# New Zealand Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua

Annual report
For the year ended 30 June 2025



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# To the Minister of Internal Affairs

In accordance with section 295 of the Gambling Act 2003, I present the report of the Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua (Board) and of each distribution committee for the 12 months ended 30 June 2025, together with a copy of the accounts of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries for the same period.

The role of the Board is to determine the proportions in which the profits of Lotto NZ are allocated for distribution.

#### **Annual accounts**

The Board is required to produce an annual report under section 295 of the Gambling Act 2003, and is a Crown entity for the purposes of sections 150(3), 154-156 and 158 of the Crown Entities Act 2004.

As such, it is required to prepare its financial statements and an audit report in accordance with those provisions. The annual report must be tabled in the House of Representatives.

The New Zealand Lotteries Commission conducted lotteries throughout this financial year under section 238 of the Gambling Act 2003. The profits of New Zealand Lotteries are paid into a bank account established and operated under section 286 of the Gambling Act 2003. Grants and miscellaneous expenditure are paid out of this account.

The Board has prepared its financial statements in accordance with section 154 of the Crown Entities Act 2004. The audit report for the year ended 30 June 2025 provided under section 156 of the Crown Entities Act 2004 is included along with the financial statements in this report.

**Paul James** 

Secretary for Internal Affairs

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# **Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua**

#### Vision | Te Whāinga

Building strong, sustainable communities together. E waihanga tahi ana i ngā hapori pakari.

#### **Board members**



Hon Brooke van Velden (Presiding Member, Minister of Internal Affairs)



**Garth Clarricoats** (Appointed by the Governor-General)



Karen Coutts (Appointed by the Governor-General)



**Lemauga Lydia Sosene** (Leader of the Opposition's Representative)



**Colleen Tuuta** (Appointed by the Governor-General)



Hon Louise Upston (Prime Minister's Representative)

#### **Outputs**

In 2024/25, the Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua allocated \$398,029,957 of lottery profits. Lottery Community committees were allocated \$119,535,570:

National Community committee	\$27,274,699
Regional Community committees	\$92,260,871

Lottery specialist committees and Minister's Discretionary Fund were allocated \$108,208,476:

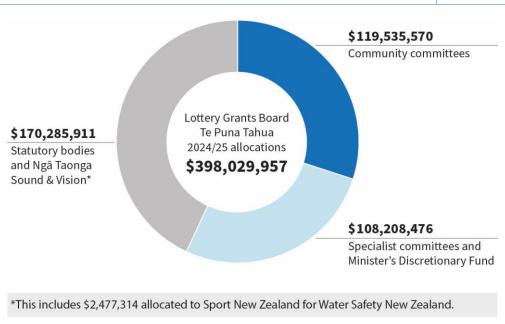
Community Facilities	\$20,018,544
Community Sector Research	In recess
Environment and Heritage	\$17,861,560
Health Research	\$2,738,781
Individuals with Disabilities	\$10,295,975
Minister's Discretionary Fund	\$6,000,000
Oranga Marae	\$43,000,000
Outdoor Safety	\$8,293,616
Significant Projects Fund	In recess

Statutory bodies and Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision were allocated \$170,285,911:

Creative New Zealand	\$59,931,642
New Zealand Film Commission	\$25,970,378
Sport New Zealand*	\$79,908,856
Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision	\$1,997,721

<sup>\*</sup>Sport New Zealand was also allocated the following amount for Water Safety New Zealand:





# Presiding member's report

It's now over 18 months since I moved into the role of presiding member for the Lottery Grants Board, as one of my portfolio responsibilities as Minister of Internal Affairs. The work of the Board is vital to our communities and it's always interesting being so actively involved with it.

The Board's vision is *Building strong, sustainable communities together,* and its aim is for the lottery grants system to be strategy led, data driven, and continually learning to evolve to



meet the changing needs of New Zealanders. This continues to drive our decisions. The Board adopted a new Statement of Intent in June which sets out the outcomes from community funding the Board is seeking.

#### \$398 million of lottery profits were allocated in FY2024/25

In June 2024, the Board allocated \$343.5 million to its distribution committees, statutory bodies and Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision, to support a diverse range of activities and projects for community benefit across New Zealand. The Board allocated a further \$54.5 million funding from additional lottery profits in October 2024.

#### **Changes to membership of the Board**

This year the Board said goodbye to two Board members, Ms Sumati Govind and Ms Colleen Tuuta, who gave four and three years' service as Board liaison members respectively. I thank Ms Govind and Ms Tuuta for their service.

In October 2024, we welcomed Mr Garth Clarricoats to the Board as a new Board liaison member.

I also extend the Board's appreciation to Hon Jan Tinetti, who stepped in for Ms Lemauga Lydia Sosene as the Leader of the Opposition's Representative on the Board during Ms Sosene's period of leave.

#### The year ahead

I look forward to continuing to work with my fellow Board members over the coming year as we ensure lottery funding makes a positive contribution toward current and future generations.

**Brooke van Velden** 

Hon Brooke van Velden
Minister of Internal Affairs

# Secretary's report

#### Tēna koutou katoa

The 2024/25 financial year has been marked by significant progress in evolving the lottery grants system, laying the groundwork for major changes to go live in FY2025/26. We have made strong progress on implementing key elements from the 'Kia Tipu, He Tipua' work programme into business-as-usual, and both the Board and the Community Operations



Hāpai Hapori team have been deeply engaged in preparing staff, systems, and committees for embedding the Board's 'Statement of Intent 2025-2029' (SOI) and outcomes framework.

The Board allocated \$398 million in FY2024/25, one of the highest amounts on record. While the additional funding brought increased workload, we were able to absorb much of the required resource due to finding efficiencies in our ways of working. This reflects our commitment to delivering more with the resources we have and ensures more of the funding reaches communities, hapū, and iwi.

#### Increased demand met with smarter, more targeted support

In FY2024/25, 5,648 applications were received requesting \$572 million in funding. Overall, we saw a 19% increase in the number of requests compared to the previous year. This reflects the growing demand for support across communities, hapū and iwi. The rise in requests also reflects an increased workload for committees.

Changes to systems and processes are already making things easier for regular applicants, with simpler applications and a more streamlined approach overall. This has freed up advisory teams to spend more time supporting new applicants and those with more complex needs.

Around 30% of Lottery Community applications this year were considered complex and required additional support from our team. We expect that to stay steady or even increase in the coming year, as our community advisors continue to focus on supporting those who need more time and guidance. This approach reflects the Board's commitment to making funding more equitable, accessible and reaching a wider range of communities.

# Key pieces of work undertaken for the Board this year

#### Strengthened governance and accountability

Over FY2024/25, we continued to support the Board in its governance processes, aligned with decisions taken through the 'Kia Tipu, He Tipua' work programme. The Board considered and approved various activities, including:

- 23 Board policies as part of the Board's accountability framework
- a new Board risk register and the development of a new risk and assurance approach for grant management
- engaging on the Board's draft SOI, considering feedback and making some amendments, and
- confirming the Board's outcomes framework, which has been rolled out to distribution committees.

