



WAIKATO MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Discovery, Innovation, Progress.



**We invite you to help us make a real
difference to people's lives**



Introduction

The Waikato Medical Research Foundation exists to support, teach and encourage medical research within the region and to assist in the publication of the results of this research. The foundation's ultimate aim is to improve the medical care available to everyone in the Waikato and beyond.

The foundation was established in 1986, and over the past 27 years has promoted and funded more than \$2.5 million in significant medical research throughout the Waikato. The foundation is a registered charitable trust governed by a board of trustees comprising leading scientists, medical, clinical and business professionals.

The strong attraction for our funders and supporters over the years has been the local status of the trust which supports and promotes local medical research via the provision of annual research grants throughout the Waikato. The impact of the research the foundation has funded over the years is felt across many fields of the medical profession.

Each year we invite research proposals that are related to health and medical issues. These are carefully considered by our grants committee and projects are selected in line with set criteria. From time to time, new and innovative research projects that have the potential to significantly benefit the community are also considered.

The overall level of funding support offered each year depends on the quality of research proposals and the availability of funds.

We also work closely with local primary health care organisations such as the Waikato DHB, the Cancer Society and the Braemar Trust. Through our close connection with the Waikato Clinical School we also provide education and training for selected medical and clinical staff at Waikato Hospital.

The funds the foundation trustees administer are carefully managed via a conservative fund management philosophy focused on capital protection. Most is invested in local and national fixed interest, Local Government Bonds and a variety of major local and national corporate bonds. The balance is invested in conservative international bonds.

Grants to researchers are provided from the income the trust fund generates and from other trusts throughout the region, but predominantly Trust Waikato which has been a generous supporter of the foundation over the years.

Currently the foundation's research fund stands at just over \$1.3 million. Previous research projects supported by the foundation include studies of leukemia, stroke, diabetes, head injury therapy, medically useful natural products, antibacterial properties of human breast milk and honey, asthma, breast cancer and coping with disability.

The research has included collaboration with major Waikato institutions including:

Waikato Hospital

Waikato University

WINTEC

AgResearch Centre Ruakura

The Waikato Clinical School

How our research grants are making a real difference

Diagnosing Skin Cancer from digital images:

Each year GPs refer hundreds of patients with possible skin cancers to Waikato Hospital. These people may face a six month wait to be seen by a specialist. Recently, with funding approved by Waikato Medical Research Foundation, Waikato dermatologists showed they could accurately and safely diagnose skin cancer from digital images without the need to see patients face-to-face. The results were published in a leading medical journal to worldwide acclaim. Now patients can attend conveniently located “virtual” clinics in Hamilton, Thames and Te Kuiti. Patients are seen closer to home, and much more quickly, so they can receive timely treatment by the appropriate specialist.

Diagnosing Meningococcal Disease with a special blood test:

From 1994 to 2004, more than 200 children and young adults died in New Zealand from meningococcal disease. With funding from the Waikato Medical Research Foundation, researchers at Waikato Hospital aimed to diagnose meningococcal disease more quickly. Their research showed rapid use of a special blood test in the emergency department could detect who would benefit from immediate treatment with antibiotics. Using the test, they had no avoidable deaths during the latter part of the meningococcal epidemic.

The need for increased funding

Each year the number of requests for funding received by the foundation increases, as does the amount applied. In a recent funding round, applications were received for more than \$340,000 but we were unable to meet that demand.

There is also significant community demand for us to provide research grants for an ever increasing register of medical and clinical categories. It is also important to note that there is no Government funding available for the foundation trustees to call on for research projects they support.

These factors, combined with significant growth in the research potential of the Waikato, have led to a strong call for a considerable increase in the funds available to provide medical research funding.

Medical research, which improves health standards in general terms for everybody, is costly and needs adequate funding to be conducted effectively.



From our chairman Dr Noel Karalus



The Waikato Medical Research Fund Appeal is our vision to improve the medical care of the people in Waikato. The foundation works closely with the Waikato District Health Board (DHB), which provides almost all specialty services to our wider community. The DHB also assists more than 100 medical students to become doctors and about 50 junior doctors to become specialists each year.

To help achieve this and to provide top quality treatment to 78,000 inpatients and more than 200,000 outpatients each year requires active medical research. Along with collaboration from scientists at Waikato University and AgResearch, our foundation provides funding for this vitally needed research but now we need your help.

The demand for medical research funding has been steadily increasing over past years and currently it far exceeds the funding we are able to generate. Therefore, in order to meet this strong community call we plan to take positive action to generate a far greater pool of available funds.

Via a professionally managed fundraising appeal we are looking to raise our investment fund to at least \$5 million over the next two years. To do this we will need the support of the people of Hamilton and the Waikato.

