

ANNUAL REPORT



FY 2025/2026

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VISION

A New Zealand that is free of discrimination and stigma, where the impacts of epilepsy on a person's life, and that of their whānau and community are minimised.

MISSION

To improve the quality of lives of New Zealanders living with epilepsy.

VALUES

Leadership, Inclusive, Empowering, Integrity, Sustainable, Professional, Responsible, Transparent, Respectful.

EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.

Trading as	The National Epilepsy Association of New Zealand™ T/a Epilepsy New Zealand™	
Established	1956	
Nature of Business	Epilepsy New Zealand exists to improve the social condition and quality of life for people with epilepsy, and those who care for them, along with increasing the knowledge of epilepsy in the wider community throughout New Zealand. Community based epilepsy educators work with clients across NZ supported by a national support centre in Hamilton.	
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The Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc. is a proud member of both the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) and the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE).



With our head office based in Hamilton, we are a nationwide organisation providing vital services through a team of dedicated epilepsy educators across Aotearoa. These services include personalised support, reliable information, community education, and awareness initiatives – all aimed at empowering people living with epilepsy and those who support them.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kia ora,

We have had a positive year at Epilepsy New Zealand, and I am optimistic about what lies ahead.

As I reflect on the year, my experience in kayaking comes to mind. I once owned an Enigma kayak from the Barracuda sea-kayak range. As you entered the water, you pulled on a cord to deploy the rudder. Without it, the boat would yaw and be susceptible to every shifting wind and wave condition. Once the rudder was in the water, the kayak tracked true and responded with confidence, power and speed. Sometimes I paddle in a double kayak, where one person steers while both paddlers work together towards a common destination.

That analogy reflects the relationship between governance and management at Epilepsy New Zealand. The Board's role is to provide stewardship, set strategic direction and ensure the organisation remains focused on its purpose. Tracy, as Chief Executive, leads the delivery of that strategy through the organisation. Working together, we have continued to strengthen our foundations and make good progress under the Strategic Framework adopted last year.

One of the Board's key responsibilities is ensuring that Epilepsy New Zealand remains well governed, sustainable and positioned for the future. During the year we successfully completed our re-registration as an Incorporated Society, an important milestone that provides a strong governance framework for the years ahead. The unanimous support from members throughout this process was both encouraging and affirming.

It has now been just over a year since Tracy joined Epilepsy New Zealand as Chief Executive. On behalf of the Board, I would like to acknowledge her leadership, commitment and hard work. I would also like to thank my fellow Board members, our staff, volunteers, members and supporters. The success of our organisation depends on the collective contribution of many people, all working towards a shared goal.

I would also like to acknowledge our former Patron, Sir Bill English, who has stepped down from the role. We are grateful for his support and the contribution he has made to Epilepsy New Zealand over the years.

Finally, thank you to Angus Mabey for becoming an Ambassador for our organisation and helping raise awareness of epilepsy within the wider community.

As we look ahead, our course remains clear. Guided by our values and Strategic Framework, we will continue working to ensure Epilepsy New Zealand remains a strong, sustainable and effective organisation for the people and whānau we serve. While there will always be changing winds and occasional rough water, I am confident that we have the right people, the right direction and a clear sense of purpose for the journey ahead.

Ngā mihi,



Glenn Livingstone
GLENN LIVINGSTONE
President





Gore Main School - Toot for Purple Day 2026

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

This year marks my first full year as Chief Executive of Epilepsy New Zealand, and it has been both a rewarding and incredibly busy time for our organisation.

Building on my inaugural report in 2025, I've had the privilege of seeing firsthand the strength of our community and the commitment of our people as we continue to move forward together.

STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATIONS

One of the most significant achievements this year has been our successful re-registration as an incorporated society under the updated legislation. This was no small task, and I'm grateful to our Board, members and team for the care and effort that went into getting this right.

It gives us a strong, modern foundation to build from - ensuring we are well-governed, transparent, and ready for the future.

LISTENING, LEARNING AND ADVOCATING

Advocacy remains a core part of our role, alongside the services we provide. Much of this happens every day through our educators, who support individuals and whānau to navigate health needs, employment and education, and access to government assistance.

An important part of strengthening this work has been creating more opportunities for our members and clients to have input into what we do and how we do it. Their lived

experience is our strongest voice, and we're committed to making sure it shapes our direction.

This year also saw us review and refresh our service performance indicators, alongside conducting our first annual client survey. This was an important step - giving us clearer insight into what we're doing well and where we can improve. The feedback we've received is already helping us refine our services and better meet the needs of our community.

SUPPORTING RESEARCH

We are especially pleased to have been able to take a step forward in supporting epilepsy research this year. Thanks to generous bequests specifically designated for research, Epilepsy New Zealand has partnered with the Neurological Foundation to help establish epilepsy research grants.

This is an exciting development for us. While research has not traditionally been a direct part of our work, we know how critical it is in improving outcomes for people living with epilepsy. Being able to contribute in this way - ensuring those funds are used to support high-quality research - feels both meaningful and aligned with our purpose.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our strategic framework, adopted last year, continues to guide our priorities and focus. Advocacy will remain front and centre in the year ahead, particularly in two key areas.



We will continue to push for an increase in the medicines budget, to help clear the Options for Investment list - which still includes epilepsy medicines that people urgently need. For many, access to the right medication can be life-changing, and delays in funding have a real impact on everyday lives.

We will also be calling for greater investment in specialist care, including an increase in the number of neurologists across Aotearoa New Zealand. Access to timely specialist support shouldn't be a barrier, yet for too many people it still is.

Alongside this, we will be taking a careful and thoughtful look at our services to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the epilepsy community - both now and into the future. As expectations, environments, and needs evolve, it's important that we evolve too.

This work will be guided by the voices of our members, clients and team, building on what we know works well while identifying opportunities to strengthen and adapt our support.

THANK YOU

None of this work happens without people. I want to thank our team and volunteers for their dedication, compassion, and hard work every day. I'm also grateful to our Board for their ongoing guidance and support.

And finally, thank you to our members, clients, and supporters. Your trust, your stories, and your willingness to engage with us are what make this work matter.

I'm excited about where we're heading and confident that, together, we can continue making a real difference for people living with epilepsy across Aotearoa New Zealand.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Tierney'.

TRACY TIERNEY
Chief Executive Officer



*Board Member Philippa Tolley and CEO Tracy Tierney
at Health 15 launch*





FINANCIAL REPORT

On behalf of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, I am pleased to present our report for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The Committee has continued to provide independent oversight of Epilepsy New Zealand's financial management, risk framework, and internal controls, and met five times during the year. Based on the reporting and assurances provided to us, we are satisfied that appropriate systems and processes are in place to support the integrity of financial reporting and the effective stewardship of the organisation's resources.

Following a year of transition in 2025, including changes in Committee membership and leadership, the Committee is now well established and has remained stable throughout 2026. This continuity has strengthened institutional knowledge and supported a consistent and effective approach to governance, risk oversight, and financial monitoring.

The Committee has valued the constructive and transparent way management has engaged with us throughout the year. This has supported timely decision-making and helped ensure that emerging risks and issues are identified and addressed appropriately.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND POSITION

Building on the stable financial position achieved in 2025, the 2026 financial year reflects an investment phase for the organisation.

Epilepsy New Zealand recorded a deficit of \$65,106 for the year, higher than budgeted, driven by lower than anticipated revenue and targeted investment in information systems to strengthen service performance reporting and data quality. While cost pressures were experienced across the organisation, these were carefully managed, and expenditure reflects deliberate decisions to build capability and support future impact.

Notwithstanding the deficit, the organisation retains a sound financial position, underpinned by prudent financial management, stable funding streams, with available reserves and investments of \$820,184 and accumulated funds of \$718,141 (excluding the Research Bequest Fund). The Committee considers Epilepsy New Zealand remains financially sustainable and well positioned to continue delivering on its mission.

SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORTING

The Committee acknowledges the qualified audit opinion received in 2025 in relation to service performance information, due to limitations in data consistency, definitions, and controls. As set out in the Performance Report, the organisation has made significant progress during 2026, and the Committee has overseen the introduction of an internal assurance process focused on this key risk area.



The Committee supports management's continued investment in this work, which remains a priority over the next two years, with a clear commitment to achieving consistent, reliable, and auditable service performance reporting.

EXTERNAL AUDIT

During the year, Silks Audit was appointed as the organisation's auditor. This being the first year of their engagement, the Committee was pleased with the professional and well-managed approach taken to the transition. The Committee has been satisfied with the quality of the audit process, which has been robust and constructive and has provided appropriate independent challenge. The Committee values the open and direct relationship established with the auditor and looks forward to continuing to work with them.

LOOKING AHEAD

While the 2026 result reflects a period of investment, it also positions the organisation well for the future.

The focus for the year ahead will be on continuing to build on the progress made, particularly in service performance reporting, while maintaining financial discipline, strengthening revenue streams, and ensuring that resources are directed toward delivering meaningful impact for people living with epilepsy.

The Committee is encouraged by the progress made since 2025 and the stronger foundations now in place. We are satisfied that Epilepsy New Zealand continues to operate with sound financial oversight and appropriate governance, and a clear commitment to ongoing improvement.

We thank the Board, Chief Executive, and management team for their constructive engagement and commitment throughout the year.



MATT CORKERY

Chair, Finance Audit and Risk Committee



Staff at The Rose Irish Pub in Hastings participating in Purple Day





Oamaru Opera House going Purple for Purple Day

PATRON'S REPORT

It has been a privilege to serve as Patron of Epilepsy New Zealand over the past years and to support the important work the organisation does for individuals and families affected by epilepsy.

Throughout my time as Patron, I have had the opportunity to witness the commitment and professionalism of the Epilepsy New Zealand team, and the vital role the organisation plays in providing education, advocacy and support services across the country. The organisation's focus on improving outcomes and quality of life for people living with epilepsy has remained consistent and impactful.

Over recent years, Epilepsy New Zealand has continued to adapt to a changing environment, responding to evolving community needs while maintaining a strong focus on service delivery. The dedication of staff, volunteers and supporters has ensured that the organisation continues to make a meaningful difference in communities throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

As I step down from the role of Patron, I would like to acknowledge the leadership of the Board and Chief Executive, and thank everyone involved in the organisation for their ongoing commitment.

I also recognise the generosity of supporters and partners whose contributions enable this important work to continue.

I am confident that Epilepsy New Zealand will continue to grow its impact and support for those affected by epilepsy in the years ahead.



SIR BILL ENGLISH KNZM

Patron,
Epilepsy New Zealand





GOVERNANCE



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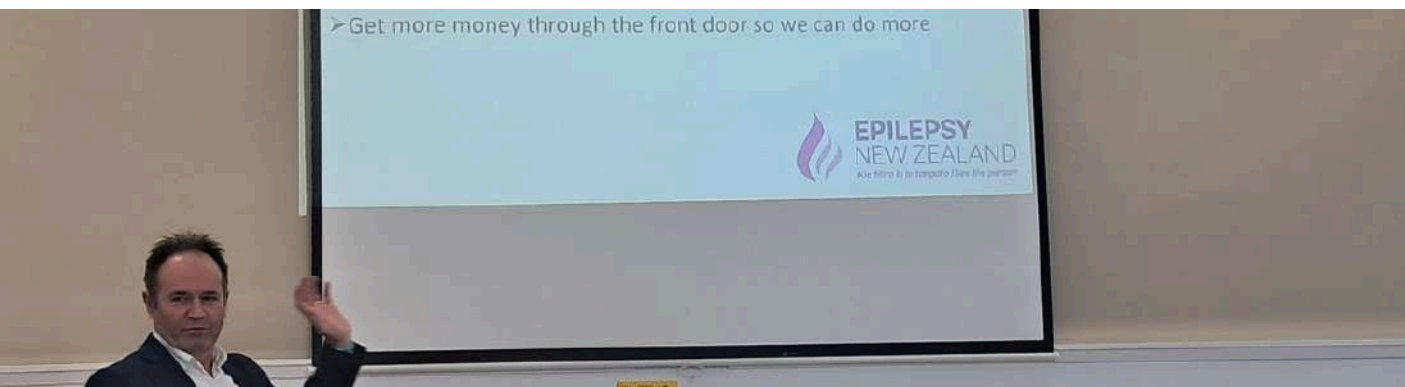
Tess Ahern
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COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners undertake the role of ensuring independence in processing of complaints in relation to decisions of the Board, appeals against membership termination, eligibility of remits to the Annual General Meeting, Board nominations and proposals to award Life Membership.

The two commissioners are Wayne Cook and Theo Kuper (appointed June 2025).



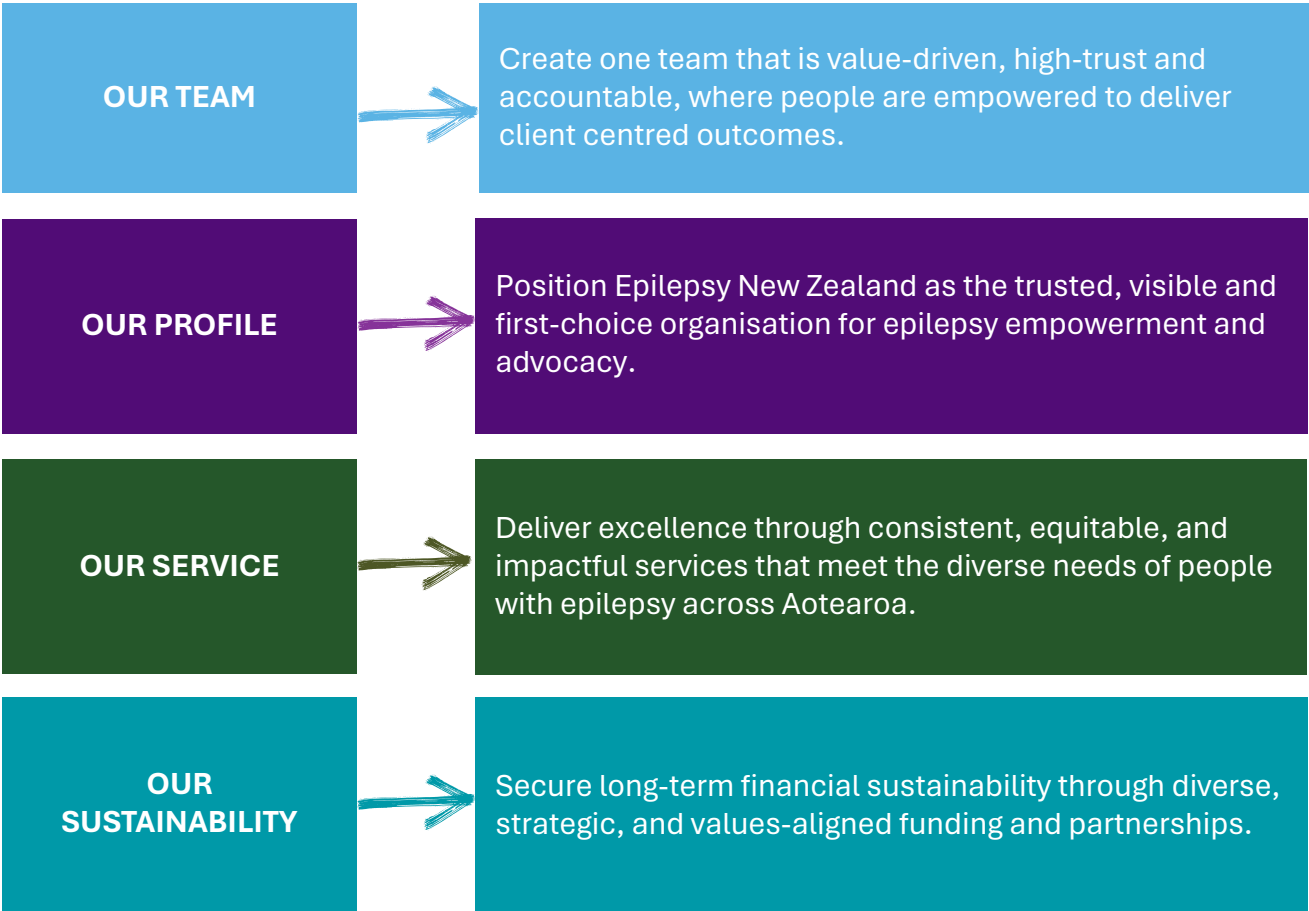


STRATEGIC PLAN 2025–28

OUR WHAKATAUKI

KIA TITIRO KI TE TANGATA (SEE THE PERSON)

PURPOSE:	To enable people with epilepsy to live their best lives.
AMBITION:	To be a strong voice for people living with epilepsy. Help enable our clients to achieve their goals through excellence in delivery of education and navigation services.