#### Supporting committees to implement the outcomes framework

We supported distribution committees in implementing the outcomes framework as part of our ongoing work to strengthen alignment and decision-making across the lottery grants system on the Board's behalf. Our support focused on ensuring members clearly understood how the framework operates across the system and felt confident applying it in their roles. This was a key focus of the all-committee members' hui in May, helping committees build confidence in applying the framework to set their priority outcomes for FY2025/26 and guide funding decisions. I would like to thank presiding members and committees for their willing and positive engagement on the Board's strategic direction and outcomes framework.

#### Improved access to funding

Work this year has laid the groundwork for a more accessible, equitable, and responsive funding system in line with the Board's strategic direction. Lottery Environment and Heritage and Lottery Community Facilities opened for the upcoming financial year in June, becoming the first funds to implement the Board's new outcomes framework. These funds will now stay open year-round and meet three times annually, making it easier for applicants to apply when ready. We will test this approach and look for opportunities to extend it across other funds in the future.

#### Advanced our data maturity

This year, we've strengthened our data capability to enable committees to make more informed and impactful funding decisions. We improved how we collect and manage information on who is supported, where benefits are felt, and how requests align with the Board's strategic goals. New tools and dashboards are now in place to support decision-making, and we're exploring ways to share these insights with external stakeholders.

# Looking ahead to FY2025/26

Next year, we're focused on improving the accessibility and efficiency of the lottery grants system. We'll support all lottery committees to use the outcomes framework and improve how we collect data on grant reach and impact. New application forms launching in July 2025 will allow applicants to describe their aspirations in their own words, supporting a more relational and data-informed assessment process.

We're shifting more admin tasks to funding administrators so our community advisors can focus on supporting groups with more complex needs. Process updates will help reduce admin burden and make it easier for communities, iwi, and hapū to access and account for funding.

#### Thank you to those who have contributed

I would like to join the Minister in recognising Sumati Govind, whose term concluded earlier this year, and Colleen Tuuta, whose term is nearing its end. Both have played an important role in shaping the Board's direction, working closely with committees and Department staff to support community-focused decisions. I wish them both well on their next chapters.

Thank you also to the presiding and committee members who completed their terms this year. Their contributions, supported by the hard work of my team and other Department staff, have helped deliver meaningful outcomes for communities, hapū and iwi across New Zealand.

Finally, I want to thank Hon Brooke van Velden for her continued leadership as presiding member of the Board.

**Clare Toufexis** 

Secretary of the Board

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# **Board liaison members' report**

As the liaison members, we have the responsibility of providing meaningful connections between the Lottery Grants Board (Board) and the lottery distribution committees (committees). By maintaining strong connections with the committees, it also allows us to share insights, trends and anecdotal evidence on community need and achieved outcomes with our fellow Board members. This information can be invaluable for shaping Board decisions.

The essential connection between the Board and the committees was further strengthened this year with the adoption of a new Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Presiding Members' Policy Advisory Group (PMPAG). PMPAG is a representative group of lottery committee presiding members and the Board liaison members which meets twice per year. The updated ToR realigns the relationship between the Board and PMPAG to be more strategy focussed, with less of an impetus on operational matters.

Having the PMPAG members engaged as key strategic partners for the Board ensures that long-term and mid-term outcomes can be achieved, and that the Board's outcomes framework will become a learning, living document that can support community needs being met.

As liaison members, the last year has been both stimulating and encouraging. Committee members have demonstrated a keen enthusiasm to engage with the new approach to lottery granting and have committed to adopting committee priority outcomes that will drive towards the Board's larger strategic goals.

We have thoroughly enjoyed attending committee distribution meetings and want to thank all of the committee members for the wisdom, humour and caring that they bring to the table.

The Board has asked the lottery distribution committees to be part of significant changes to the lottery system, and they have shown real vigour when working with Department staff, attending training, and engaging in strategic meetings. As the committees operate closer to the coal face, they are vital for the delivery of the Board's Statement of Intent, and the outcomes this will have for communities.

Over the next year, there will be further positive changes to the system, with the Board's outcomes considered in distribution decisions and testing a new impact measurement approach. This will allow the lottery grants system to become more data driven and support the delivery of strategic outcomes. We are confident that these changes will realise significant improvements, and our committees have demonstrated a keen willingness to be part of this shift.

This all means that the year ahead is one to be excited about.

Over the last four years, the work of the Board has brought us to a significant point of change, with the Board's improved strategic direction becoming a catalyst for better community outcomes. This is coinciding with a period of high lottery profits. Combined, this means that the Board's ability to improve the lives of people in New Zealand has never been so tangible.

However, we also recognise that as exciting as the next year can be, there is still plenty of work ahead for everyone that supports the lottery grants system. There will always be a need to reassess our direction of travel and continue to engage to ensure the decisions made around the table are flowing through to all of our priority communities.

We want to finish by thanking our fellow Board members, who do an outstanding job of balancing their many responsibilities and we look forward to further discussion and growth.

We also want to acknowledge all the hard work and commitment from the Community Operations Hāpai Hapori team at the Department. They are an integral part of delivering outcomes for community groups and provide dedicated and knowledgeable support to the Board, committees, iwi, hapū and community organisations.

Our last acknowledgement is to our colleague, Whaea Colleen Tuuta. Colleen is stepping down after three years on the Board. Her contribution to evolving the lottery grants system has been immensely appreciated. We wish her well.





Haven B. Courts



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**Garth Clarricoats** 

**Karen Coutts** 

**Colleen Tuuta** 

# Governance and accountability statement

The Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua (Board) is governed by the Gambling Act 2003 (Act) to determine how profits generated from the sale of lottery products offered by the Lotteries Commission, such as Lotto and Instant Kiwi, are distributed for community purposes and specified statutory purposes.<sup>1</sup> In addition to powers specifically provided in the Act, the Board has all the powers that are necessary or expedient to enable it to perform its functions.

#### The Board has six members:

- the Minister of Internal Affairs, who is the presiding member of the Board;
- the Prime Minister (or their nominated representative);
- the member of the House of Representatives who is for the time being the Leader of the Opposition (or their nominated representative); and
- three persons appointed by the Governor-General having regard to the appointee's knowledge, skills and experience relating to functions and powers of the Board.

Under the Act, the Board can make allocations to:

- distribution committees established by the Minister to distribute lottery profits for community purposes
- the Minister for distribution for community purposes
- three specified statutory bodies Creative New Zealand, New Zealand Film Commission (including Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision), and Sport New Zealand (including Water Safety New Zealand) – for expenditure in accordance with their own Acts.

The Board is a schedule 4 organisation that operates under the framework established by the Public Finance Act (1989), specifically as outlined in section 291.

The distribution committees distribute lottery profits allocated to them by the Board, in line with the Board's strategic direction, policies and outcomes. A policy advisory group, comprising the presiding members of committees and liaison members, provides advice to the Board on strategic and policy issues, and promotes consistent lottery grant policy development.

The Board monitors the operations of its distribution committees and the provision of administration services, including the investment of undistributed lottery profits by the Secretary of the Board.

#### **Distribution channels**

In addition to the Lottery Minister's Discretionary Fund, there are 20 lottery committees. The statutory bodies and committees funded by the Board are shown on page 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Lotteries Commission trades as Lotto NZ.

