



**Cancer Society**

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa

# 2025 Annual Report

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society  
**cancer.org.nz**





Oh my gosh, just the sheer wairua, or the beautiful feeling that is in that building — in the people, in the volunteers — I can't think of a better place to have recovered. It was such a needed space for me, allowing me to recover and heal.

**Thalea**



# 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.



Waikato,  
Bay of Plenty  
and Rotorua  
Lakes

# Chair's report



## Cancer in our community

Cancer is New Zealand's leading cause of death. Around one in three people will be affected in their lifetime. Demand will continue to rise as our population ages and lifestyle risks persist. Māori and Pacific peoples continue to face poorer outcomes due to later diagnosis and barriers to treatment. Closing this gap remains a priority. At the same time, advances in research, immunotherapy, diagnostics and precision treatment are improving survival and quality of life. Our role is to translate progress into practical support, delivered where people live.

## Our national response, working together

The Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division is part of a nationwide network. Together we share standards, invest in capability and advocate for equitable access to treatment. The Cancer Society is New Zealand's largest non-government funder of cancer research. Through investing in evidence and innovation we aim to:

- Improve survival rates
- Enhance quality of life
- Ensure equitable access to care

Research saves lives. It also guides how we design and deliver support locally.

## Our local response — Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Lakes

Everyone deserves the support needed to live well with cancer. Our strength is our reach across urban, rural and remote communities. Services include information and counselling, transport to treatment, accommodation support, and practical help for patients and whānau.

In the past year we:

- Assisted 3,724 people with cancer-related services
- Recorded more than 19,000 direct contacts with clients
- Saw transport-to-treatment demand rise 16%
- Benefited from 15,910 volunteer hours

Behind each number is a person, a family and a story. Thank you to our staff and volunteers who make this possible every day.

## Financial overview

We delivered a surplus of \$524,000. This reflects generous community giving and strong fundraising participation. We are using this position to meet rising demand, maintain essential services and invest where need is greatest. We continue to diversify income through regular giving, corporate partnerships, grants and improved utilisation of our accommodation assets to strengthen resilience.

## Progress on strategic projects

- **Sustainable funding.** We are growing dependable income through a regular giving programme, deeper donor stewardship and greater use of the Cancer Society's Lions Lodge in Hamilton. This mix improves predictability and reduces reliance on one-off events.
- **Organisational structure.** We updated Division rules to meet Incorporated Societies Act requirements and progressed a Cancer Support Trust to steward Division assets. The objective is simple: ensure local assets deliver sustained benefit for local people.
- **Property development.** We ring-fenced funds to progress Tauranga

accommodation. Support from local business leaders and funders has been strong. A dedicated facility near treatment will reduce travel stress, keep whānau close and improve adherence to care plans across the Bay of Plenty.

## Thank you — our community of support

To our donors, supporters and partners, thank you. Your contributions power our work.

- For every staff member, around ten volunteers serve in the community
- On Daffodil Day, more than 2,400 volunteers step forward

Your goodwill, time and expertise make a tangible difference for people facing cancer.

## Looking ahead

In the year ahead we will deepen our focus on equity and access, progress the Tauranga accommodation project, and continue to grow sustainable funding. We will measure what matters, invest in our people and volunteers, and target services to where they have most impact. Together, we will keep improving outcomes and ensure no one in our region faces cancer alone.

**Matthew White**  
Chair, Waikato/Bay of Plenty  
Cancer Society Board

# From the Chief Executive



**As I reflect on the challenges and achievements of 2024/2025, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the community we serve and represent.**

Every day, I am reminded of the resilience, hope, and kindness that define our region. We are a community standing strong together to improve the experience of cancer for everyone who walks through our doors.

At the start of this financial year, we were buoyed by the New Zealand Government's decision to fund 26 new cancer treatments, bringing renewed hope to whānau across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty.

Our team has taken this momentum and amplified it. I am especially proud of how our staff and volunteers have risen to the challenge of rising demand, delivering more services and support to people in need, wherever they live. We remain focused on building a dedicated accommodation facility in Tauranga and in 2025 took some encouraging first steps in articulating our vision to local philanthropists and funding bodies and identifying sites near the hospital.

I cannot overstate the importance of all our community supporters — they really are our beating heart. This year, the determination of Lions clubs and local businesses saw us complete essential building works at the Cancer Society's Lions Lodge in Hamilton, further improving parking and accessibility. Local councils also helped us bring the Memory Meadow initiative to several more communities and local schools contributed to the most successful Relay of Life in many years.

Equally inspiring was the generous donation of a new electric van, a combination of philanthropic financial support and a long-standing partnership with Fairview Motors in Hamilton. The new e-van allows us to continue our vital service of transporting Lodge patients to and from hospital appointments, removing yet another barrier on their way to healing.

These successes, and many others, remind us that cancer is being met with innovation as well as compassion.

Advances in detection, treatment, and care are instilling hope and changing the narrative of cancer forever. We are witnessing the dawn of a new era, where more people are living well and living longer after a diagnosis.