The research funding that will be generated by this fund will benefit so many of us in the future and we earnestly seek your thoughtful commitment to this very worthy endeavour.

From our patrons Sir William and Lady Judi Gallagher



It has been said that one of the measures of the worth of a community is the value it places upon the services it delivers. The Waikato Medical Research Foundation plays a key role in the delivery of one of these important services, medical research.

The foundation trustees have worked hard over past years to bring together a fund that will provide sufficient income to support vitally needed local medical research projects. Until now they have not gone out into the community to ask for assistance; however the demand for medical research funding has grown significantly and accordingly the trustees now need our help.

They truly deserve our support and we believe that this fundraising appeal provides a wonderful opportunity for us all to get in behind the foundation and give them what help we can. We are proud to represent the Waikato Medical Research Foundation as their patrons for this exciting and necessary appeal and we urge your strong and thoughtful financial commitment to this very worthy venture.





The Research Fund Appeal



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Dr Cameron Buchanan
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Dr Linda Rademaker
Co-chair
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The Waikato Medical Research Foundation trustees are launching a major fundraising appeal to boost their research fund to at least \$5 million over the two next years so they can respond to the need for vitally needed medical research in the Waikato.

The appeal will target all sectors of the wider Waikato community including the medical profession, current and past foundation supporters and recipients of research funding, trusts and funding agencies, businesses and corporates, individuals and the general community.

Planning for the appeal is well under way and a corporate fundraising team has been brought together comprising a number of influential Waikato people whose responsibility will be to guide the appeal to a successful conclusion. The fundraising team is chaired by Peter De Luca, senior partner of Tompkins Wake Hamilton.

A second fundraising team comprising medical professionals from all disciplines has also been convened. It will assist the foundation to reach out to organisations, medical trusts, and individuals within the region in order to encourage the financial support and endorsement of the medical fraternity for the research fund appeal. This team is co-chaired by local medical professionals, Dr Cameron Buchanan and Dr Linda Rademaker.

We believe that the fundraising appeal provides an outstanding opportunity to get in behind a true community programme that directly benefits people of all ages and from all walks of life throughout the region.

How you can help

There are several opportunities for you to help us.

Online:

Make a donation via the donations page on our website www.wmrf.org.nz

Internet banking:

Our appeal account number is **030 306 0208170 01**

Cash gifts:

These can be one-off amounts or pledged over three to five years. A pledged gift may enable you to contribute a larger amount if it is spread over a period of time. To make a cash gift please go to our website donations page and make your gift or alternatively download a pledge form and mail it into us with your cheque.

Credit card donations:

We welcome credit card donations and these may be made via our website donations page.

Gifts in kind:

Gifts designated to a specific field of medical research, memorial gifts, business and corporate sponsorships, assignment of income from rental properties or businesses, assignment of share parcels, rural agistment and gifts by bequest or legacy are all welcomed. Please contact us if you would like to make a gift in kind or a bequest.

Naming opportunities:

Available to donors wanting to link their family or business name with a gift to a particular sector of medical research. Please contact us regarding naming opportunities.

Tax information

Gifts to the foundation appeal are tax deductible. Any individual who makes a gift of \$5 or more can claim one third of their taxable income or one third of the total donations made in that tax year, whichever is the lesser amount. Also, companies are now entitled to deduct from their net income any donations made to a charitable organisation as an expense. The total amount that can be deducted is limited only by the amount of the company's net income.

You may wish to make a gift in a way that is special to you, perhaps in a way we have not covered. If so, or if there are any other issues you would like to discuss regarding support for our appeal, we would gladly spend some time with you to ascertain the most efficient way to make your gift.

With your help we can make a real difference in improving the quality of life for people of all ages throughout the Waikato. To talk to us about how you can help please contact:

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Bequests – leaving a legacy of care

You may help us to help others with a bequest to the foundation by leaving a gift or donation in your will.

A bequest means that you can continue to care for others in your community when you are no longer there to help in person.

If you would like to make a bequest, please consult your lawyer or contact our foundation chair Dr Noel Karalus on mobile 021 993 446. Noel will be happy to talk to you about your bequest and can answer any questions you may have.

Thank you

If you choose to include us in your will please tell us about it. If we know about your bequest, we can thank you personally and keep you up to date with our progress.

“The legacy of the past is the seed that brings forth the prosperity of the future.”

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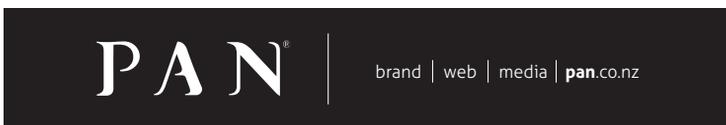
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