Each committee distributes grants for a specified range of community purposes. This year, committees continued to determine their own priorities for funding, while complying with general Board policies and directions. The Board approved its Statement of Intent (SOI) in June 2025 and distribution committees will align their priority outcomes to the SOI from FY2025/26.

Most committees have two distribution meetings each year. A few have one, four or six funding rounds, or consider applications as they are received. Committees comprise of three to five members, appointed by the Minister of Internal Affairs, for terms of up to three years. The three Board members appointed by the Governor-General are responsible for liaising with specific committees. Each attends committee meetings as an observer. Applications that are for a community purpose described by the Act, but not within the scope of a committee, are referred to the Lottery Minister's Discretionary Fund.

#### **Distribution of lottery funding**

Committees endeavour to ensure lottery grants are equitably distributed to demographic and geographic communities throughout the country and that they have regard for groups named in the Act. Decisions are guided by the principles of lawfulness, accountability, openness, integrity, fairness, and value for money.

Lottery grants are used exclusively for community purposes as defined in section 277 of the Act, and priority is given to funding initiatives that address community needs identified by communities themselves. These initiatives include many developmental activities and services that neither government nor the private sector provide, but which are sufficiently valued by communities for community members to be prepared to contribute labour, money or materials voluntarily.

The committees recognise that participation in community initiatives builds a sense of belonging and up-skills individuals while providing services and activities tailored to the needs of particular communities.

When assessing applications, committees consider:

- the community need for the activity or service
- community benefit and support for the activity
- the fit with Board and committee policy
- the feasibility of the planned activity
- the on-going capability of the applicant to deliver the community benefits that will address a community need.

Care is taken to ensure that lottery funding supports sustainable activity that addresses community needs and that unrealistic expectations of future funding are not raised.

# **Statutory bodies**

The Board allocated \$165,810,876 to the statutory bodies listed in section 279 of the Act. An allocation is also made to Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision. The amounts received by each were:

- Creative New Zealand \$59,931,642
- New Zealand Film Commission \$25,970,378
- Sport New Zealand \$79,908,856
- Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision \$1,997,721

Payments to Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision are made in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) and the New Zealand Film Commission.

Creative New Zealand, New Zealand Film Commission and Ngā Taonga (as a charitable trust) are accountable to the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage for the administration, distribution and expenditure of their lottery allocations. Sport New Zealand is accountable to the Minister for Sport and Recreation for the administration, distribution and expenditure of its lottery funding. The Ministry for Culture and Heritage is the monitoring agency of these organisations.

The Board also allocated \$2,477,314 to Sport New Zealand for Water Safety New Zealand. Sport New Zealand is responsible for monitoring this allocation via the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department.

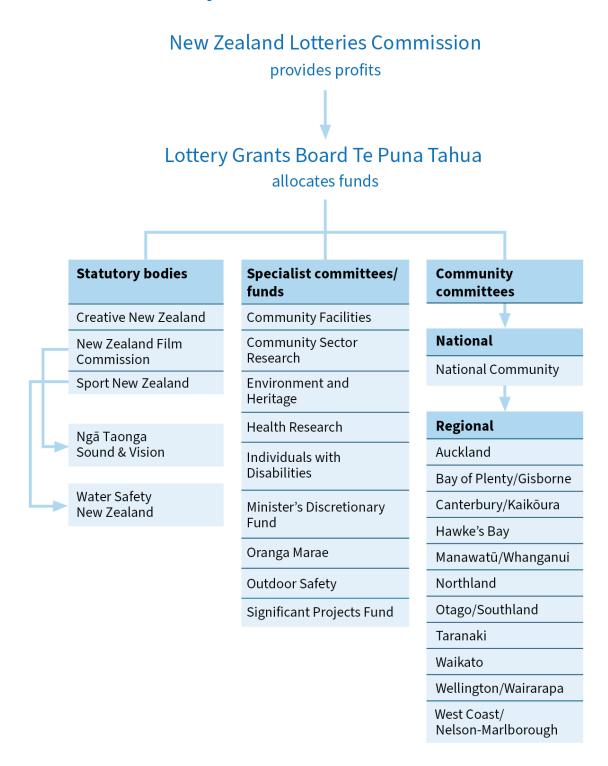
#### **Administration of lottery grants**

The Board, committees and the Lottery Minister's Discretionary Fund are serviced by the Department. The Board is consulted on the annual administration budget before this is approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs. The range of services purchased from the Department are specified in an annual Memorandum of Understanding between the Minister of Internal Affairs and the Secretary for Internal Affairs. Secretariat and advisory staff are bound by normal Public Service codes of conduct, integrity and accountability.

# **Accountability**

The Board does not hold bank accounts. Instead, the Department operates the bank account into which all lottery profits are paid and is responsible for the investment of undistributed lottery profits. All allocations, grants, administration costs and other miscellaneous expenditure specified in the Act are paid for from this account. The Board accounts for its funds in its annual report, which is tabled in the House of Representatives.

# Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua distribution of funds for the year ended 30 June 2025



A list of grants made is available on the Community Matters website at www.communitymatters.govt.nz

<sup>\*</sup>Community Sector Research and Significant Projects Fund were in recess in 2024/25.

# **Lottery specialist committees**

Lottery specialist committees consider applications for funds to assist with community facilities, projects with environmental or heritage benefits, health research, community sector research, physical and cultural revitalisation of marae, aspirations and water and outdoor safety.

The Minister's Discretionary Fund considers initiatives that fall outside the responsibility of other committees and have demonstrable community benefit.

- Community Facilities
- Community Sector Research (in recess)
- Environment and Heritage
- Health Research
- Individuals with Disabilities
- Minister's Discretionary Fund
- Oranga Marae
- Outdoor Safety
- Significant Projects Fund (in recess)

# **Community Facilities Committee**

Te Tahua Hapori Ngā Whakauranga

#### **Committee members**

Helen Algar

(from November 2022, presiding member from March 2025)
Benita Cairns

(from August 2020, acting presiding member from May 2024 to March 2025)

Dante Fyfe (from November 2021, resigned November 2024)

Judene Edgar (from March 2025)

Anne-Marie Kite (from March 2025)

Margaret Miles (from March 2025)



#### **Outcome statement**

Increased community participation and social cohesion is increased through the development of community facilities.

#### **Committee priorities**

Priority is given to projects that:

- support the aspirations of Māori
- support cultural identity and aspirations of Pacific Peoples and ethnic communities
- are led by community, whānau, hapū or iwi
- provide access for rural, isolated, or marginalised communities to connect and participate
- deliver a well-used facility that provides opportunities for social, recreational, community or cultural participation.

The committee prefers applications for community facilities that will be used for more than one purpose and/or shared.

The committee also prefers applications that show the community can develop, run and look after the facility in the future, without needing further lottery funding.

### Meeting community needs

The committee reviewed and implemented new priorities for the 2024/25 year, with a strong focus on supporting priority communities named in the Gambling Act 2003, and those in lower socio-economic or geographically isolated area.

Following a significant reduction in funding allocation in the previous year, the committee were pleased to receive an increase this financial year. However, as the first round of the year

saw the highest number of requests ever submitted to a single round, the committee needed to decline as many requests as usual.