As we move forward, I extend my heartfelt thanks to every donor, volunteer, patient, whānau, business, school, community group and staff member who contributes to this mission. Our journey is about people, about you. Together, we are not just tackling cancer. We are building a future where no one faces cancer alone, and where hope grows stronger with every year.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Helen Carter**  
Chief Executive  
Waikato/Bay of Plenty  
Cancer Society

# Supporters step in to fund Lodge retaining wall



For the past three years, we have worked tirelessly to renovate the retaining wall at the Cancer Society's Lions Lodge. Perched on a steep hillside, the Lodge urgently needed a stronger foundation to protect the building and surrounding properties.

Thanks to the generosity of long-term funders, this critical project was completed in 2025, ensuring the safety and sustainability of the Lodge for years to come.

Together, the Lloyd Morgan Lions Charitable Trust, Lions International USA, and our local Lions Clubs raised

more than \$336,000 to make this project possible. We are also deeply grateful to Schick Civil Construction, who not only won the tender but also made a significant pro-bono contribution through project management expertise. Their support was invaluable in bringing the project to life.

The upgraded area is now fully operational and fit for purpose, with the added benefit of increased parking for our guests — making the Lodge even more welcoming for those who need it most.

# Year of our impact

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**2,696**

Guests accommodated  
at the Lodge while  
receiving treatment  
at Waikato Hospital  
(2024: 2,574)

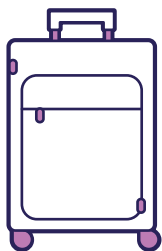
**3,724**

People in our local communities we  
have assisted with accommodation,  
supportive care, ancillary services  
and transport to treatment, as they  
navigate living with cancer  
(2024: 3,640)



**43,650**

Meals served to  
guests at the Lodge  
(2024: 40,059)



**17,145**

Nights'  
accommodation  
provided to guests  
at the Lodge  
(2024: 16,025)



**\$252,583**

Contributed to  
cancer research  
(2024: \$211,250)



**19,289**

Total number  
of direct client  
services

(2024: 16,453)



**\$77,411**

Value of services  
provided to clients,  
other than nurse  
support, including  
massage, frozen  
meals and counselling  
sessions

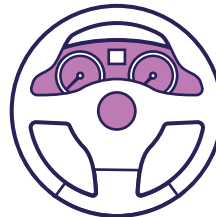
(2024: \$83,513)



**2,100**

Clients offered  
supportive care  
services

(2024: 1,641)



**104,657**

Kilometres travelled  
by volunteers  
transporting clients  
to cancer treatment  
and appointments

(2024: 113,950)



**15,910**

Hours our  
volunteers have  
spent making a  
difference in their  
community

(2024: 9,670)



**\$430,622**

Raised by supporters  
in communities  
across the region

(2024: \$313,807)



Going through a cancer diagnosis can be a very scary journey, so knowing all this support is available – like the Lodge and nurses – makes a big difference... it's really heartwarming to be honest. It makes you feel like you're not just a number.

Jackie



# 'Carol' helping cancer patients get to treatment in New Zealand electric vehicle first

When the shuttle at the Cancer Society's Lions Lodge faced costly repairs, an anonymous benefactor reached out to the Cancer Society with a surprising offer: a donation towards a brand new, electric vehicle. But the story didn't end there — the shuttle would need to undergo extensive customisation to make it fit-for-purpose for the daily shuttle run to and from Waikato Hospital. So, the Cancer Society turned to long-time supporter, Fairview Motors Limited.

"When the Cancer Society reached out with the idea of an electric van at the Lodge, we jumped. We have supported the Cancer Society in the Waikato for over 30 years so we knew exactly what the van would be used for," says Fairview Motors Limited Dealer Principal, Andrew Collett.

In order for 'Carol' (the shuttle's nickname at request of the donor)

to work, the shuttle needed to be equipped with substantial seating and conveniences to make it appropriate for transporting cancer patients.

"This is the type of work an EV is the perfect solution for. We got to work immediately, plenty of Transits have been converted to mini-buses before. The end result is fantastic, making the Cancer Society's fully electric coach the first of its kind to have a Ford badge in New Zealand."

The Cancer Society is thrilled with the addition of the electric van, which also ticks boxes as part of the Cancer Society's bid to be future-focused.

"The van supports our ongoing sustainability by reducing operating costs," says Cancer Society Waikato/Bay of Plenty chief executive, Helen Carter.

"It is also going to give our patients a quieter, smoother and more comfortable ride so it is a win-win. We are incredibly fortunate to have Fairview Motors on board with us to help get an idea like Carol off the ground. They are an outstanding example of how local business support the work we do. We are very proud to be part of this project and early feedback from our guests show they love Carol too."

Collett says Carol will be a perfect match for the shuttle's workload and that going electric will help the Cancer Society do its bit to reduce its carbon footprint.

"The Cancer Society is now on a sustainability journey. The new van will be considerably cheaper to operate, there will be no more diesel bills coupled with considerably reduced servicing costs. The end result is fantastic."

**WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY DIVISION CANCER SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES**  
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Revenue from non-exchange transactions	4,259,905	4,368,341
Revenue from exchange transactions	2,864,775	2,157,517
Gain on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	19,391	5,526
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,144,071</b>	<b>6,531,384</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Operating Expenses	6,619,319	5,760,849
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6,619,319</b>	<b>5,760,849</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>524,752</b>	<b>770,535</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES</b>		
Donations In-Kind	—	3,476
Fair Value Gain/(Loss) on investments	—	246,924
Total Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses	—	250,400
<b>Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses for the Year</b>	<b>524,752</b>	<b>1,020,935</b>

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets		10,061,672	9,144,165
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Investments		—	524,863
Property, Plant and Equipment		12,333,606	12,379,749
Leased Assets		7,384	12,048
		12,340,990	12,916,660
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>22,402,662</b>	<b>22,060,825</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Other Current Liabilities		601,417	809,668
		601,417	809,668
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Finance Lease non-current		2,720	7,384
		604,137	817,052
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>21,798,525</b>	<b>21,243,773</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Accumulated Funds		14,995,165	14,862,772
Endowment Reserves	7	1,045,443	980,180
Facilities Development Reserve	8	5,356,220	5,356,220
Research and Overseas Travel Reserve	9	371,697	44,601
<b>Accumulated Funds and Reserves</b>		<b>21,768,525</b>	<b>21,243,773</b>

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	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
<b>Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses for the year</b>	<b>524,752</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>524,752</b>
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	(392,359)	65,263	–	–	327,096	–
<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>14,995,165</b>	<b>1,045,443</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>371,697</b>	<b>21,768,525</b>

	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 2023	13,999,952	1,113,590	1,814,296	3,295,000	–	20,222,838
<b>Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expenses for the year</b>	<b>774,011</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>246,924</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,020,935</b>
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	88,809	(133,410)	(2,061,220)	2,061,220	44,601	–
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>14,862,772</b>	<b>980,180</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>5,356,220</b>	<b>44,601</b>	<b>21,243,773</b>

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	179,433	1,360,736
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(244,966)	(1,130,183)
<b>Net Decrease in Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(65,533)</b>	<b>230,553</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents 1 April	1,424,244	1,193,691
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents 31 March</b>	<b>1,358,711</b>	<b>1,424,244</b>

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



Matthew White  
Board Chair  
20 August 2025



Wayne Tainui  
Board Member  
20 August 2025

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

**1. Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity is the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division Cancer Society of New Zealand (Inc.), hereinafter referred to as the "Division". The Division is domiciled in New Zealand and is a charitable organisation registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 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 Division for the year ended 31 March 2025.

These summary financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Public Benefit Entity Standard FRS – 43 "Summary Financial Statements" and were authorised for issue by the Board on 20 August 2025. The summary financial statements have been extracted from and are consistent with the full audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. These were authorised for issue by the Board on 20 August 2025. 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 Division or from the Division's website: [waikato-bop.cancernz.org.nz](http://waikato-bop.cancernz.org.nz)

The full financial statements have been audited by PKF Hamilton Audit and a modified audit opinion was issued on 20 August 2025. The audit concluded that, except for limited controls over cash received from donations and fundraising, the full financial statements present fairly in all other material aspects the Division's financial position as at 31 March 2025 and its financial performance and cashflows for the year ended on that date.

**3. Statement of Compliance**

The Division's full financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP) and the Tier 2 Not-For-Profit Public Benefit Entities Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime. 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	
Transaction Type	Income – National donations, bequests, fundraising	
Transaction Amounts	2025	2024
	239,172	572,474

Name	Cancer Society of New Zealand Incorporated	
Relationship	Common Board Member – Karen Bennett	
Transaction Type	Expenses – National operational and research levies	
Transaction Amounts	2025	2024
	575,263	596,639

**Related Party Balances Receivable**

	2025	2024
Cancer Society of New Zealand	4,409	594

**Related Party Balances Payable**

	2025	2024
Cancer Society of New Zealand	1,267	323,515

**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 Division. 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:

	2025	2024
Remuneration paid to key management personnel	613,907	568,483
Number of persons (EFT)	4	4

**7. 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 Division utilises the bequest to support lung cancer research projects into the nature, control and prevention of lung cancer.

	2025	2024
	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.

	40,723	37,895
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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.

	35,296	36,491
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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.

	916,132	852,502
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**Total Endowment Reserves**

	1,045,443	980,180
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## 8. 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.

2025	2024
5,356,220	5,356,220

## 9. 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.

2025	2024
371,697	44,601

## 10. Commitments and Contingencies

There are no contingent assets as at 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

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

Operating Leases	2025	2024
Current	41,750	40,398
Non-current	6,987	48,736

## Finance Leases

Current	4,664	4,664
Non-current	2,720	7,384

## 11. 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 (2024: 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.

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Make a donation

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Join as a member

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Leave us a gift in your Will

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Become a volunteer

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Take part in Daffodil Day or attend an event

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Sponsor us

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Sign up as a regular donor

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Become a community fundraiser

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Waitomo

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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