YEAR IN REVIEW

Epilepsy New Zealand provides free, nationwide support to people living with epilepsy, their whānau and the wider community. Our services focus on individual support, education and training, public awareness and advocacy, and providing trusted information to empower people to live well with epilepsy. The graphic below outlines our key service activities and the measures used to monitor our performance and impact.

269 MEMBERS

Membership has reduced slightly from 305 in 2025 due to changes to our membership structure.

CLIENT SUPPORT

3,159

clients and whānau

9,091

total client interactions

GROUP TRAINING & EDUCATION

404

sessions held

5,249

attendance

PURPLE DAY - AMOUNT FUNDRAISED

\$7,590

schools

\$7,286

businesses

\$12,336

community



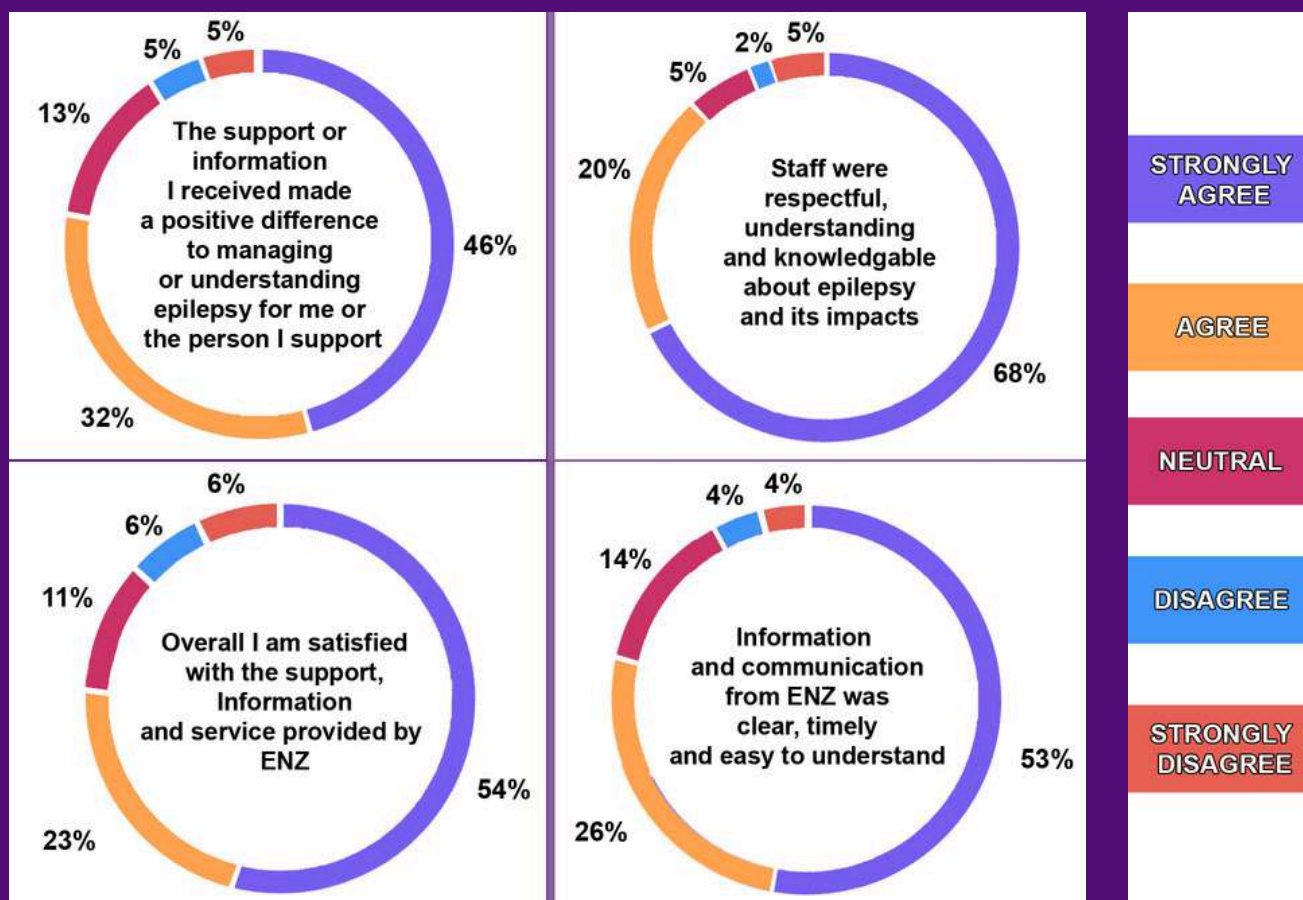


CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

The 2026 Client Satisfaction Survey established an important benchmark for measuring service performance and client experience. Clients who had interacted with Epilepsy New Zealand during the year and provided an email address were invited to participate, with 130 responses received.

Overall, **77%** of respondents were satisfied with the service they received and said our support had made a positive difference to their understanding or management of epilepsy. Clients particularly valued our knowledgeable staff, practical advice and ongoing support.

As a new baseline measure, the survey findings will inform continuous improvement and help ensure our services continue to meet the needs of people living with epilepsy and their whānau.





OUR EDUCATORS





STORIES FROM THE FRONT LINE

NORTHLAND

The Northland Support Group continues to be a valued space for clients to connect, share experiences, and support one another through the challenges of living with epilepsy. Over the years, the group has grown into a welcoming and lively community where people can laugh, share, and find understanding.

Reokore, our Northland Educator also provided epilepsy education at Tumanko, an inpatient mental health unit, supporting staff and a client living with epilepsy. The session provided an opportunity for the client to share her experiences and helped staff better understand epilepsy and how they can provide appropriate support.

WAIITEMATĀ

A client's husband contacted our Waitematā Educator, Renee, concerned about his wife's declining health and feelings of isolation. Following a home visit and a supportive conversation, the client was feeling more confident, less alone, and more positive about managing her epilepsy. Her husband later shared that the visit had provided reassurance and comfort, knowing support was only a phone call away.

This story highlights the impact of compassionate, person-centred support and the difference a simple conversation can make.

AUCKLAND

Following a referral from the paediatric neurology team, Sasha our Auckland Educator, supported a family whose young child was attending early childhood education and had a history of prolonged seizures. We worked with the childcare centre to develop a Seizure Management Plan and provided staff training to ensure they could respond confidently and safely.

She also advocated for the family by arranging a trial of a night-time seizure alarm and providing a letter of support to help them access funding for the device. Ongoing support continues as the family navigates their epilepsy journey.

WAIKATO/COROMANDEL

Working alongside Sarah Gilbertson, Epilepsy Nurse Specialist, our Waikato/Coromandel Educator, Catherine, delivered five-hour epilepsy education sessions for senior support workers and clinical leaders from disability service providers.

She also supported a nine-year-old student who was frequently sent home from school after seizures. By working with the family and school, providing staff training, developing a Seizure Management Plan, and introducing practical strategies, the school built confidence in responding to seizures. The student is now rarely sent home and is able to participate more fully in school life – demonstrating the impact of education and collaboration.



WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY

A mother contacted Christine, our Western Bay of Plenty Educator, for support after her 15-year-old son experienced his first seizure. Having previously supported the family when his older brother was diagnosed, we provided epilepsy education for students and teachers at the marae where he attended courses.

Through an open discussion and tailored resources, students and staff gained confidence in understanding epilepsy and responding to seizures. The session highlighted the value of education in creating safer, more supportive communities.

LAKES DISTRICT/EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY

Our Lakes District/Eastern Bay of Plenty Educator, Marjo, worked with Te Aratu Trust in Rotorua, delivering epilepsy education to staff and ākonga (students), many of whom had experience with seizures.

The positive feedback highlighted Marjo's ability to adapt her approach to different needs and abilities, using questions, relatable examples, scenarios and role play to make the session engaging and accessible.

This is a great example of how our educators build meaningful connections and ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate, learn and feel included.

HAWKES BAY/EAST COAST

Following a training session, our Hawke's Bay/East Coast Educator, Jenny, received positive feedback from staff, who valued the practical knowledge and guidance provided to support children with additional health needs. They said the training increased their understanding of epilepsy, strengthened their confidence in implementing seizure response plans, and was informative, relevant, and well suited to their setting.

As a result, staff feel better equipped to respond consistently and confidently to seizures, and they have also committed to supporting Purple Day in the future.

TARANAKI

For the past seven years, our Taranaki Educator, Dianne, has provided epilepsy education to staff at a residential service supporting people with intellectual disabilities. Through practical, up-to-date training, she helps carers build the knowledge and confidence to recognise and respond to seizures, ensuring people living with epilepsy receive safe and informed support.

The feedback received consistently highlights the value of these sessions. Staff tell us they leave each training with new knowledge and greater confidence, while families have also benefited from guidance when navigating new epilepsy diagnoses. This ongoing education provides reassurance for carers and people living with epilepsy, helping create safer, more supportive communities.

WELLINGTON/WAIRARAPA

A kōhanga reo contacted our Wellington/Wairarapa Educator, Judith, after becoming concerned about a tamaiti who was experiencing possible seizures. She provided guidance on observation, supported the development of appropriate health procedures, and helped the whānau navigate the pathways to access further medical care.

Judith continues to work alongside the kōhanga reo and the extended whānau, providing ongoing support throughout their epilepsy journey.

NELSON/MARLBOROUGH

Following our Nelson/Marlborough Educator, Theresa's return from sick leave, she reconnected with the community through health expos and local events, raising awareness of epilepsy and supporting people living with the condition and their whānau.

Throughout the year, she also strengthened relationships with local health services, community organisations, schools, and support agencies, while continuing to provide education and advocacy across the region.



CANTERBURY

This year, Anna-Lee, our Canterbury Epilepsy Educator, delivered an Understanding Epilepsy session to staff and volunteers at Handmade Studio Trust in Christchurch. The session combined practical seizure first aid with information about epilepsy, helping to build confidence, dispel common myths, and encourage open discussion.

Staff valued the opportunity to ask questions and work through real-life scenarios, leaving with a greater understanding of how to respond to seizures and better support the people they work alongside who are living with epilepsy.

By sharing knowledge and building confidence, we're helping create safer, more inclusive communities where people living with epilepsy feel understood, supported, and able to thrive.

OTAGO

Over the past year, our Otago Educator, Leanne, has continued to deliver virtual epilepsy education to schools and residential care providers across the region, ensuring even remote communities have access to specialist training.

Monthly support group lunches remain a valued opportunity for people living with epilepsy to connect, reduce isolation, and build supportive relationships. across campus.



During Epilepsy Awareness Month, Leanne and Chuck the dog completed the 10km Ben May campaign walk, helping raise awareness and encourage community involvement. She also strengthened partnerships with local education providers, with the polytechnic supporting Purple Day and helping promote epilepsy awareness

SOUTHLAND

Following an incident involving one of our clients at the local pool, our Southland Educator, Hilary, approached the management team about providing epilepsy education to their staff. They welcomed the opportunity, recognising that while swimming is a great form of exercise for people living with epilepsy, ensuring safety is everyone's priority.

Hilary delivered the first training session to the lifeguards at Splash Palace, covering different seizure types, appropriate seizure first aid, and ways to support people living with epilepsy.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with staff reporting they felt better informed and more confident in responding to seizures. One lifeguard shared, "I learned a lot about the different seizure types and how to respond to them."

THANK YOU

To our 13 Epilepsy Educators across Aotearoa, thank you for the incredible work you do every day. Your dedication helps ensure that people living with epilepsy feel understood, supported, and empowered to live well.

We are deeply grateful for the care, expertise, and manawa you bring to your work each and every day.

Thank you for being the heart of Epilepsy New Zealand.

If you or someone you know needs support or information about epilepsy, our team is here to help.

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Epilepsy New Zealand's FaceBook Top Performing Posts

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Over the past year, we have seen steady growth across our social media channels, with our audience continuing to build and engage with our content.

Our follower base has increased by 3.87%, with the majority of our audience being women aged 25–54. While there has been a small decline among audiences aged 55+, this provides an opportunity to develop content that better engages this group.

Although overall views have fluctuated, we have seen an increase in people viewing our content for three seconds or more, indicating that our content is capturing attention. Changes to Meta's algorithms are likely to have influenced overall view figures.

Visual storytelling remains a key strength. Photo-based content continues to generate strong engagement, showing that relevant topics paired with compelling images are resonating with our audience and encouraging conversation.

Still images account for 58.5% of viewing reach, followed by 12.7% from link clicks and 12.4% from Reels. These insights will help guide our content strategy and continue strengthening ENZ's online presence.

AUDIENCE METRICS

Last year, the audience grew by 3.67%. Most viewers are female aged between 25 and 54 years of age and residing in Auckland, Christchurch and Hamilton.

Age

18–24	25–34	35–44
2%	25.8%	27.8%
45–54	55+	
23.6%	13.4%	

Top Followers Location

Auckland	Christchurch	Hamilton
33.2%	19.8%	10.5%
Wellington	Tauranga	
8%	6.1%	

Growth

2024-2025
8,510k
followers

2025-2026
8,822k
followers

Content Interaction

2024-2025
10.9k
interactions

2025-2026
11.1k
interactions





FUNDRAISING & MARKETING REPORT

Throughout 2025/26, Epilepsy New Zealand continued to strengthen its fundraising and marketing activities by growing community engagement, raising awareness of epilepsy and expanding opportunities for sustainable income.

From welcoming our inaugural Ambassador, Angus Mabey, to launching new awareness initiatives and strengthening our Gifts in Wills programme, the year was marked by meaningful collaboration with supporters, volunteers, partners and communities across Aotearoa. Together, these efforts helped increase understanding of epilepsy, reduce stigma and support the delivery of Epilepsy New Zealand's essential services.

WELCOMING A NEW AMBASSADOR

In January 2026, we were thrilled to announce our inaugural Ambassador, Angus Mabey.

Angus brings passion, authenticity and a willingness to share his lived experience of epilepsy to help make a meaningful difference to Epilepsy New Zealand and the people we support.

Since accepting the role, Angus has generously given his time to raise awareness of epilepsy, challenge misconceptions and encourage greater understanding of the condition. By speaking openly about his own journey, he has helped put a relatable face to epilepsy, demonstrating that with the right support, people can live full and active lives.

As a respected rugby referee and role model, Angus has helped Epilepsy New Zealand reach new audiences through media opportunities, community engagement and awareness initiatives. His advocacy has strengthened our message, helped reduce stigma and encouraged important conversations about epilepsy across New Zealand.

Angus says, "Being the first ambassador for Epilepsy New Zealand has been a real privilege. I have been fortunate enough to meet some of the amazing staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to support individuals and families impacted by epilepsy.

"I am proud to play a small part in highlighting that it is still possible to live a fulfilling life and chase your dreams, no matter the challenges faced.

"I look forward to continuing to advocate and raise awareness for Epilepsy New Zealand."

We are incredibly grateful for Angus's commitment and enthusiasm, and we look forward to continuing to work alongside him as he helps ensure no one has to face epilepsy alone.