A grant of \$550,000 was awarded to Te Kohanga Reo o Te Namu Society Incorporated towards a whare tapere on its land. It will become a venue to hold hui, wananga, tangihanga, and somewhere for manuhiri to stay during events. It will also be a place for Opunake residents to learn about the local history, te reo me ona tikanga of Taranaki Iwi.

The Waka Pacific Trust in Manukau received a grant of \$300,000 towards the construction of 16-metre-high open-air climbing frame. The climbing frame will comprise 78 climbing elements, many of which will be themed in Māori mythology designed in consultation with local Tainui Iwi. It is expected over 15,000 youth will use this facility annually.

A grant of \$200,000 was awarded to the Hornby Community Care Trust towards renovation and fit out of the former Hornby Library building. This facility will provide a multi-purpose space to hold events, meetings and workshops, a space for health services with caring agencies, and other services and activities. It also includes a space for arts, crafts, cooking and other activities for older adults, and digital technology workshops.

#### **Committee**

The committee farewelled and recognised the valuable contribution of outgoing member, Dante Fyfe. Dante had been a committee member since November 2021 and brought a wealth of knowledge and understanding of Pasifika communities. The committee thanks Dante for his contribution.

In March 2024, Anne-Marie Kite, Judene Edgar, and Margaret Miles joined the committee each with strong expertise and knowledge of different sectors and regions. The breadth of experience on the committee resulted in productive discussions as it set priorities for the coming financial year.

**Helen Algar** 

Presiding member

**Lottery Community Facilities Committee** 

# **Lottery Community Facilities Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$20,018,544
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$639,458
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$20,658,002
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$60,073,219
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$20,617,387
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$20,617,387
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	298
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	167
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	56%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$550,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$123,457
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$11,695

# **Environment and Heritage Committee**

Te Tahua Taiao Ngā Taonga

#### **Committee members**

Eileen von Dadelszen
(from November 2022, presiding member from March 2025)
Vivienne Shaw (from April 2016, presiding member from
August 2020 to March 2025)
Elizabeth Pishief (from October 2018 to March 2025)
Georgina Morrison (from August 2020)
Elizabeth Cotton (from October 2021)
Sarah Gibb (from March 2025)
Christopher Mallows (from March 2025)



#### **Outcome statement**

New Zealand's natural, physical and cultural heritage is protected, conserved and promoted.

#### **Committee priorities**

Priority is given to natural heritage projects that:

- protect and restore habitats and ecosystems for native plants or animals
- protect and conserve native plants or animals that are rare, in danger, or at risk in their habitats
- improve public access and information about native plants and animals.

Priority is given to physical heritage projects that:

- restore and protect places, structures or large built objects of significance to our history
- protect and conserve a place, structure or large built object for the future
- improve public access and information about places, structures or large built objects of significance to our history.

Priority is given to cultural heritage projects that:

- protect collections that are at risk of being damaged or lost
- make collections available to the community
- improve public access and information, particularly for young people to learn about and experience our cultural heritage
- conserve and protect moveable cultural property, such as photographs, paintings, furniture and other artefacts.

#### **Meeting community needs**

This financial year saw an increase in the number of groups applying for funding. This is a reflection upon the current funding climate which has had an impact on many groups and projects. This has meant that often projects that are coming our way, do align with committee priorities, but there aren't enough funds to fund all projects that align.

This increase in application numbers means longer discussions at committee meetings, so the committee can make decisions on what projects to fund. The committee assesses each project on its own merits, the needs of the community and how well it aligns with priorities.

The committee covers three heritage sectors: cultural, natural and physical, and enjoys seeing the variety of projects come its way.

The committee is pleased to see iwi and hapū, and other Māori groups undertaking projects to preserve and protect taonga, digitisation and oral history projects. It's very important that stories are captured, so that future generations can listen to those stories. One such project the committee funded this year was \$300,000 to the Māori Women's Welfare League for its Tatau Tatau Book Project and Te Rōpū Wāhine Māori Toko i te Ora Archiving and Digitalisation project.

Natural heritage projects continue to increase in demand, particularly with pest and predator management. The committee was very pleased to have been awarded an extra one-off allocation of \$8 million from the Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua, to be used towards environmental wellbeing projects. This can be carried forward to the next two financial years. The committee is looking forward to supporting more environmental projects with this extra funding.

The committee are starting to see positive outcomes being achieved from pest and predator management projects, and ecological restoration projects, particularly those where species that are endangered or at-risk benefit. One such project funded this year was the Royal Forest and Bird Society, awarded a grant of \$40,000 towards its rat control programme at Te Hoiere where long-tailed bats can be found.

The committee also finds it encouraging to see groups in the regions continue to be committed to preserving physical heritage particularly when it can be challenging to get the full funds in place for what are often high-cost projects. The committee awarded a grant of \$111,371 to the Northern Buller Museum in Granity for restoration of the railway station. The railway station was designed by prominent New Zealand architect and engineer Sir George Troup, as part of New Zealand's architectural history, and is one of only two class 5 Troup stations in New Zealand.

#### **Committee**

The committee had significant changes for the second round and bid a fond farewell to Vivienne Shaw, who led the committee superbly for the last few years, and also to Elizabeth Pishief. Their knowledge and experience have been valuable in the last few years. Eileen came

onboard as the new presiding member, and we also welcomed Christopher Mallows and Sarah Gibb as new committee members both of whom bring a wealth of knowledge to this committee. Their experience will almost certainly aid the committee with the move to the outcomes framework in the next year.

Eileen von Dadelszen

Elee vo Dedeloza

Presiding member

Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee

#### **Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$9,861,560
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$8,000,000
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$257,341
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$18,118,901
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$40,763,573
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$12,018,692
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$12,018,692
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	243
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	141
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	58%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$400,618
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$85,239
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,664

# **Health Research Committee**

Te Tahua Rangahau Hauora

#### **Committee members**

Ridvan Tupai-Firestone (from May 2019, presiding member from August 2020) Elizabeth Fletcher (from August 2020) Bill Lu (from August 2020) Janine Horton (from August 2022) Mona Jeffreys (from August 2022)



#### **Outcome statement**

The health status of New Zealanders is improved through research.

#### **Committee priorities**

Priority is given to applications that:

- show how the research will translate into better health outcomes for New Zealand populations, including Māori and Pacific Peoples, and other minority groups
- · show why the health issue is significant for New Zealand
- addresses a unique gap in health research knowledge in New Zealand
- demonstrate partnerships between researchers and community organisations who will contribute to the New Zealand health sector over time.

For post-doctoral fellowships and PhD scholarships applications, priority is given to:

- researchers who are early in their career or entering and/or returning to the New Zealand work force
- host organisations that show they will provide quality support, management and supervision.

For shared equipment and translational research project applications, priority is given to:

- collaboration, particularly with significant pieces of research equipment, which should be shared between a number of research centres/institutions
- projects that have received support from other funders.

# Meeting community needs

The requirement for lottery grants to be for a community benefit distinguishes this committee from other health research funders.

The committee's core allocation for 2024/25 was \$2,238,781. This was in line with the two previous financial years.

