Cancer Society

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa

Whanganui-Rangitīkei-Waimarino Centre

Annual Report 2026

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CHAIR'S REPORT

It is hard to believe another year has passed since I had the privilege of taking on the role of President. Serving the Whanganui-Rangitīkei-Waimarino Centre has been both an honour and a rewarding experience, and I continue to be inspired by the dedication, compassion and generosity of everyone involved with our organisation.

As a Centre, we continue to see increasing demand for our services. During the year we supported 125 new clients, and our volunteer driving service completed an outstanding 916 trips for treatment, including 862 journeys to Palmerston North and 18 journeys to Wellington, ensuring people were able to access vital cancer treatment when they needed it most. These figures highlight not only the growing need within our community but also the incredible commitment of our volunteers.

This year, we were fortunate to have the support of 392 volunteers who generously gave their time, energy and compassion to our Centre. Whether driving clients, helping in our Centre, assisting with fundraising events, or supporting our community in countless other ways, every volunteer has made a meaningful difference. On behalf of the committee and everyone whose lives have been touched by your kindness, thank you. Our Centre simply could not operate without your commitment.

Our fundraising efforts have once again been outstanding. The community has continued to support our raffles, with every raffle selling out throughout the year. Relay For Life and Daffodil Day are big events for us. It is always encouraging to see such enthusiastic support from the public. One of the highlights of the year was our Art Auction, which proved to be an exceptional fundraising event. A sincere thank you to everyone who donated artwork, attended, purchased items, volunteered their time, or helped organise the event. Its success is a wonderful example of what our community can achieve when we work together.

Throughout the year we have continued to receive incredible support from individuals, community groups and businesses across our region. This ongoing generosity is a true reflection of the confidence our community has in the work of the Cancer Society. Every donation, bequest, sponsorship and partnership helps us continue providing essential services to those affected by cancer. To all of our long-standing supporters, thank you for your continued commitment, and to our new supporters, welcome. We look forward to building lasting relationships with you.

Our staff have once again been exceptional. Their professionalism, compassion and dedication ensure that our Centre continues to provide high-quality support to those who need us most. Their work is strengthened every day by our volunteers, creating a team that truly embodies the values of the Cancer Society. Together, they have continued to build the reputation of our Centre as a trusted and valued service throughout our region.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our Executive Committee for their guidance, encouragement and support throughout the past year. Your willingness to give your time and expertise to the Cancer Society is greatly appreciated, and it has been a privilege to work alongside you.

Warm regards,

Jenny Vickers
President of Whanganui-Rangitīkei-Waimarino Cancer Society

YEAR OF OUR IMPACT

232 total new clients offered support

246 participants across our different programmes

265 therapeutic sessions with clients. Massage, reiki, reflexology, and meditation.

1,495 contacts with our supportive care team

KIA ORA - E TE IWI

Within the Whanganui region, the programme was delivered in partnership with Ngāti Rangi Iwi Health in Raetihi. The hui brought together guest speakers from local health and community service providers, alongside representatives from MidCentral Hospital, who shared valuable information and responded directly to participant questions.

Looking ahead, a Kia ora – E te Iwi hui is planned for sometime in the coming months at the Cancer Society office in Whanganui with a date to be announced soon. Plans are also underway to continue delivering the programme across rural communities throughout the region, ensuring equitable access to information, support, and cancer education for whānau.

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

$106.2k
Whanganui Relay For Life fundraising

$83.9k
generous donations from our 2025 Daffodil Day appeal

$61k
raised through other special events in our community

$71.4k
through individual and group donations

$69.2k
grants provided from our incredible funders

CANCER PREVENTION WORK

55
SunSmart accredited schools, 78.6% of our region

124
sunscreen pole bookings

25
health education sessions held with community groups/organisations

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

141,340km
driven by volunteers taking clients to appointments

7,857
hours dedicated by volunteers equal to 151 additional unpaid staff hours per week!

