



Cancer Society

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa

2026 Annual Report

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society
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Lodge whānau, your support, mahi
and care have been the highlight of
our time here. Words cannot express
how much you are appreciated.

Lodge guest



Every person, every cancer

The Cancer Society is committed to reducing the impact and incidence of cancer in communities throughout the Waikato and Bay of Plenty region.



From the Chief Executive

When I reflect on the past year, I can't help but think of the well-known Māori whakataukī that reminds us the most important thing in the world is he tangata — the people.



Helping people has always been at the heart of our kaupapa, but this year brought that sense of shared humanity to the fore in a particularly powerful way.

Every day, we spoke with people who had just received a cancer diagnosis they hadn't seen coming. Every day, we wrapped our arms around whānau who felt overwhelmed, uncertain and stretched in every direction. Every day, we offered steady reassurance and a hand to hold as we helped anxious passengers get to treatment. Every day, people in our communities donated what they could, even when times were tough for so many. And every day, our staff showed up with compassion, stretching well beyond their job descriptions to meet the needs of the person in front of them.

There is a sense of selflessness and resourcefulness that drives everyone involved with the Cancer Society, and I am deeply grateful for their contributions this past year.

Cancer can be frightening, overwhelming and deeply isolating, but small acts of kindness give people hope. Those moments are what we are proud to specialise in.

This year has also reminded me that while there is still much to do, there is genuine reason for optimism. We are seeing remarkable advances in cancer treatment, but just as importantly, we are learning more about how to prevent cancer before it begins.

Few developments have filled me with more optimism than the growing momentum behind HPV vaccination, bringing us closer to a future where cervical cancer could become one of the first cancers eliminated in New Zealand. It really is an extraordinary example of what is possible when research, public health and communities work together. It reminds us that some of the biggest gains against cancer do not happen in hospitals, they happen long before anyone becomes a patient.

This year, we have also been relentless in advocating for equitable access to prevention, diagnosis, treatment and support, because where someone lives should never determine the care they receive or the outcomes they can expect.

I've also had the great pleasure of experiencing the events which continue to spur incredible generosity across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty.

Relay for Life in Hamilton was a standout, and it was wonderful to see the event return to Tauranga for the first time in many years. There is something about thousands of people coming together to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones and stand alongside those currently facing cancer that never loses its impact.

To everyone who has supported the Cancer Society this year, thank you. As cancer diagnoses continue to rise and many households remain under financial pressure, we have seen more hardship in our communities than ever before.

There is still much work ahead, but if this year has reinforced anything for me, it is that hope is built by committed people — people who believe in the power of community, live their values through action and keep showing up for others. I continue to be inspired by ours.

Ngā mihi nui,

Helen Carter
Chief Executive
Cancer Society
Waikato/Bay of Plenty

Chair's report

FY26 brought growing demand, strong community support and clear progress on our long-term priorities.



A year of growing impact

I am proud of how our staff, volunteers, donors and partners met the needs of people affected by cancer across Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Lakes. Together, we supported more people, strengthened our finances and advanced plans for a new Tauranga accommodation facility.

As part of Cancer Society New Zealand, we support national work in research, advocacy, prevention and support, while ensuring people in our region can access practical help close to home.

Our local impact

Everyone affected by cancer deserves the support they need to live well.

We reach people across urban, rural and remote communities with information, counselling, transport, accommodation and practical support for patients and whānau.

During FY26:

- we provided cancer-related services to 4,145 people, compared with 3,724 in FY25;
- client treatment journeys increased from 104,657 km in FY25 to 111,027 km in FY26 (measured from the client's home to treatment and return); and

- volunteers contributed 23,756 hours, up from 15,910 hours in FY25. Each number represents a person, family and story, and reflects the commitment of staff and volunteers making a daily difference.

Financial performance and sustainability

We recorded an operating surplus of \$735,000, compared with \$524,000 in FY25. The result was supported by strong community fundraising, generous donor support and several significant bequests received during the year.