The committee agreed to continue its strategic focus, prioritising the post-doctoral fellowships and PhD scholarships funding streams. This focus was identified as providing significant, ongoing benefit to the New Zealand health research sector, and therefore significant benefit to New Zealand communities over a sustained period. The committee supported researchers who are early in their careers through PhD scholarships of up to \$40,000 per year for three years, and two-year post-doctoral fellowships of up to \$80,000 per year.

In alignment with Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua principles, the committee prioritised funding requests that articulated a clear line of research that addressed health equity for priority groups, including Māori and Pacific communities. An example of this, the University of Otago received \$159,877 for research assessing and understanding the health risks faced by rural Pacific communities.

#### **Committee**

The committee held one meeting in November for the 2024/25 financial year.



**Ridvan Tupai-Firestone**Presiding member
Lottery Health Research Committee

#### **Lottery Health Research Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$2,238,781
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$500,000
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$192,130
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$2,930,911
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$11,568,977
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,238,781
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$2,238,781
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	100
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	22
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	22%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$160,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$101,763
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$20,337

# **Individuals with Disabilities Committee**

Te Komiti Rota mō te Tangata whai Hauātanga

#### **Committee members**

Frian Wadia (from March 2019, acting presiding member from October 2020 to October 2021, presiding member from October 2021)

Dianne Glenn (from August 2020)
Jane Lee (from October 2021)
Fa'amoetauloa Frieda Crawford (from November 2022)
Sharon Gemmel (from November 2022)



#### **Outcome statement**

People with disabilities will be more connected with, take part in, and contribute more to their community which will help build stronger communities across New Zealand.

Children, young people and their families with disabilities will have increased access to, and participation within, their communities.

#### **Committee priorities**

The community benefit provided by and for grant applicants is a fundamental priority for the committee and we consider an applicant's history and ongoing likelihood of being active participants and contributors in their local community after receiving a grant. The committee also recognises the benefit to the local community through volunteer activities by individuals with disabilities and their families, and believe that disabled children and people play a significant role in creating an inclusive and equitable society through their presence, participation, and contribution to society.

The committee is conscious of their obligations to tangata whenua and Pacific Peoples, and the significant systemic barriers and discrimination they face in addition to their disabilities and has therefore prioritised them.

Beginning Early (one of the Enabling Good Lives principles) is highly regarded by the committee and hence children and youth are prioritised to ensure they have a good start in life and are able to actively participate in their communities.

The committee are also aware of the significant lack of resources and disparities that rural disabled people face in Aotearoa due to their geographical distance and limitations of local amenities, and has therefore prioritised disabled applicants from rural communities who may be isolated and further disadvantaged, more so compared to those in urban locations.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing community continues to be a priority for the committee due to the significant communication barriers they continue to face towards participation and contribution, and to remain connected with their communities.

The committee continues to be mindful of upholding the Enabling Good Lives principles and ensuring that the experience for applicants is easy to use, mana-enhancing, and allows self-determination and control for all applicants to the greatest extent possible.

#### Meeting community needs

The Individuals with Disabilities fund enables disabled children, people and their families, to reduce barriers and improve opportunities for participation and contribution across their local communities by providing funding assistance towards the purchase of mobility and communication equipment as well as assistance dogs.

As a committee, we have worked significantly this year to streamline our processes to ensure that our transport applicants face minimal wait times by proactively allocating funding towards occupational therapist (OT) assessments, and that all queries from the committee are clarified and responded to in advance of our outcome meetings to prevent any unnecessary delays.

While we are aware that the funding is never enough to fully meet community needs, we have constantly endeavoured to ensure that we uphold principles of equity through our decision making and the priority setting for the year to follow.

Throughout the recent Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua review and the new outcomes priorities setting process, the committee have worked with Department staff to ensure disability community voices are heard and acknowledged.

We are mindful of the emerging shifts and changes across the disability sector and overall, across Aotearoa, and the impacts this has on our disabled community and their wellbeing due to constant reductions in resourcing, reduced flexibility of funding, and ongoing systemic barriers. It is a privilege for us to support our community, and we are humbled by their ongoing perseverance towards remaining connected with their communities and contributing to a myriad of ways despite the significant barriers they face.

Here is a case study: an applicant applied for a modified vehicle for her needs, however, the driver-trained OT assessment identified that this was a family of 8 living together – both parents had disabilities, and all 6 children had significant physical disabilities, with 3 living with neurodiversity. Travel together was not an option.

Individually and as a whānau, they were not eligible to apply to Enable or Assessable funding. Working with the whānau and the OT, the committee was able to take a wholistic and equitable approach to ensure that a suitable vehicle for the whole whānau was approved. This funding will enable the family to attend medical appointments, continue volunteering and engage with their community and their wider family.

Allocating funding for a driver-trained OT assessment in advance at the decision meeting for all approved applicants means the process is faster and minimises unnecessary delays for grantees.

#### **Committee**

The committee has valued the diverse perspectives they share from across their lived experiences and wider networks to ensure decision making is based on principles of fairness, equity and responsive to the needs of the community.

We are proud of the shifts we have made towards streamlining processes and ensuring the experiences for our applicants are more accessible, accommodating, transparent, and mana enhancing.

Some of our committee members will complete their term at the end of 2025 and we look forward to welcoming new members aboard.

Frian Wadia

Presiding member

Lottery Individuals with Disabilities Committee

#### **Individuals with Disabilities Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$10,295,975
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$1,683,256
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$11,979,231
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$28,315,705
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$11,971,161
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$11,971,161
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	1096
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	550
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	50%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$47,980
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$17,564
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$360

# Minister's Discretionary Fund

Presiding member – Hon Brooke van Velden

#### **Outcome statement**

Strong sustainable communities.



#### **Meeting community needs**

The Minister's Discretionary Fund (the Fund) responds to community needs that fall outside the responsibility areas of other lottery distribution committees. This year the Fund supported a wide range of community organisations across New Zealand.

In FY2024/25, 40 grants were approved to 38 different organisations totalling \$997,410.

Organisations applying for funding from the Fund are required to demonstrate how the grant will benefit the community. As presiding member responsible for the Fund, I have chosen to focus funding on animal welfare, good governance training, and volunteer firefighting.

#### Grants supported animal welfare projects across the country

This year, 72% of funding went towards animal welfare. Many animal welfare organisations sought funding for desexing and veterinary care.

Furrytails Trust received funding for a cat hospital cage. This reduced the spread of disease and lowered cage stress, making cats easier to handle, improving recovery time and assisting in rehabilitation and rehoming of cats in the Horowhenua District.

Murch Cat Welfare received a grant to provide subsided desexing for cats belonging to community members facing financial pressure, and also desexed semi-feral cats in the Murchison area. This assisted owners and improved the quality of life of semi-feral cats, which will over time reduce cat populations and protect birds and other wildlife.

BirdCare Aotearoa received funding to provide care and rehabilitation for sick, injured, and orphaned birds at their bird hospital in Green Bay, Auckland.