Purple Day 2026





Launched in May 2025, *See the Person* is an awareness initiative that encourages people to look beyond an epilepsy diagnosis and recognise the individual. Through stories shared by people with lived experience, the campaign challenges stigma and promotes greater understanding of epilepsy.

The campaign featured 12 videos across our social media channels, generating more than 450 reactions and sparking meaningful conversations. As a new initiative for Epilepsy New Zealand, *See the Person* is helping to foster greater awareness, empathy and inclusion for people living with epilepsy.

GIFT IN WILLS (GATHERED HERE)

During the financial year, we received confirmation of 19 Gifts in Wills with an estimated future value of \$248,233.92.

While the timing of bequests is unpredictable, these confirmed gifts demonstrate the generosity of our supporters and provide a strong foundation for the organisation's long-term sustainability, helping ensure people living with epilepsy continue to receive support, education and advocacy for years to come.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has chosen to leave a gift in their will. Your generosity will create a lasting impact for future generations of people living with epilepsy across Aotearoa.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

'Let's Talk About It' continued to provide a safe and supportive platform for open conversations about epilepsy, encouraging people to share their experiences and learn from one another. A total of 14 submissions were received through our social media channels.

PURPLE DAY 2026

Purple Day 2026 once again demonstrated the strength of community support across Aotearoa, raising awareness of epilepsy and bringing people together in solidarity.

Around 70 schools, workplaces and community groups took part by wearing purple, hosting fundraising activities and starting important conversations about epilepsy. Although fundraising income was down slightly on the prior year, we remain grateful for the ongoing support of our volunteers, schools, workplaces, donors and communities.

Beyond fundraising, Purple Day continues to play an important role in increasing understanding of epilepsy, reducing stigma and helping ensure people living with the condition feel seen, supported and included.

A new addition in 2026 was the inaugural **Purple Walk at Hamilton Lake**, which brought together people living with epilepsy, their families, friends, supporters, volunteers and the wider community.

The walk provided an inclusive and highly visible opportunity for participants to come together, raise awareness of epilepsy, celebrate Purple Day, and demonstrate their support for those living with the condition. We look forward to rolling this out to other centres next year.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, volunteers and everyone who joined us for the Purple Walk. Your enthusiasm and support made the event a wonderful community celebration, helping raise awareness of epilepsy and the spirit of Purple Day.

Finally, thank you to everyone who gave their time, donated, shared ideas or supported us in any way. We are incredibly grateful to be part of such a generous community that continues to stand with us and make a difference for people living with epilepsy.

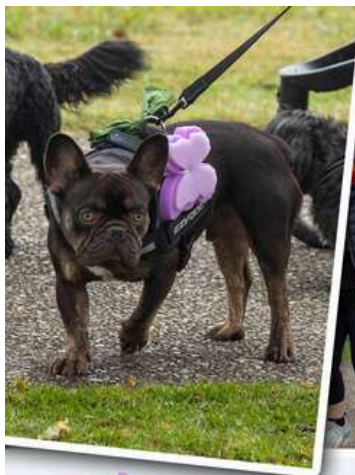


Bobbi Oliver

Bobbi Oliver

Fundraising & Marketing Manager





Purple Day Walk 2026 Hamilton Lake Rotoroa





GRANTS

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following funders for supporting Epilepsy New Zealand during the 2025/26 financial year.





OUR SUPPORTERS

We would like to formally recognise and thank all those who have donated and/or provided ongoing support to help us achieve our vision throughout 2025/26.

Key Funders

- **Ministry of Health / District Health Boards**
- **NZ Lottery Grants Board**
- **Pub Charity Limited**

Community Organisation Grants Scheme

Auckland City	Southland	Wairarapa
Far North	Tairāwhiti	Waitakere
Hutt Valley	Tamatea/Tāmaki-Nui-a-Rua	Wellington
Kāhūngunu ki Heretaunga	Taranaki North	Whangarei / Kaipara
Manawatu Horowhenua	Taranaki South	Whitirea
Manukau	Tauranga Moana	
Papakura / Franklin	Tongariro	
Rodney / North Shore	Waikato West	

Councils

Auckland Local Boards – Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	Marlborough District Council
Christchurch City Council	Napier City Council
Dunedin City Council	New Plymouth District Council
Hamilton City Council	Palmerston North City Council
Horowhenua District Council	Tasman District Council
Kawerau District Council	Tauranga District Council
	Whanganui District Council

Grants - Community

Central Lakes Trust	Rehabilitation Welfare Trust
Baytrust	Rotorua Trust
Community Trust South	Royston Health Trust
Diocese of Palmerston North	Sunrise Foundation
Disability Community Trust EBOP	Sutherland Self Help Trust
Eastern and Central Community Trust	Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust (TECT)
Foundation North	Toi Foundation
Four Regions Trust	Trust Waikato
Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust	Wel Energy Trust
Otago Community Trust	Whanganui Community Foundation
Rata Foundation	



Grants - Gaming

Air Rescue Services
Aotearoa Gaming Trust
Dragon Community Trust
Four Winds
Grassroots Trust
ILT Foundation
Kiwi Gaming Foundation
The Lion Foundation
Mainland Foundation
Milestone Foundation

North and South Trust
NZCT
Oxford Sports Trust
Pelorus Trust
Pub Charity
Rano Trust
The Trusts
Trust House Foundation
We Care Community Trust

Grants - Philanthropic

ACE Shacklock Trust
AK Franks Charitable trust
Epilepsy Foundation
Esme and Tom Tombleson Trust
Guy Anson Waddel Trust

Higgins Bequest
LW Nelson Charitable Trust
Nessbank Trust
Roy Owen Dixey Trust
Stewart Family Charitable Trust

Donors, bequests and sponsors

\$1,000 and over

10kms for Ben May (participants and supporters)
Airlab Limited
Anglican Diocese
K & L Bakker Trust
Estate of Pamela Mary Binnie
Brackenridge Service
Beatrix and Louise Butler Charitable Trust
Chats Bar
Claymark Group Limited

Hugo Charitable Trust
King Trust
Knight Family
M Leishman
A Mckirdy
Mount Manganui College
Resene
Society of Mary Trust Board

*Thank you to everyone who stood alongside Epilepsy New Zealand this year.
Whether you volunteered your time, made a donation, became a regular giver, left a gift in
your Will, took part in Purple Day, organised a fundraiser, or helped raise awareness in your
community - your support means more than words can express.*



Bristol, England – participating in the 10kms for Ben May





APPENDIX 1

Performance Report

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc.
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Prepared by Owen McLeod & Co Ltd



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Entity Information

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc. For the year ended 31 March 2026

Legal Name of Entity

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Incorporated

Registration Number

Incorporation Number 216663

Registered Charity CC10611

Type of Entity

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand (ENZ) is a registered Incorporated society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and Charities Act 2005.

Entity's Purpose or Mission

Purpose: To enable people with epilepsy to live their best lives.

Entity Structure

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand is a registered Not-For-Profit organisation, operated by a Board of Trustees. It represents its membership through a national office team that supports service delivery nationwide. It presently delivers its services throughout New Zealand, employing 13 professionally trained educators that deliver individualised client education, information and support services together with a localised community awareness and education programmes. The Association is empowered, through its elected Board, to undertake any lawful actions necessary to achieve its objectives. The Board is supported by elected Commissioners, who play a key role in overseeing Board member elections and managing complaints related to the Board. The Board functions include overseeing the conduct of Association business and appointed CEO to manage the day to day affairs of the Association in accordance with the organisations objectives together with the policy and direction determined by the Board.

Entity's Governance Arrangements

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand is governed by a Board of Trustees, consisting of between 5-8 members, and assisted by elected Commissioners when required. The finance, audit and risk committee oversees financial and internal reporting principles and ensures policies are adhered to in accordance with best practice or a relevant standard and assists the Board in establishing the organisation's risk level and risk appetite.

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services

Volunteers assist in governance with the majority of events undertaken by volunteers.

