

# Taranaki Health Foundation

## Annual Report 2023/24

# A message from the Chairperson

It is my privilege to present the Chair's Statement for the Taranaki Health Foundation Trust's 2024 Annual Report, reflecting on a year of generosity, innovation, and impact.

In 2024, we saw an outstanding **\$2.8 million** in donations, a testament to the incredible support from individuals, businesses, and organisations who share our vision for providing enhanced healthcare for Taranaki whānau. A particular highlight was securing a **\$1.5 million** naming rights donation from the Rapid Relief Team — an extraordinary contribution that will leave a lasting legacy in our community.

We also continued to explore innovative fundraising opportunities, including the successful sale of eight rooms as part of our Room to Dream initiative. The Room to Dream initiative is an incredibly exciting opportunity for businesses or individuals to sponsor specific rooms throughout the New East Wing Building and Taranaki Cancer Centre.

Ongoing support from previous naming rights donor, Methanex, and a steady increase in community giving, including gifts in kind further increased the value delivered by the Trust during the year.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and creativity of our hardworking team, who consistently go above and beyond to ensure donors have a meaningful experience and see the real impact of their generosity. Their commitment is what drives our success.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on growing our donor base, strengthening relationships, and identifying new opportunities to enhance healthcare for all Taranaki whānau. The future is positive, and together, we can continue making a profound difference in the lives of many.

On behalf of the Trust, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our mission. Your generosity is supporting vital healthcare in our region, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the years to come.



*Brian Ropitini*  
Taranaki Health Foundation Chairperson



# A message from the General Manager

This last financial year has seen some amazing successes, which we are incredibly proud of. This is in the face of an ever-changing economic climate, with many businesses and individuals taking a cautious approach and pulling back on investing in community projects.

That being said, we have had a new naming-rights sponsor come on-board with the **Rapid Relief Team ICU** and our team have developed a wide range of ways for people to have the opportunity to support local healthcare enhancements.

We are always amazed by the incredible local heroes who step up and do their part for their community. The people of Taranaki are the best. Taranaki deserves the best.



*Adrian Sole  
Taranaki Health Foundation  
General Manager*

## About the Taranaki Health Foundation

The Taranaki Health Foundation is a charitable organisation founded in 1998 in partnership with the Taranaki District Health Board — now Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora Taranaki. The partners' shared vision is to enable the best possible healthcare outcomes via fundraising for key projects that will significantly impact our local region.

Since 2021, the focus has been on fundraising for enhancements to Project Maunga Stage 2 — a major redevelopment project at Taranaki Base Hospital that includes the New East Wing Building, Taranaki Cancer Centre and Te Puna Wai Kātea Mental Health Rehabilitation Centre.



## 2023/24 statistics

**52**

Donations  
over \$500

**\$2,837,966**  
donated

**2**

naming-rights

**Average major  
donation: \$54,576**

**8 x rooms  
sponsored**

**\$1,000+**  
donated at  
**Women's  
Lifestyle Expo**

**2 X** New hospital  
buildings



# Project Maunga Updates

## New East Wing Building

As we approach the final year of the New East Wing Building construction, it is getting very exciting to see the outline of this amazing new facility rise up into the New Plymouth skyline.

Currently aiming for completion in the second half of 2025, there is still a hive of activity on the inside, with plasterboard, utilities and fixtures all being put in throughout this mammoth building.

As of **27 June 2024**, we have achieved the following fundraising for the various departments.

Department	Received	Invoiced	Pledged
Untagged	\$58,796	\$10,000	-
Maternity	\$19,971	-	-
Neonatal	\$2,523,417	\$5,000	\$1,971,880
ICU	\$4,805	\$10,000	\$1,500,000
Emergency	\$25,264	\$20,000	\$32,500
Radiology	\$6,876	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,639,129</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$3,504,380</b>



June 2023



December 2023



May 2024

## Taranaki Cancer Centre

The Taranaki Cancer Centre is an incredible opportunity for the region, and is a facility that really resonates with the community. It is an opportunity of focus for us in the next year and we expect to see large sums of money donated from businesses, community groups and individuals.

With the expected opening date of the second half of 2025, we have time to educate and create an opportunity for people to be involved in one of this region's most important healthcare developments in many years. We have already seen a great response from those we have approached and are well on our way to our target.

Department	Received	In-kind	Pledged
Cancer Centre	\$198,837	\$11,126	\$167,209

# 2023/24 Highlights

## RAPID RELIEF TEAM DELIVERS \$1.5 MILLION FOR TARANAKI HOSPITAL ICU UPGRADE

A major upgrade of Taranaki Base Hospital will be supported by a \$1.5 million donation from the Rapid Relief Team (RRT), which sourced the money through local fundraising.