#### The Fund supported volunteer fire fighting and emergency ambulance

Fourteen percent of funding went to projects related to volunteer fire fighting and ambulance services. Funding requests focused on improving emergency response capabilities, particularly in rural and remote areas. Common themes included vehicle upgrades, shed extensions for secure equipment storage, and fit-outs to support medical response. There was also support sought for firefighter training and community engagement initiatives.

Oxford Volunteer Fire Brigade Incorporated received a grant towards a 4WD operational support vehicle. The Brigade now has the ability to respond to emergencies in remote areas and specific incident types ranging from water rescues to large vegetation fires.

Rotomā Volunteer Auxiliary Fire Brigade received a grant to extend its existing shed so it can house a new auxiliary vehicle. This will enable greater numbers of firefighters to respond to incidents, resulting in faster response times, as well as the ability to provide back up support outside the regions.

#### The Fund also supported several financial planning/good governance projects

Funding for these types of projects equated to 14% of the Fund. Requests included board training, mentoring programmes, regional workshops, and travel support to enable in-person learning. Many applications reflected a focus on building leadership capacity in small or emerging community groups.

New Zealand National Refugee Youth Council Incorporated received a grant for governance and financial planning training for new board members from the 13 resettlement locations across the country. This resulted in strengthened governance, collaboration, leadership capability, and strategic alignment and planning to ensure refugee youth services are effective, relevant and responsive to the unique needs of young refugees.

Wellington Volunteer Centre received a grant to run a governance mentoring programme for people from community organisations in the Wellington region. This project enhanced community groups' effectiveness, sustainability, and leadership and strategic planning capabilities, enabling them to better to achieve their missions and purposes.

Hon Brooke van Velden

Minister of Internal Affairs Minister's Discretionary Fund

#### Minister's Discretionary Fund grants for FY2024/25

#### **Animal welfare**

Auckland Cavy Care Rescue Pet Whisperer

BirdCare Aotearoa PussN Boots Kitty Rescue

Community Cat Coalition QT Cats

Dog Watch Sanctuary Trust (two grants)

Royal New Zealand Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Fur Paws Sake NZ Rescue Incorporated (two grants)

Furrytails Trust The Best Dog Trust

Gore Cat Rescue The Helping Paws Charitable Trust

Gutter Kitties The Kitten Orphanage

Marlborough Four Paws Wandering Angels Animal Sanctuary

Murch Cat Welfare We Love Dogs Charitable Trust

Pawsitive Rescue West Plains Rescue

#### Volunteer fire fighting and emergency ambulance services

Frankton Volunteer Fire Brigade Incorporated Rotomā Volunteer Auxiliary Fire Brigade Northland Fire Brigades Sub Association Te Aitanga-a-Hauiti Centre of Excellence

Oxford Volunteer Fire Brigade Incorporated

#### Training for financial planning/good governance

Arahi Māori Women's Welfare League Sport Northland

Auckland Chinese Families Network Te Tauihu Community Development

Incorporated Agency

New Zealand National Refugee Youth Council The Community Builders NZ Trust

Incorporated Volunteering Northland

NZ Society for Music Therapy Incorporated Wellington Volunteer Centre

Parent to Parent New Zealand Incorporated Whaiti Kuranui 2D4 Sec 5B Trust

Grant details are published on <a href="https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz">www.communitymatters.govt.nz</a>.

#### **Minister's Discretionary Fund**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$1,000,000
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$9,711
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$1,009,711
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$1,601,398
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$997,410
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$997,410
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	49
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	40
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	82%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$97,757
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$24,935
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,000

# **Emergency Natural Disaster Response**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$5,000,000
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$96,378
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$5,096,378
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$383,700
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$302,384
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$302,384
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	6
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	6
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	100%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$95,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$50,397
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$28,212

# **Oranga Marae Committee**

Tū māia, Tū kaha. Aroha atu, Aroha mai. Tātou i a tatou katoa. Stand tall, be strong. Let us show respect for each other.

#### Committee members

Rowena Tana (from November 2021, presiding member from March 2024)

Niwa Nuri (from April 2019 to March 2025) Tracey Wright-Tawha (from October 2022) Edmond Carrucan (from March 2025) Maaki Tuatini (from March 2025)



#### Ngā Tauākī Putanga – Outcomes statements

The purpose of Oranga Marae is to support the physical and cultural vitality of marae as centres of Māori identity and Mātauranga.

Oranga Marae supports the following outcomes:

- he ahuru mōwai te marae he wāhi whai oranga Marae are safe and comfortable contributing to well-being
- ko te marae te wāhi e ora ai te reo me ona tikanga, ko te Mātauranga Māori he taonga tuku iho – Marae is the place where Te Reo Māori me ona tikanga prosper for the intergenerational transmission of Mātauranga Māori.

# Ngā whakaarotau a te komiti – Committee priorities

- Hauora me te Haumarutanga, Tūtohutanga, health and safety, compliance
- Ngā take aituā, ohotata ā-rohe, ā-motu hoki (urupare pae tata, pae tawhiti), disaster and state of emergency events (mid-to-long-term recovery)
- Te whakamāhere te huringa āhuarangi, climate change planning
- Marae are active and the wider whānau are engaged with the cultural and physical revitalisation of the marae.

# Te whakatutuki i nga hiahia o te hāpori – Meeting community needs

Oranga Marae provides support, advice, and investment to whānau and hapū to help develop their marae and achieve their aspirations. This support may include building projects and activities to restore cultural knowledge.

A key goal of this programme is to ensure the sustainability of marae continues for future generations and creates long-term impact for our Māori communities.

In July 2023, the Mangaiti Marae in Kaeo embarked on a project to build a new wharepaku (ablution block) with separate facilities for wāhine and tāne. Despite encountering significant

setbacks, including subsidence under the original foundation and extreme weather delays, the team, with support from Oranga Marae, a community advisor, Far North District Council, and a dedicated engineer, successfully adapted their plans. A revised design was approved, involving the construction of the buildings on 48 poles to ensure stability and flood resilience. The new facilities are now modern, accessible, and well-integrated with the marae's wharenui and wharekai.

This project was a collaborative effort involving marae trustees, builders, subcontractors, and the wider hapū. The completion of the project marks a major milestone, enabling the long-awaited reopening of the marae in 2025. Beyond the physical infrastructure, the project has sparked renewed momentum, securing further funding to upgrade the wharekai. These developments are not only restoring the marae as a central gathering place but also fostering pride, connection, and future opportunities for rangatahi and the broader community.

#### Te komiti o Oranga Marae – Oranga Marae committee

This year has been my first year as presiding member and chairperson of the Oranga Marae committee. It has been an interesting year as we continue to receive requests for marae development and planning which emphasises the fact that marae are vital for whānau, hapū and the wider community.

Significant projects focussed on infrastructure and water continue to be an ongoing need for marae as they continue to build resilience and sustainability in their changing environments.

The committee would like to acknowledge the passing of Niwa Nuri on 17 March 2025. Niwa was of Ngati Tarawhai, Waikato, Tuhourangi, Ngati Pikiao, Ngati Makino, Te Whakatohea, Te Whanau-a-Apanui, and Ngapuhi descent and served on the committee for nearly 6 years.