Commissioners

Theo Kuper

Wayne Cook

Board Members

Glenn Livingstone - President/Chair

Philippa Tolley - Deputy Chair

Dave Guruge - Treasurer

Richard Bennett

Tess Ahern

Chris Selbie

Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Mathew Corkery - Chair

Dave Guruge - Treasurer

Richard Owen

Statement of Service Performance

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc.

For the year ended 31 March 2026

Description of Medium to Long Term Objectives

The objects of the Association are to:

- (a) promote care, welfare and improvement in quality of life of the people living with epilepsy;
- (b) promote support for people who have epilepsy, their families, and dependents;
- (c) promote understanding of epilepsy within the community;
- (d) promote research and investigation into epilepsy in all its forms;
- (e) publish and distribute information in any form that promotes the Association's objects; and
- (f) enlist support for the work of the Association from individuals, the Government and public and private organisations whose activities may be of benefit to people who have epilepsy.

Description of Key Activities

People Assisted	2026	2025	Narration
Number of clients who interacted with ENZ	2,350	-	New measure – Number of unique clients that were active with ENZ.
Number of brief interactions	809	-	New measure – Number of people supplied with generic epilepsy information not linked to a specific person.
Number of people who attended group training or education sessions	5,249	5,757	
Total People Assisted	8,408	5,757	
Key Measurements			
Number of client interactions in total	9,091	-	New measure – Total number of interactions clients had with ENZ over the year. Captures multiple interactions a client may have in a year.
Number of group training and education sessions held	404	3,014	2025 included any meeting with two or more people as a seminar. Definition of a group clarified in 2026.
Percentage of Clients surveyed that were satisfied with the service ENZ provided	77%	-	New measure. Clients who interacted with ENZ during the year that had provided an email address were invited to complete the survey. 130 responses received.
Number of Members	269	305	
Purple Day - Amount Fundraised			
Schools	7,590	11,818	
Businesses	7,286	4,447	
Community	12,336	14,786	
Total Amount Fundraised	27,212	31,081	
Number of Participants	70	161	The decrease in participants in 2026 compared to 2025 was due to the discontinuation of the art auction.



Description of Key Activities Continued

Advocacy & Research - Key Measurements	2026	2025	Narration
Number of advocacy and collaboration activities led or supported	5	-	New measure. Includes: - Neurological Alliance Member - Pharmac Consumer & Patient Working Group Member - Health 15 Collaboration Partner - Neurological Clinical Leads & Educators Network Member - Submissions to Government Consultations (2)
Number of ENZ supported epilepsy related research activities through funding, partnerships or sector facilitation.	2	-	New measure. Includes: - Applications for research grants invited - Promotion of Catamenial Epilepsy study

Changes to our Service Performance Information

In our 2025 Annual Report, our service performance information received a qualified audit opinion due to limitations in the reliability and consistency of the underlying data. As outlined in the additional information section of that report, these limitations arose from unclear measure definitions, inconsistent data capture practices, and limited supporting controls.

During the 2026 financial year, we undertook significant work to strengthen our service performance framework. This included reviewing and redefining our key measures, introducing new measures to better reflect our activities and impact, and implementing clearer definitions, processes, and controls to support consistent data collection and reporting.

As a result, several new measures have been introduced in 2026, and some existing measures have been refined to improve clarity and consistency.

These improvements were implemented progressively, with formal definitions and controls established partway through the financial year. Accordingly:

- Some measures are not directly comparable with prior year results
- Comparative information is not available for certain new measures
- Data for part of the year reflects transitional processes prior to full implementation of the updated framework

Notwithstanding these limitations, we consider the 2026 service performance information represents a significant improvement in the quality, clarity, and usefulness of our reporting, and provides a stronger foundation for consistent and reliable reporting in future periods. We remain committed to ongoing refinement of our measures and systems, and to continuing to improve the robustness and auditability of our service performance reporting.



Statement of Financial Performance and Comprehensive Income

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc.
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	NOTES	2026	2025
Revenue			
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	1	111,506	111,280
Government service delivery grants/contracts	1	680,314	695,968
Non-government service delivery grants/contracts	1	502,996	473,470
Membership fees & subscriptions	1	234	505
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	35,999	65,104
Other revenue	1	2,623	8,008
Total Revenue		1,333,673	1,354,334
Expenses			
Expenses related to fundraising	2	16,304	20,348
Employee remuneration and other related expenses	2	1,057,293	980,526
Other expenses related to service delivery	2	219,963	235,435
Grants and donations made	2	-	200
Other expenses	2	105,218	110,233
Total Expenses		1,398,778	1,346,742
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		(65,106)	7,592
	NOTES	2026	2025
Other Comprehensive Income			
Unrealised Gain/(Loss) on Investments	3	20,326	8,093
Total Other Comprehensive Income		20,326	8,093
	NOTES	2026	2025
Comprehensive Income for the Year			
Total Comprehensive Income		(44,780)	15,685
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This financial statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and Audit Report.



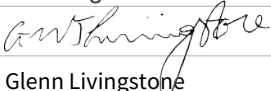
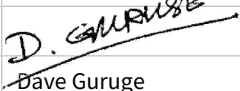
Statement of Financial Position

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc.

As at 31 March 2026

	NOTES	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and short-term deposits	3	296,305	169,337
Debtors and Prepayments	3	61,185	69,078
Investments	3	508,834	531,191
Total Current Assets		866,324	769,606
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	272,080	284,975
Intangible Assets	3	12,982	21,889
Investments	3	665,639	793,098
Total Non-Current Assets		950,700	1,099,963
Total Assets		1,817,024	1,869,569
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	4	56,378	64,716
Employee costs payable	4	129,796	127,651
Deferred revenue	4	558,419	559,362
Total Current Liabilities		744,594	751,729
Total Liabilities		744,594	751,729
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		1,072,430	1,117,840
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	6	972,981	1,038,717
Investment Revaluation reserves	6	99,449	79,123
Total Accumulated Funds		1,072,430	1,117,840
Total Accumulated Funds		1,072,430	1,117,840

This performance report has been approved by those charged with governance.

Date	05 August 2026	Date	05 August 2026
Signature		Signature	
Name	Glenn Livingstone	Name	Dave Guruge
Position	President	Position	Treasurer

This financial statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and Audit Report.



Statement of Cash Flows

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc.
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026	2025
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Operating Receipts		
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	132,136	429,705
Government Service delivery grants/contracts	688,337	678,872
Non-government service delivery contracts/contracts	471,896	454,006
Membership fees and subscriptions	234	505
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	28,375	21,837
Other Cash Received	7,470	7,514
Total Operating Receipts	1,328,448	1,592,439
Less Operating Payments		
Payments related to public fundraising	16,304	20,348
Employee remuneration and other related payments	1,012,184	1,010,125
Other payments related to service delivery	267,342	256,973
Donations or grants paid	-	200
Other Payments	59,091	62,583
Total Less Operating Payments	1,354,921	1,350,229
Net cash flows from operating activities	(26,473)	242,210
Cash flows from other activities		
Cash was received from:		
Sale of Investments	177,766	-
Sale of Property, Plant & Equipment	-	435
Total Cash was received from:	177,766	435
Cash was applied to:		
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	24,326	57,270
Payments to purchase investments	-	672,471
Total Cash was applied to:	24,326	729,741
Total Cash flows from other activities	153,440	(729,306)
Net Change in cash for the period	126,967	(487,096)
Cash Balances		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	169,336	656,432
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	296,304	169,336
Net change in cash for period	126,967	(487,097)

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and Audit Report.



Statement of Accounting Policies

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc.

For the year ended 31 March 2026

Basis of Preparation

This performance report is prepared in accordance with the XRB's Tier 3 (NFP) Standard. The entity is eligible to apply these requirements as it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of less than \$5,000,000. All transactions in the performance report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. This performance report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

Income Tax

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Incorporated is registered as a charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005 and is exempt from income tax under the income tax legislation.

Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the Society and revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at fair value of the consideration received. The following specific recognition criteria must be met before revenue is recognised.

1) Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue

Donations are recognised as revenue upon receipt.

Grant revenue includes grants given by other charitable organisations, philanthropic organisations and businesses. Grant revenue is recognised when the conditions attached to the grant have been complied with. Where there are unfulfilled conditions attaching to the grant, the amount relating to the unfulfilled condition is recognised as a liability and released to income as conditions are fulfilled.

Revenue from legacies and estates that satisfies the definition of an asset are recognised as revenue when it is probable that future economic benefits or services potential will flow to the entity, and the fair value can be reliably measured.

2) Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

Expenses

Expenses have been classified on their business function as incurred.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at their estimated net realisable value. Bad debts are written off during the period in which they are identified and authorised by the appropriate authority as non-recoverable.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable consists of amounts owing to standard trade creditors.

Deferred Revenue

Grants with conditions are recognised as a current liability. Revenue is recognised when the grant is applied in accordance with the grant conditions.

Property, Plant & Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure directly attributable to the acquisition of assets, and includes the cost of replacement that are eligible for capitalisation when these are incurred.

When an asset is donated to the Society, it is measured as its current value as at the date of receiving it.

An item of property, plant and equipment or investment property is derecognised upon disposal when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised.

Depreciation has been calculated using the maximum rates approved for accounting purposes. The rates and methods applied are set out on the accompanying fixed asset and depreciation schedule. The range of depreciation rates for each class of assets are:

Land	0% DV
Buildings	4% DV
Plant & Equipment	30% - 67% DV
Office Equipment	10% - 40% DV
Furniture & Fittings	12% - 20% DV
Computer Equipment	40% - 50% DV
Motor Vehicles	26% - 30% DV

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets with finite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is recognised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful life and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis. An internally-generated intangible asset arising from development (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognised if, and only if, it is probable that the expected future economic benefits or service potential that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity. Internally-generated intangible assets are reported at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses, on the same basis as intangible assets that are acquired separately.

IT Project and Call Centre	5 years SL
SeizureSmart Wordmark	10 years SL
SeizureSmart LMS API	5 years SL

Available for Sale Reserve - Unrealised gain/(loss) on Investment

This reserve records the movements in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets (Milford Balanced Fund). Upon sale of available for sale financial assets, the accumulated balance of fair value gains/(losses) related to that asset is reclassified to the surplus or deficit.

Investments - Fair Value Investments

The Association's investments are classified as available-for-sale financial assets and are therefore initially recorded at fair value (inclusive of directly attributable transaction costs) and subsequently measured at fair value. Any gain or loss in fair value is then recognised in other comprehensive income until the asset is derecognised, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss as a realised gain or loss on derecognition. In the case of the Association's investments, the fair value is based on a market valuation of the investment portfolios as at balance date.

At each balance date, the Association assesses whether there is any objective evidence of impairment. If such evidence exists, any cumulative loss recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that investment shall be reclassified to profit or loss as an impairment loss.

Investments - Term Deposits

Term Deposit investments are recognised at cost price and classified as current or non-current in the statement of financial position based on their term.

PIE Income

PIE income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

Notes to the Performance Report

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc.
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026	2025
1. Analysis of Revenue		
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities		
Bequests	31,000	36,593
Donations	80,506	74,687
Total Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	111,506	111,280
Government service delivery grants/contracts		
Community Organisation Grant Scheme (COGS)	29,786	59,171
NZ Lotteries	160,000	160,000
Ministry of Health	490,528	476,797
Total Government service delivery grants/contracts	680,314	695,968
Non-government service delivery grants/contracts		
Grants - Community	167,638	159,033
Grants - Gaming	205,039	223,936
Grants - Philanthropic	112,355	77,870
SeizureSmart Income	16,431	12,300
SeizureSmart Workplace Income	1,270	149
Total Mobility Income	265	183
Total Non-government service delivery grants/contracts	502,997	473,469
Membership fees and subscriptions		
Memberships	234	505
Total Membership fees and subscriptions	234	505
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		
Interest Received	28,375	35,967
PIE Income	7,624	29,136
Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	35,999	65,104
Other revenue		
Depreciation Recovered	-	677
Insurance claim income	-	6,463
Sundry Income	2,623	868
Total Other revenue	2,623	8,008

2026

2025

2. Analysis of Expenses

Expenses related to fundraising

Marketing	12,026	15,867
Fundraising Expenses	4,278	4,481
Total Expenses related to fundraising	16,304	20,348

Employee remuneration and other related expenses

Other Staff Expenses	48,133	54,420
Staff Development	13,582	11,645
Wages & Salaries	995,579	914,461
Total Employee remuneration and other related expenses	1,057,293	980,526

Other expenses related to service delivery

Computer Maintenance	55,262	31,117
Conferences & Events	8,390	4,808
Consultancy & Contractors	7,413	39,436
Electricity/Gas	4,285	4,315
General Operating Expenses	26,094	22,461
Insurance	18,343	18,279
Motor Vehicle Expenses	13,987	13,314
Rates	1,316	1,311
Office Lease agreements	33,435	29,493
Repairs & Maintenance	2,086	5,224
Telecommunications	22,026	23,337
Travel & Accommodation	27,327	42,340
Total Other expenses related to service delivery	219,963	235,435

Grants and donations made

Charitable Contributions	-	200
Total Grants and donations made	-	200

Other expenses

Accounting	8,500	9,958
Affiliations & Subscriptions	3,715	4,950
Audit Fees	10,299	11,545
Board Expenses	26,870	26,059
Depreciation & Amortisation	46,127	45,214
Other Administration Expenses	9,707	12,507
Total Other expenses	105,218	110,233



2026

2025

3. Analysis of Assets

Cash and short-term deposits

Achiever Account	-	360
Main Operating Account	63,600	3,414
Rapid Saver Bank Account	232,705	165,562
Total Cash and short-term deposits	296,305	169,337

Debtors and prepayments

Accounts Receivable	47,651	46,774
Prepayments	13,534	22,304
Total Debtors and prepayments	61,185	69,078

Intangible Assets

IT Project and Call Centre

Opening Carrying Amount	15,524	23,286
Purchases	-	-
Amortisation	(7,762)	(7,762)
Total IT Project and Call Centre	7,762	15,524

SeizureSmart Wordmark

Opening Carrying Amount	2,638	-
Purchases	-	2,852
Amortisation	(285)	(214)
Total SeizureSmart Wordmark	2,353	2,638

SeizureSmart LMS API

Opening Carrying Amount	3,727	-
Purchases	-	4,300
Amortisation	(860)	(573)
Total SeizureSmart LMS API	2,867	3,727

Total Intangible Assets

12,982 21,889

Investments

Fair Value Investments

Listed Managed Funds Units

Milford Investment

Opening Balance	637,689	600,460
Purchases	-	-
Disposals	-	-
PIE Income	7,624	29,136
Unrealised Gain/(Loss) on revaluation	20,326	8,093
Total Milford Investment	665,639	637,689

Total Listed Managed Funds Units

665,639 637,689

Total Fair Value Investments

665,639 637,689



	2026	2025
Fixed Interest Investments		
Current		
BNZ Term Deposits	508,834	531,191
Total Current	508,834	531,191
Non-Current		
BNZ Term Deposits	-	155,410
Total Non-Current	-	155,410
Total Fixed Interest Investments	508,834	686,600
Total Investments	1,174,473	1,324,289

	2026	2025
4. Analysis of Liabilities		
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Accounts Payable	10,313	23,998
Accrued Audit Fee	9,450	8,950
GST	36,616	31,769
Total Creditors and accrued expenses	56,378	64,716
Employee costs payable		
Employee Entitlements Payable	46,938	46,304
Holiday Pay Accrual	61,631	61,002
PAYE Payable	21,227	20,345
Total Employee costs payable	129,796	127,651
Deferred revenue		
Donations & Bequests - Research	339,055	318,425
Grants & Funding		
Deferred Grants - Community	27,224	35,948
Deferred Grants - Government	161,529	152,115
Deferred Grants - Gaming	500	10,541
Deferred Grants - Philanthropic	30,111	28,766
Seizure Smart Funding	-	13,567
Total Grants & Funding	219,364	240,937
Total Deferred revenue	558,419	559,363