As bequest income is inherently variable, the reported result should not be viewed as a recurring level of annual income. However, the surplus provides important financial resilience and enables us to invest in future services and infrastructure.

Continuing to grow sustainable and predictable income remains essential as demand for support increases and we progress significant projects, including the proposed Tauranga accommodation facility.

The Board remains focused on ensuring that the funds entrusted to us are managed prudently and applied in a way that delivers enduring benefit to people affected by cancer across our region.

Progress on strategic priorities

Measuring our impact

During the year, we commissioned an independent return-on-investment assessment to better understand and communicate the impact of our services.

The assessment estimated that every dollar invested in our services generated \$4.60 of social value. This work will help us demonstrate the value of our services, inform future investment decisions and identify opportunities to improve our impact.

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value**

Governance and organisational structure

We made important progress in strengthening the organisation's governance and long-term structure.

During the year:

- our constitution was updated to meet the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022;
- the Division successfully re-registered as an incorporated society; and
- the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Support Trust was established to help ensure that locally held assets continue to deliver sustained benefit for people across our region.

These changes provide a stronger foundation for the organisation and support the responsible stewardship of community assets over the long term.

Environmental sustainability and efficiency

With the support of our community, we completed several projects designed to improve environmental sustainability and reduce future operating costs.

These included installing solar panels on the roof of the Lions Lodge and introducing an electric shuttle to transport Lodge guests to and from Waikato Hospital.

These initiatives support both our environmental objectives and the long-term efficiency of our services.

Tauranga accommodation project

We purchased land and commenced fundraising for a new cancer accommodation facility in Tauranga.

As design work progresses, we will continue working to secure the approximately \$30 million required for this project.

The response from local business leaders, funders and the wider community has been encouraging. A purpose-built accommodation facility will help reduce travel stress, keep whānau together during treatment and improve access to cancer care for people across the Bay of Plenty.

Partnerships for Equity and Impact

Achieving equity requires strong partnerships, shared accountability and a commitment to listening to the communities we serve.

By working with iwi, health providers, community organisations, researchers, stakeholders, funders and government, we are helping ensure access to cancer support is not determined by geography, income, culture or circumstance.

This year we achieved:

- strengthened cultural capability and deepened relationships with iwi, hapū and Māori health providers to better meet the needs of whānau Māori affected by cancer
- strengthened referral pathways and improved access to cancer navigation, accommodation and practical support services across our region
- initiated planning for a Pasifika Cancer Fono to shape a future forum focused on improving cancer outcomes for Pacific communities, with an aim to deliver the Fono in the next financial year.

Our volunteers

Volunteers remain at the heart of everything we do. During FY26, 310 volunteers contributed 23,756 hours supporting people affected by cancer across our region. Their generosity extends the reach of our services every day, ensuring people can access vital treatment and support when they need it most.

On behalf of the Board, I extend my sincere thanks to every volunteer for the time, compassion and commitment they give to our communities.

Looking ahead

In FY27, we will continue to strengthen sustainable funding, progress the Tauranga accommodation project, increase access to our support services and deepen partnerships across our region.

The Board remains committed to responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us and to ensuring people affected by cancer can continue to access timely, practical and culturally responsive support.

On behalf of the Board, I thank our Chief Executive, staff, volunteers, donors, funders and community partners for their ongoing commitment. Together, we are making a meaningful difference for people and whānau affected by cancer across Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Lakes.