Niwa leaves behind a legacy of unwavering commitment. He was a pillar of our Oranga Marae whānau — known for his sharp intellect, tireless service, and deeply empathetic nature. From championing marae development through Oranga Marae, to being a beacon of wisdom and warmth in every room — Niwa was truly special. His absence will be felt, but his impact will forever remain.

Okioki i roto i nga parirau aroha o te Ariki e Niwa, ka maumahara tonu matou ki a koe.

Nāku Noa, Nā

**Rowena Tana**Presiding member

Lottery Oranga Marae Committee

#### **Lottery Oranga Marae Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$35,000,000
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$8,000,000
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$1,621,568
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$44,621,568
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$89,864,186
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$37,744,169
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$37,744,169
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	75
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	48
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	64%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,600,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$786,337
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$40,000

## **Outdoor Safety Committee**

Te Tahua Whakaruruhau

#### **Committee members**

Brenda Wraight (from November 2022, presiding member from March 2025)

Rob Hewitt (from September 2016, acting presiding member from April 2024 to March 2025, resumed as committee member from March 2025)

Patrick Holmes (from November 2022) Helen Tait (from November 2022)



#### **Outcome statement**

Enabling community, hapū and iwi to reduce the number of human fatalities around New Zealand's coast and in outdoor recreation areas.

'Community' includes other water and outdoor safety sector service providers and funders as well as other community organisations and influencers of behaviour who can contribute to the reduction in the number of human fatalities.

## **Committee priorities**

The committee grant funding priorities are:

- increase collaboration in the water or outdoor safety sector, including sharing knowledge, practices and resources
- maintain effectiveness and volunteer capability water or outdoor safety sector organisations
- increase water or outdoor safety knowledge and skills in communities, hapū or iwi.

## Meeting community needs

The committee's funding continues to be distributed to Surf Life Saving New Zealand, Coastguard New Zealand, New Zealand Land Search and Rescue and the Mountain Safety Council. All four organisations provide outdoor accident minimisation, prevention information and awareness activity. Three of them also provide search and rescue services.

Surf Life Saving New Zealand received a grant of \$2,593,616, to support the national body and club ongoing administration, operational and insurance costs. It provides beach patrols and contributes to search and rescue operations at 92 coastal locations.

A grant of \$2,500,000 to Coastguard New Zealand Tautiaki Moana Aotearoa contributed to its 24/7 primary response marine search and rescue services to communities around New

Zealand's coastline, major lakes, and rivers. Its operational network comprises 63 maritime units, two air patrol units, two communications/operations coordination centres.

The committee granted \$1,700,000 to Rapa Taiwhenua New Zealand Land Search and Rescue to support a network of volunteers in 60 groups and 11 specialist teams. They provide search and rescue services in collaboration with other community groups and with a range of community-based emergency services. The grant contributes to maintaining effective and capable volunteers, and sufficient capacity to meet the requirements of New Zealand's two coordinating agencies, the New Zealand Police and the New Zealand Rescue Coordination Centre.

The Mountain Safety Council received a grant of \$1,500,000 to collaborate with its 25 council members and multiple partner organisations to lead prevention activity aimed at ensuring everyone using the outdoors makes it home safely. Its focus is on reducing safety risk by understanding what's causing current safety issues, maintaining relationships to reach and influence change in high safety-risk places and activity, and developing content that participants can actively use to improve their personal safety.

#### Committee

The committee held one distribution meeting in the 2024/25 financial year, and two meetings to better align its committee outcome and funding priorities to achieving Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua expectations. These make it clear that Outdoor Safety grants will be made only to organisations whose requests show what will be achieved for community, hapū and iwi, and how achievement will be measured.

On behalf of the committee, I wish to thank Rob Hewitt for holding the fort as acting presiding member for most of the year.

**Brenda Wraight** 

Presiding member

**Lottery Outdoor Safety Committee** 

## **Lottery Outdoor Safety Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$8,293,616
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$8,293,616
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$11,609,760
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$8,293,616
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$8,293,616
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	13
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	4
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	31%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,593,616
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,073,404
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$1,500,000

# **Lottery Community committees**

One national committee and 11 regional committees considered applications for community initiatives in 2024/25. In allocating funds for projects, community committee members look for initiatives that will contribute to building strong, sustainable communities, enhance the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of New Zealand communities, encourage community self-reliance, capacity-building and stability, offer opportunities for social, civil or cultural participation, and reduce or overcome barriers to such participation.

Each committee sets its own priorities within these objectives to take into account its regions' characteristics.

- National Community
- Auckland Community
- Bay of Plenty/Gisborne Community
- Canterbury/Kaikōura Community
- Hawke's Bay Community
- Manawatū/Whanganui Community
- Northland Community
- Otago/Southland Community
- Taranaki Community
- Waikato Community
- Wellington/Wairarapa Community
- West Coast/Nelson-Marlborough Community

# **National Community Committee**

Te Tahua Hapori Ngā Whakaurunga

### **Committee members**

Brenda Wraight (from November 2022, presiding member from March 2025)

Rob Hewitt (from September 2016, acting presiding member from April 2024 to March 2025, resumed as committee member from March 2025)

Patrick Holmes (from November 2022)

Helen Tait (from November 2022)

Nina Welanyk Brown (from March 2025)



#### **Outcome statement**

National Community committee supports activities that encourage rerekē mō te pai (change for the better), te tipu toitū (sustainable growth) and te kotahitanga i roto i te kanorautanga (unity in diversity).

## **Committee priorities**

Our priorities are activities that contribute towards, but are not limited to:

- Māori achieving their aspirations
- Pasifika and ethnic communities thriving
- community-led solutions that support the wellbeing and resilience of diverse communities.

Preference will be given to requests showing:

- innovation, collaboration, inclusion and impact
- community-led development
- strength based and/or capability and capacity-building activities.

Lower priority is given to requests from:

- organisations with significant reserves
- specific health, disability, education, sports or arts programmes that don't align with the Lottery Community committee priorities.

## **Meeting community needs**

The committee continued to give highest priority to Māori, Pacific Peoples and ethnic groups, and community-led solutions that showed support for the wellbeing and resilience of diverse communities, as illustrated in the following examples.

Kiribati Federation Aotearoa Incorporated is a national body for the enhancement of wellbeing, identity and connectedness of Kiribati communities across New Zealand. A grant of \$198,128 was made across two years to support running costs and to build capability in its community leaders ensuring key outcomes such as Kiribati homes are places where every individual feels safe, valued and supported.

FASD-CAN Incorporated provides support to those impacted by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) to live their best lives, including their families and caregivers. The group was granted \$35,000 towards navigator roles and its rangatahi-led peer network, both of which are helping others to develop a better understanding of FASD and approaches for coping and emotional regulation that are leading to more positive futures.

A grant of \$120,000 was also made to Social Innovation Limited that operates the 'Here to help u' website, a digital health and social connector service born out of the pandemic. The website swiftly connects local service providers in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions with people in need of essential support services such as food, mental health, employment, addiction, financial mentoring and counselling support.

#### Committee

In March 2025, I was re-appointed to the committee to take up the role of presiding member. I would like to recognise the valued contribution of Rob Hewitt as acting presiding member from April 2024 to March 2025.

