

Patron's Message for the Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust AGM

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The Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust has entered a new era and I am delighted to note that our new Epilepsy Advisor and Administrator are building upon the fine work of their predecessors, with some fresh leadership also at Board level. Congratulations and warm thanks to co-chairs Tracey Morgan and Stephen Harlow and your team, and to Esther Liddle and David Nicholls, for the passion and energy you are bringing to your roles.

Maria and David Lowe were always going to leave huge shoes to be filled and I am so pleased that their legacy will endure, as the need for epilepsy support in our region is as critical as ever. I'm sure there is no better parting gift they could wish for than to know that EWCT is in good hands, with a continuing commitment to providing the valuable services and advocacy that have been the hallmark of the organisation from the outset.

A quick glance at social media shows that important information and advocacy remain priorities, and I commend everyone for the impressive work that is being done, along with continuing support for those who live with the various forms of epilepsy that affect the lives of so many in our communities.

The challenging financial times we are experiencing make life difficult for many, especially those who live with sickness or disabilities, so the generosity of our donors and sponsors is especially important and appreciated. Thanks also to those who have assisted with EWCT's fundraising activities over the past year. Without your combined efforts and kindness, our trust would be even more constrained in our ability to support those who rely upon us. Please know that we are all deeply grateful.

Warmest regards,

**Tim Macindoe,
Patron, EWCT**