Matthew White
Chair, Cancer Society of New Zealand
Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division

Year of our impact



2,755

Guests accommodated
at the Lodge while
receiving treatment
at Waikato Hospital
(2025: 2,696)

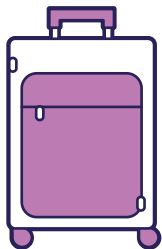
4,145

People in our local communities
assisted with accommodation,
supportive care, ancillary services
and transport to treatment as
they navigate living with cancer
(2025: 3,724)



37,755

Meals served to
guests at the Lodge
(2025: 43,650)



16,259

Nights'
accommodation
provided to guests
at the Cancer
Society Lions Lodge
(2025: 17,145)



\$282,726

Contributed to
cancer research
(2025: \$252,583)



\$54,425

Value of supportive care services provided to clients, including therapeutic massage, exercise programmes, frozen meals and counselling sessions
(2025: \$77,411)



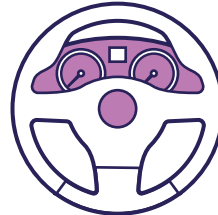
513

Clients supported through our Volunteer Transport to Treatment service
(2025: 513)



2,569

Clients offered supportive care services
(2025: 2,100)



111,027

Kilometres travelled by volunteer drivers transporting clients to cancer treatment and medical appointments
(2025: 104,657)



\$1,085,191

Raised through Daffodil Day and Relay For Life
(2025: \$1,015,702)



\$346,682

Raised through community fundraising
(2025: \$430,622)

Volunteer impact



310 Volunteers

Covering over 400 volunteering roles, with a third of our dedicated volunteers holding more than one position.



139,846 Kilometres Driven

That's like driving around the globe 3.5 times. A whole lot of drives supporting our clients.



23,756 Hours Volunteered

This is the equivalent of one person working full-time for over 12 years.



\$820,000 Worth of time donated

Time and care given freely, allowing us to provide essential support services to more people and whānau.



1,000+ Event Volunteers

We're backed by 1,000+ Event Volunteers who support our community fundraising events across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty.





Powered by Waikato sunshine

Made possible by local generosity.

The Cancer Society Lions Lodge is embracing a more sustainable future following the installation of 220 solar panels, thanks to the generosity of WEL Energy Trust and a local donor.

The sophisticated rooftop solar system, comprising of 220 solar panels, will harness the Waikato sunshine to power the Lodge. It is projected to generate around 129,000 kWh of electricity each year and reduce electricity costs by an estimated \$17,000 annually, creating long-term savings that can be redirected into supporting kiwi's and their whānau impacted by cancer.

The project marks a big step forward on an ambitious sustainability journey that has been turbocharged by generous locals. It follows an electric van that was gifted to the Lodge in 2024, reducing fuel expenses by tens of thousands of dollars each year, not to mention carbon emissions. The van — which has been named “Carol” — is used as a shuttle service between Waikato Hospital and the Lodge and clocks up over 100,000 kilometres every year.

As anybody who comes into the orbit of the Cancer Society quickly realises, we're providing services most Kiwis regard as essential. The only reason we can continue supporting people with cancer

and their whānau is because of our donors. Projects like the new solar system help reduce ongoing operating costs, allowing more of every donated dollar to be directed towards delivering essential support services for people and whānau impacted by cancer.

Together, the solar panels and electric van represent an investment in a more sustainable future for the Society. By reducing ongoing operating costs and carbon emissions, these initiatives will continue delivering lasting benefits for years to come while helping ensure the Cancer Society can continue supporting the growing number of people who rely on its services.



The driving
service has been a
lifeline...We can chat
and have a laugh,
it's a highlight of
my week.

**Transport to
Treatment Client**

WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY DIVISION CANCER SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 \$	2025 \$
REVENUE		
Revenue from non-exchange transactions	4,965,319	4,259,905
Revenue from exchange transactions	2,681,385	2,864,775
Gain on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	4,130	19,391
Total Revenue	7,650,834	7,144,071
EXPENDITURE		
Operating Expenses	6,916,907	6,619,319
Total Expenditure	6,916,907	6,619,319
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	733,927	524,752
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES		
Donations In-Kind	—	—
Fair Value Gain/(Loss) on investments	—	—
Total Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses	—	—
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses for the Year	733,927	524,752