The donation is a significant contribution towards the fit out of the Intensive Care Unit in the new East Wing Building currently under construction, which will be officially named the 'Rapid Relief Team ICU'.

RRT New Zealand Director Cameron Prestidge said the donation to the Taranaki Health Foundation (THF) will help complete the state-of-the-art ICU, which is due to be opened in the third quarter next year. "This is about helping the Taranaki Health Foundation deliver a cutting-edge hospital that meets the needs of the growing Taranaki region," Cameron said.

"The support from locals has been incredible, and we are glad we can make a combined, significant contribution to this new ICU.

"When people have an emergency or need help after an operation, this new facility will provide them with the very best care."

Taranaki Health Foundation's General Manager, Adrian Sole thanked RRT and local businesses for their support. "This donation is going to go a long way to making sure we have a hospital that is equipped to meet the community's current and future care needs," Adrian said.

"Taranaki needs a state-of-the-art hospital, and it is fitting that the community has rallied together to help make it possible. We are very grateful to the Rapid Relief Team and local individuals and businesses who've made this substantial donation to improve the future health of our region."

The announcement comes as RRT volunteers recognise International Nurses Day with lunch provided to Taranaki Base Hospital nurses.

"Nurses are the backbone of our health service, and this lunch is a small way we can show our appreciation for their selfless efforts," said RRT New Plymouth Local Team Leader Ashley Lawry.



## ROOM TO DREAM

One of our major successes this year has been our Room to Dream campaign. This is the opportunity for individuals or businesses to sponsor specific rooms within the New East Wing Building and Taranaki Cancer Centre. Starting from \$8,000 and ranging up to \$75,000, there is potential to raise around \$3 million.

Having launched in early 2024, we have seen great interest from many businesses and have had eight rooms sponsored so far.

Donor	Room type	Department	Value
Monkeytoe Group	Whānau Room	Maternity	\$10,000
Eyre Family	Intensive Room	Neonatal	\$75,000
Tui Ora	Whānau Room	ICU	\$10,000
Chilcott Family	Specialist Room	Emergency	\$25,000
Chilcott Family	Isolation Room	Cancer Centre	\$15,000
24/7 Security Solutions	Whānau Room	Emergency	\$10,000
Ron Gatenby	Acute Assessment Room	Emergency	\$15,000
Tui Ora	Whānau Room	ICU	\$10,000

## WOMEN'S LIFESTYLE EXPO

In order to fulfill our strategy increasing our public presence, it was decided we would exhibit at the Women's Lifestyle Expo, focusing on Maternity and Neonatal. There was no expectation on fundraising, instead concentrating on awareness and education.

Despite this passive approach, the incredible generosity of the local people took us by surprise with **\$1,091.45** being donated through multiple small donations.



## CHRISTMAS WRAPPING

We partnered with Centre City for Christmas 2023, providing a wrapping service for shoppers. With a suggested donation of **\$5** we saw some amazing generosity. After an incredibly busy Christmas Eve wrapping, the total amount donated was **\$6,233**.

We are in discussions with Centre City to formalise this partnership for a period of several years.



## SOROPTIMIST GOLF DAY

The Soroptimist Club New Plymouth have been long-term supporters of ours, with previous gifts with a previous donation towards a Chemotherapy Chair. In November 2023 they held a Golf Day that was intended to be an Ambrose Tournament at Ngamotu Golf Club, followed by a BBQ and Auction.

Unfortunately the weather had alternative ideas and the Golf Tournament was rained off. Despite this, all but one team still attended the golf club for a fantastic afternoon of BBQ and drinks, and most importantly the auction could still go ahead.

The day was a fantastic success, with a total of **\$15,000** being donated back to the Taranaki Health Foundation for use at the Taranaki Cancer Centre. This ties in with the Soroptimist's international focus on Ovarian Cancer.



## CHEMOTHERAPY CHAIRS



One key piece of equipment that has been available for individuals or businesses to purchase in the Taranaki Cancer Centre is updated chemotherapy chairs. We previously purchased four chemotherapy chairs in 2019, and are aiming to find donors for the remaining six chairs so every patient receiving Chemotherapy treatment in Taranaki can be treated in relative comfort.

As of July 2024, we have had five businesses commit to funding these chairs.

- DFE Pharma**
- Skin Aware**
- Peggy Chen Skin Cancer & Mohs Surgery**
- Dr. Ritwick Kejriwal**
- Baker Tilly Staples Rodway**

# 2023/24 donors



Chilcott Family



B-Zone Computer & Aquarium Supplies

Eyre Family

Ron Gatenby

Kejriwal Orthopaedics