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Patron's Message for the 2022 Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust AGM

It will be of considerable relief to all New Zealanders that Covid-19 case numbers are falling and restrictions are easing, but it's also clear that we are not out of the woods yet and must remain vigilant, while taking sensible precautions. Of course, this is especially true for those who work in our health system, or with the elderly and the vulnerable, or who provide support services to people living with challenging conditions.

As Patron of the Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust, I wish to extend sincere thanks to all EWCT team members for the continuing superb service you provide to those who live with epilepsy, and those family and whanau members who support them, through such a long and challenging period of uncertainty, anxiety and restrictions. Your efforts and compassion will have been comforting and reassuring.

The regular opportunities that EWCT provides for social interaction, and information published through social media and other means is also greatly appreciated, including by those who may not have direct experience of epilepsy but wish to become better-informed.

Once again I extend gratitude to all the EWCT's sponsors, donors and supporters who are mentioned in the Chair's Annual Report. Your generosity is vital in enabling the trust to provide the essential services they do in our large and diverse region.

It remains my privilege to serve as EWCT's Patron, which has been a cause dear to my heart for many years, and I remain deeply grateful for the commitment of our trust board, under the leadership of Professor David Lowe, for the unstinting efforts of our Epilepsy Adviser Maria Lowe, ably supported by our administrator Margaret Paine, and to all who contribute their time, energy and generosity in support of the trust's essential services within the Waikato region.

Best wishes to you all,

Tim Macindoe
Patron, EWCT