392
volunteers/groups logged hours and participated in tasks to support the Centre

The Difference our Volunteers Make!

Gillian White's involvement with the Cancer Society began six years ago after losing her husband to cancer. Moving to Whanganui 11 years ago, she was drawn to the local centre, eager to apply her extensive skills from her career in research and teaching.

Motivated by her husband's memory and the support from the Cancer Society, Gillian became a key team member, taking on various roles including home help, fundraising events as well as contributing to the Central Districts Division Executive. She finds fulfillment in events like Relay For Life, where she witnesses the positive impact of her efforts.

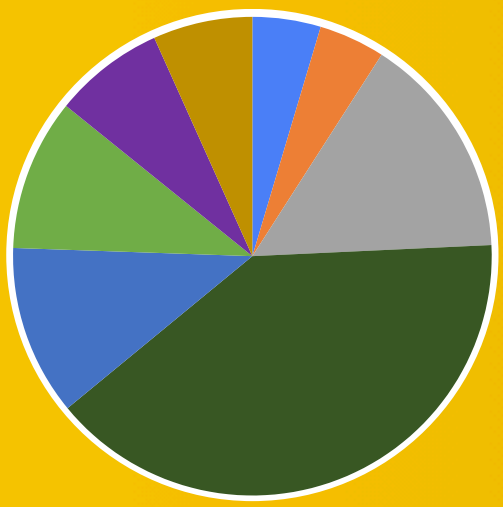
Gillian has gained skills in humility, respect, and cancer knowledge while filling critical funding gaps and providing advocacy for those affected by cancer. She values the essential support systems of the Cancer Society and recalls a memorable large donation on Daffodil Day, showcasing community generosity. Her dedication highlights the significant difference one individual can make. Overall, her six-year journey has been one of the most meaningful community impacts.

INCOME AND EXPENSES

Income

9%	Bequests	$46,860
11%	Grants - Operational	$59,773
2%	Grants - Capital	$9,465
13%	Donations	$71,383
3%	Donor Appeals	$16,272
11%	Special Events	$61,002
9%	Rental Income	$48,844
8%	Sundry Income	$42,475
19%	Relay For Life	$106,196
15%	Daffodil Day	$83,878
	Total Income	**$546,148**

Expenses



5%	Administration	$24,976
4%	Depreciation	$24,211
15%	Health Promotion	$82,224
40%	Support Services	$215,498
12%	Volunteers	$62,309
10%	General Fundraising	$55,560
7%	Relay For Life	$40,482
7%	Daffodil Day	$36,413
	Total Expenses	**$541,673**

Gross Surplus	$4,474
Less Capital Grants	($9,465)
Net Operating Deficit	($4,991)

Explanatory Notes

1. Merchandise activity for Relay For Life and Daffodil Day are included in the events above. In the Audited Financial Statements the merchandise income is in Revenue from commercial activity.
2. RFL Grants received ($6,100) are included in the Relay For Life income figures above. In the audited Financial Statements RFL grants are included in Grants Received Operational.
3. Grant income above is $6,100 less than what shows in the Audited Financial Statements. This is due to RFL grants showing in Relay For Life income.
4. Sundry Income is made up of: NTA Patient Travel Reimbursement, General Sales, Investment Income, Member Income, and other sundry income.

THANK YOU

The Whanganui-Rangitīkei-Waimarino Cancer Society Centre Incorporated would like to gratefully acknowledge all those who have supported us financially and in kind through grants, bequests, and sponsorships over the past year.

- Charles & Vera Thrush Charitable Trust
- COGS Grant
- Est A Moran
- Est A Volwerk
- JBS Dudding Trust
- Mainland Foundation
- NZ Community Trust
- NZ Lottery Grants Board
- Rangitikei District Community Initiative Grant
- Whanganui Community Foundation
- Whanganui District Council Community Contracts (Community Contract Grant)

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