for the future.

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**Get involved in other ways and support the Himalayan Trust's work with communities in Nepal:**

**Organise a fundraising event:**
There are so many fun and creative ways our supporters have been raising money for us: mufti days, bake sales, quizzes, Fiver for Ed days, auctions and dinners. If you would like to organise your own fundraising event, we'd love to hear from you.

**Sign up for a challenge:**
Sign up for a challenge! Summit Challenge in March, or create your own fundraiser at fundraise.himalayantrust.org for a physical challenge that will motivate and inspire, while doing good for the people of Solukhumbu.

**Give a Fiver for Ed:**
A Fiver for Ed is part of our annual fundraiser: Everest Day, which is held on the 29 May. Get involved to celebrate Ed's Himalayan legacy and the lasting relationship between Nepal and New Zealand.

**Trek with us:**
Join our treks in May, 2024 to the Everest Region - We are excited to be embarking on a Mountain Bike trek and a Hiking trek.

**Leave a legacy/Bequests:**
By remembering the Himalayan Trust in your will, you will enable us to continue Sir Ed's legacy of helping the people of Nepal for generations to come. Contact fundraise@himalayantrust.org

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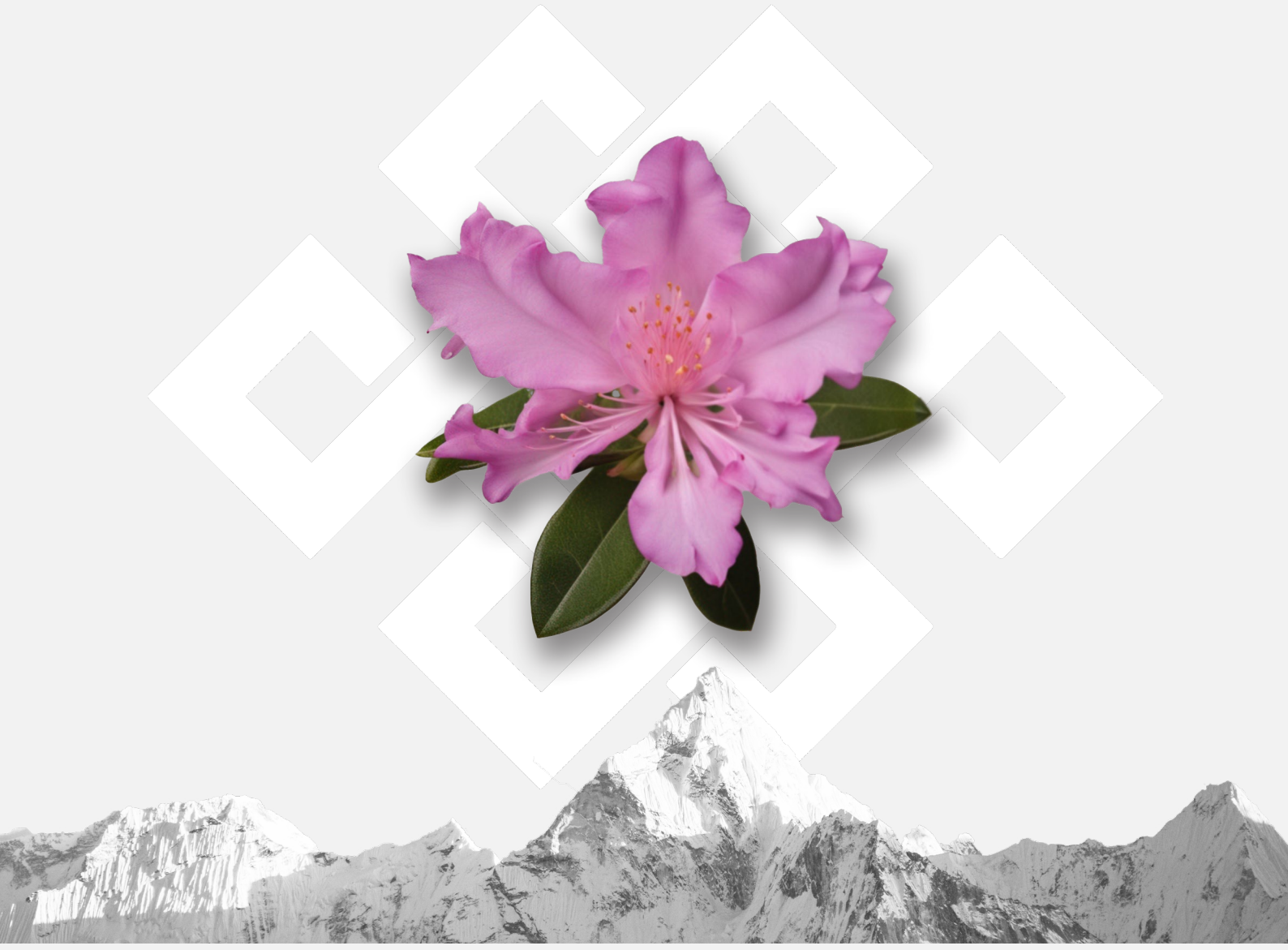
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