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 March 2026

	Notes	2026 \$	2025 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Current Assets		11,654,399	10,031,672
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments		—	—
Property, Plant and Equipment		12,787,739	12,333,606
Leased Assets		7,520	7,384
		12,795,259	12,340,990
Total Assets		24,449,658	22,372,662
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other Current Liabilities		1,947,206	601,417
		1,947,206	601,417
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Finance Lease non-current		0	2,720
		1,947,206	604,137
Net Assets		22,502,452	21,798,525
Represented by:			
Accumulated Funds		15,991,533	14,995,165
Endowment Reserves	7	1,061,976	1,045,443
Facilities Development Reserve	8	5,356,220	5,356,220
Research and Overseas Travel Reserve	9	92,723	371,697
Accumulated Funds and Reserves		22,502,452	21,768,525

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Accumulated Funds	Endowment Reserves (Note 7)	Investment Fair Value Reserve	Facilities Development Reserve (Note 8)	Research and Overseas Travel Reserve	Total Equity
Balance at 1 April 2025	14,995,165	1,045,443	–	5,356,220	371,697	21,768,525
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses for the year	733,927	–	–	–	–	733,927
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	262,441	16,533	–	–	(278,974)	–
Balance at 31 March 2026	15,991,533	1,061,976	–	5,356,220	92,723	22,502,452

	Accumulated Funds	Endowment Reserves (Note 7)	Investment Fair Value Reserve	Facilities Development Reserve (Note 8)	Research and Overseas Travel Reserve	Total Equity
Balance at 1 April 2024	14,862,772	980,180	–	5,356,220	44,601	21,243,773
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses for the year	524,752	–	–	–	–	524,752
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	(392,359)	65,263	–	–	327,096	–
Balance at 31 March 2025	14,995,165	1,045,443	–	5,356,220	371,697	21,768,525

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	2,195,306	179,433
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(3,014,849)	(244,966)
Net Decrease in Cash Equivalents	(819,543)	(65,533)
Cash and Cash Equivalents 1 April	1,358,711	1,424,244
Cash and Cash Equivalents 31 March	539,168	1,358,711

These financial statements should be read in conjunction
with the notes to the financial statements



Matthew White
Board Chair
17 September 2026



Wayne Tainui
Board Member
17 September 2026

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2026

1. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division Cancer Society of New Zealand (Inc.), hereinafter referred to as the "Group". The Group is domiciled in New Zealand and is a charitable organisation registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the Charities Act 2005.

2. Summary Financial Statements

These are the Summary Financial Statements of the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division Cancer Society of New Zealand (Inc.). The summary financial statements and the accompanying notes present the financial results of activities carried out by the Group for the year ended 31 March 2026.

These summary financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Public Benefit Entity Standard FRS — 43 "Summary Financial Statements" were authorised for issue by the Board on 17 September 2026. The summary financial statements have been extracted from and are consistent with the full audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026. These were authorised for issue by the Board on 17 September 2026. Summary financial statements do not include all the disclosures provided in the full audited financial statements and cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements, which can be obtained from the office of the Group or from the Group's website: waikato-bop.cancernz.org.nz

The full financial statements have been audited by PKF Hamilton Audit and an audit opinion was issued on 17 September 2026. The audit concluded that the full financial statements present fairly in all material aspects the Group's financial position as at 31 March 2026 and its financial performance and cashflows for the year ended on that date.

3. Statement of Compliance

The Group's full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP) and the Tier 2 Public Benefit Entities International Public Sector Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (PBE IPSAS RDR). Disclosure concessions have been applied.

4. Measurement Base

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical and amortised cost, except for financial assets whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in the following categories:

- Fair value through surplus or deficit; or
- Fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expenses.

5. Charitable Status and Taxation

The Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division Cancer Society of New Zealand (Inc.) is a registered charity and is exempt from income tax by the Inland Revenue Department.