5. Property, Plant & Equipment

2026

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation and Impairment	Revaluation Movements	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	71,000	-	-	-	-	71,000
Buildings	131,116	-	-	5,245	-	125,872
Plant & Equipment	8,118	23,245	-	7,329	-	24,034
Office Equipment	343	-	-	55	-	289
Computer Equipment	11,098	-	-	5,549	-	5,549
Furniture & Equipment	1,822	-	-	295	-	1,526
Motor Vehicles	61,477	1,079	-	18,746	-	43,810
Total	284,974	24,324	-	37,219	-	272,079

2025

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation and Impairment	Revaluation Movements	Closing Carrying Amount
Land	71,000	-	-	-	-	71,000
Buildings	136,579	-	-	5,463	-	131,116
Plant & Equipment	9,171	12,097	6,220	6,930	-	8,118
Office Equipment	412	-	-	69	-	343
Computer Equipment	17,571	3,084	-	9,556	-	11,098
Furniture & Equipment	2,178	-	-	356	-	1,822
Motor Vehicles	34,609	42,655	1,497	14,290	-	61,477
Total	271,520	57,836	7,717	36,664	-	284,974

6. Accumulated Funds

2026

Description	Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits	Available for Sale Reserves - Unrealised Gains/Losses on investments	Total
Opening Balance	1,038,087	79,123	1,117,210
Surplus/(Deficit)	(65,106)	-	(65,106)
Other Comprehensive Revenue & Expense Movement	-	20,326	20,326
Closing Balance	972,981	99,449	1,072,430

2025

Description	Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits	Available for Sale Reserves - Unrealised Gains/Losses on investments	Total
Opening Balance	1,031,125	71,030	1,102,155
Surplus/(Deficit)	7,592	-	7,592
Other Comprehensive Revenue & Expense Movement	-	8,093	8,093
Closing Balance	1,038,717	79,123	1,117,840

2026

2025

7. Commitments

Commitments to rent/lease assets

Napier City Council - Rental agreement, \$282 per month (2025: \$282)	282	282
Citizens Advice Bureau - Rental agreement, annual fee \$1,386 (2025: \$1,386), paid 6 monthly	5,891	7,277
Greerton Shopping Centre Limited, Rental and parking lease, \$468 rent per month (2025: \$468), \$65 parking per month (2025: \$65)	5,600	5,600
De Lage Lange - Photocopier lease - monthly payments of \$99 (2025: \$99)	1,135	2,323
Total Commitments to rent/lease assets	12,908	15,482

8. Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at 31 March 2026 (Last year - nil).

9. Deferred Revenue

As at the reporting date, deferred revenue amounted to \$558,419 (2025: \$559,363). Total grants for the purpose of funding the ongoing operating costs of Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc are \$219,364 (2025: \$240,938) and are expected to be recognised as revenue during the 2026/27 financial year.

Bequests and donations that are for research purposes total \$339,055 (2025: \$318,425) and these funds will be recognised as revenue when used for this purpose.

Unused Significant Donations, Grants, Bequests and Pledges with Expectations over Use:

Description	Purpose and the nature of the condition(s)	Date Condition(s) expected to be met	Original Amount \$	Current Year \$	Last Year \$
NZ Lotteries	Salaries and Operating costs	Feb 2027	160,000	150,000	150,000
Bequest: Estate of Peter A Morath	Research	-	318,425	318,425	318,425
Bequest: Jennifer Reaney	Research	-	20,000	20,000	-

10. Related Party Transactions

		Value of Transactions	Value of Transactions	Amount Outstanding	Amount Outstanding
Description of related party relationship	Description of the transaction	Current Year \$	Last Year \$	Current Year \$	Last Year \$
ENZ Board Chair is Board Chair of Rata Foundation	The Association received grant funding from Rata Foundation	10,000	-	-	-
FAR committee member	The Association paid accounting fees	8,500	9,958	708	708

The aggregate compensation provided to key management personnel during the period was \$155,739 (2025: \$149,976). The total compensation payable as at 31 March 2026 was \$4,283 (2025: \$15,144).

11. Ability to Continue Operating

The Board has assessed the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. In making this assessment, the Board has considered various factors, including the Association's financial position, current and anticipated future performance, and available financial resources. Particular consideration was given to:

- The Association's strong investment position, with total investments of \$1,174,472 as at 31 March 2026
- Consistent revenue streams from grants and donations
- The Association's ability to meet its short-term obligations, with current assets of \$866,324 compared to current liabilities of \$744,594 which is predominantly deferred revenue and does not represent a creditor obligation.

Based on this assessment and given the known factors, the Board considers the going concern basis of accounting to be appropriate for the preparation of these financial statements. The Board concludes that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

12. Settlements

Total payments of \$18,750 relating to the settlement of employment matters have been recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance and Comprehensive Income, with the amount outstanding as at 31 March 2026.

13. Events After the Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report (Last year - nil).

14. Comparatives

There have been a number of prior period comparatives which have been reclassified to make disclosure consistent with the current year and reporting standards.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board Members of Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc

Report on the Performance Report

We have audited the performance report of Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc on pages 5 and 6, and 7 to 20 which comprises the entity information, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance, statement of movements in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2026, the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2026, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our Opinion

In our qualified opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the accompanying performance report presents fairly, in all material respects:

- The Financial Position of Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc as at 31 March 2026 and the statement of financial performance and cashflows for the year ended in accordance with XRB's Tier 3 (NFP) Standard - issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board. the financial position of Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc as at 31 March 2026 and cashflow statement for the year ended in accordance with XRB's Tier 3 (NFP) Standard - issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Statement of Service Performance

The service performance measures under "People Assisted" and "Number of client interactions in total" and "Number of group training and education sessions held", reported on page 5, are derived from information entered directly by educators into the Association's customer relationship management system. The Association did not retain sufficient documented evidence supporting the completeness and accuracy of this information, or management's review and verification of that information. We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence through alternative audit procedures. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to these measures for the year ended 31 March 2026 were necessary.

We were also unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence over the corresponding figures reported for these measures for the year ended 31 March 2025. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to those corresponding figures were necessary.

We conducted our audit of the financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)) and the audit of the service performance in accordance with the ISAs (NZ) and New Zealand Auditing Standard (NZ AS) 1 (Revised) *The Audit of Service Performance Information*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance report* section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards (New Zealand))* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc.

Other Information

The Board Members are responsible on behalf of the Trust for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and the performance information, and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If based, on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Board Members for the Performance Report

The Board Members are responsible for the preparation of the performance report in accordance with XRB's Tier 3 (NFP) Standard issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

- a. The selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods that present service performance information that is appropriate and meaningful in accordance with the applicable performance reporting framework, The preparation and fair presentation of service performance information in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with the applicable performance reporting framework; The overall presentation, structure and content of the service performance information in accordance with the applicable performance reporting framework; and;
- b. the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report on behalf of the entity which comprises:
 - the entity information;
 - the statement of service performance; and
 - the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with XRB's Tier 3 (NFP) Standard - issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and

- c. such internal control as the Board Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
In preparing the performance report, the Board Members are responsible on behalf of Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board Members either intend to liquidate or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate or collectively, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this performance report.

A further description of the auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the External Reporting Board's website at:

<http://www.xrb.govt.nz/standards-for-assurance-practitioners/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-18/>

Other Matter

The performance report of Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Incorporated for the year ended 31 March 2025 was audited by another auditor, who expressed a qualified opinion because they were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence over the accuracy and completeness of the service performance information. The predecessor auditor's report was dated 12 August 2025.

Restriction on Responsibility

This report is made solely to the Board Members, as a body, in accordance with section 42F of the Charities Act 2005. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board Members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board Members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Seth Anderson'.

Cameron Town
Silks Audit Chartered Accountants Ltd
Whanganui, New Zealand

Date: 05 August 2026

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