6. Related Parties

The organisation entered into related party transactions during the year as detailed below:

Name	Cancer Society of New Zealand Incorporated
Relationship	Common Board Member – Karen Bennett and Tony Kinzett
Transaction Type	Income — National donations, bequests, fundraising
Transaction Amounts	2026 2025
	936,745 239,172

Name	Cancer Society of New Zealand Incorporated
Relationship	Common Board Member – Karen Bennett and Tony Kinzett
Transaction Type	Expenses — National operational and research levies
Transaction Amounts	2026 2025
	593,863 575,263

Name	Daffodil Enterprises
Relationship	CE contracted to provide services to Daffodil Enterprises
Transaction Type	Income — Marketing Services
Transaction Amounts	2026 2025
	29,060 —

Related Party Balances Receivable	2026 2025
Cancer Society of New Zealand	2,205 4,409
Daffodil Enterprises	4,961 —
Related Party Balances Payable	
Cancer Society of New Zealand	79 1,267

7. Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel, as defined by PBE IPSAS 20 Related Party Disclosures, are the members of the governing body which is comprised of the Board members, the Chief Executive Officer and management personnel of the Group. No remuneration was paid to Board members for their position during the current or prior year. Board members receive reimbursement of expenses. Transactions with key management personnel during the reporting period were as follows:

	2026	2025
Remuneration paid to key management personnel	858,788	613,907
Number of persons (EFT)	6	4

8. Endowment Reserves**Geoffrey Hindle Lung Cancer Research Fund**

The Geoffrey Hindle Lung Cancer Research Fund was established in 2022 through a bequest from the Estate of Geoffrey Hindle. The conditions of the bequest are that the Group utilises the bequest to support lung cancer research projects into the nature, control and prevention of lung cancer.

	2026	2025
	53,292	53,292

Megan Patchell Education Fund

The Megan Patchell Education Fund was established in 2017 through a bequest from the Estate of Megan Patchell. The fund was established for research and educational purposes.

	36,049	40,723
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Mona Lickfold Memorial Fund

The Mona Lickfold Memorial Fund recognises the generosity of Mona Lickfold's bequest to the Cancer Society. The fund is established for the benefit of cancer patients and their families in the Whakatāne district.

	31,015	35,296
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Lawrence Jones Research Fund

The Lawrence Jones Research Fund was established in 2016 through a bequest from the Estate of Lawrence David Jones, to support research projects into the nature, control and prevention of cancer.

	941,620	916,132
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Total Endowment Reserves

	1,061,976	1,045,443
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9. Facilities Development Reserve

The Facilities Development Reserve has been set up to identify proceeds of property sales and investments in recent years. These funds are intended to be applied to facility development for service delivery within the Waikato/Bay of Plenty region.

2026	2025
5,356,220	5,356,220

10. Research & Overseas Travel Reserve Fund

This reserve was set up for donations received that have specific conditions attached requiring the funds to be used for research.

2026	2025
92,723	371,697

11. Commitments and Contingencies

There are capital commitments as at 31 March 2026 relating to the acquisition of the property in Tauranga which settles on 17th August 2026 with a balance payable of \$4,500,000 (2025: Nil). There are no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2026 (2025: Nil).

Future lease commitments of property leased by the organisation are as follows:

Operating Leases	2026	2025
Current	42,793	41,750
Non-current	96,347	6,987
Finance Leases		
Current	7,520	4,664
Non-current	—	2,720

12. Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There were no events that occurred subsequent to balance date that would have a material impact on the Financial Statements (2025: Nil).



How to support us

To find out more about any of the below, please contact one of our offices in Hamilton, Tauranga or Rotorua.

Make a donation

Join as a member

Leave us a gift in your Will

Become a volunteer

Take part in Daffodil Day
or attend an event

Sponsor us

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fundraiser

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We are also grateful to individuals and families who have made substantial donations over the year. Their names have not been published for privacy reasons, but we are extremely appreciative of their support.

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The Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division of the Cancer Society of New Zealand Inc. is a charitable organization covering Bay of Plenty, Coromandel, King Country, Rotorua, Taupō, Thames, Tūrangi, and Waikato.