This year we welcomed new committee member, Nina Welanyk Brown, who has broad experience in not-for-profit and finance sectors.

The committee has valued and is grateful for the quality and depth of support of Department of Internal Affairs staff for their work with communities and their ongoing support to the committee throughout the year.

**Brenda Wraight** 

Presiding member

**Lottery National Community Committee** 

## **National Community Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$19,274,699
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$8,000,000
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$143
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$27,274,842
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$70,614,974
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$19,771,258
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$19,771,258
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	417
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	293
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	70%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$500,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$67,479
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$4,000

# **Regional committees**

Ngā Tahua Whakatinana Papakāinga ā Rohe

## **Regional committees**

The 11 lottery regional committees, based across New Zealand, consider applications for projects and activities with a local and regional focus.

Committee members are locally based and have a good understanding of community issues, demographics and dynamics. This enables them to consider and grant funds to projects that best match the objectives of the committees with the evolving needs of their communities.

## **Outputs**

In 2024/25 Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua allocated lottery regional committees the following funds to distribute:

Community committees	\$
Lottery Auckland Community	\$27,558,536
Lottery Bay of Plenty / Gisborne Community	\$8,017,949
Lottery Canterbury / Kaikōura Community	\$10,142,296
Lottery Hawke's Bay Community	\$3,573,898
Lottery Manawatū / Whanganui Community	\$5,690,697
Lottery Northland Community	\$5,290,627
Lottery Otago / Southland Community	\$6,422,035
Lottery Taranaki Community	\$2,871,917
Lottery Waikato Community	\$10,880,311
Lottery Wellington / Wairarapa Community	\$7,864,060
Lottery West Coast / Nelson-Marlborough Community	\$3,948,545

Grants were available to provide support to not-for-profit organisations for projects that have a community or social service focus, and which help improve the quality of people's lives in the community, hapū and iwi including:

- developmental or preventative projects
- welfare and support services
- providing information or raising awareness
- encouraging participation in communities
- encouraging community and/or cultural identity or understanding
- supporting activities which help develop people and organisations particularly those acting in a voluntary capacity.



# **Auckland Community Committee**

Rota ki te Hapori o Tāmaki Makaurau

### **Committee members**

Richard Pamatatau (from June 2017, presiding member from May 2019)

Therese Lanigan Behrent (from May 2019) Anne Candy (from May 2019 to November 2024) Sook (Grace) Ryu (from May 2019) Richard Leung (from October 2021)



#### **Outcome statement**

The cultural, social, and economic wellbeing of Tāmaki Makaurau communities is enhanced.

## **Committee priorities**

- Māori communities have strong connections, are living well and supporting themselves and others to succeed
- Pasifika communities are connected and empowered to support young people, elders and families/fanau
- the welfare and resilience of diverse, local communities and groups are supported.

Lower priority will be given to organisations that are receiving government funding and are unable to demonstrate community need and benefits over and above their contracts.

## Meeting community needs

The committee endeavoured to make responsive decisions that account for the region's demographics and support more Kaupapa Māori groups and Pasifika communities. The committee outcomes continued to focus on the benefit and impact of local people and initiatives with an emphasis on wellbeing.

Oruawharo Marae received a grant of \$61,446 towards minor capital works project and equipment. The marae is recognised by both local and regional government agencies as a critical site for Civil Defence and a designated isolation area for outbreaks such as COVID-19, bird flu, and other infectious diseases.

The marae is also a vibrant hub frequently hired by local and international schools and used for various hui, tangi, and whānau events. Due to the growing roll, the local kura also uses the marae for day-to-day curriculum delivery, highlighting the marae's crucial role in the community.

Auckland Pride Incorporated received a grant of \$80,000 to support the Rainbow communities with the opportunity to participate in events and activities in an environment which recognises their particular needs, in particular by providing the opportunity for members of the Rainbow communities to celebrate and be proud of who they are in an open and inclusive environment.

Auckland Pride provide a platform to showcase and promote the creativity, storytelling and talent of the Rainbow communities with a view to sharing their struggles and challenges and bringing the Rainbow communities and wider communities together in a positive environment to foster growth, diversity and inclusion.

Pop Up Play Charitable Trust (PUP) received a grant of \$55,000 to deliver impactful community events that foster family bonds, understanding, and nurturing within Auckland's diverse communities. This group is governed by Pacific Peoples, and since 2019, PUP has organised over 300 events, reaching over 14,000 participants. The events integrate cultural elements and diverse play activities that reflect the community's heritage and values.

Community participation is integral to the success of PUP's events. The initiatives involve families, children, and volunteers. These events are designed to create safe and inclusive spaces where families can engage in physical activities and build stronger social connections. Participants will benefit from improved social skills, enhanced physical health, and greater community engagement, contributing to the overall well-being of the Auckland region.

#### **Committee**

The committee noted that the cost of living has added to the pressure on funding, particularly from groups working at the frontline, already supporting vulnerable communities with associated pressures. As a result, funding decisions were difficult, but we are confident grants were placed where we will see positive and ongoing outcomes.

Richard Pamatatau

Presiding member
Lottery Auckland Community Committee

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## **Lottery Auckland Community Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$24,571,513
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$2,987,023
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$29,161
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$27,587,697
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$87,149,494
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$26,669,969
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$26,669,969
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	692
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	574
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	83%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$378,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$46,463
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$1,500

# **Bay of Plenty/Gisborne Community Committee**

Rota ki te Hapori o Te Moana-a-Toi/ Tūranganui-a-Kiwa

#### **Committee members**

Mike Keefe (presiding member from March 2025) Carol Quirk (from May 2019 to March 2025) Suki Xiao (from November 2022 to August 2024) Sara Carley (from March 2025) Jan Middlemiss (from March 2025)



#### **Outcome statement**

The social and economic wellbeing of the Bay of Plenty and Gisborne communities is enhanced, and community participation is encouraged.

## **Committee priorities**

Priority is given to applicants where:

- community resilience is supported through recovery from significant social challenges and adverse events
- Māori are achieving their cultural aspirations, and building whānau and hapū capability
- individuals, communities and organisations work together using innovative, collaborative and strength-based approaches to increase capabilities and reach their potential
- the wellbeing, safety and quality of life for individuals, whānau, hapū, communities and the vulnerable is strengthened
- rural and social isolation is minimised through activities that increase connection, engagement and participation
- kaitiakitanga and care for the environment is enhanced
- innovate to create new initiatives or deliver services that complement services for which they are funded by the government.

## Meeting community needs

In 2024/25, the Bay of Plenty/Gisborne Community committee met community needs by allocating over \$7 million to initiatives that strengthened local wellbeing, resilience, and infrastructure. Funding supported projects such as the rebuild of the Te Karaka Community Hall, youth mental health programmes in Rotorua, and the expansion of Whakatāne's community food hub. Additional grants enabled the restoration of the Gisborne Women's Refuge facility and the development of a new marae-based education programme in Ōpōtiki.

These investments reflect the committee's commitment to empowering communities and addressing both immediate and long-term regional challenges.

### **Committee**

The committee is made up of new recently-appointed members. We are looking forward to having a new member appointed from Te Tai Rawhiti (Gisborne) area as part of the team.

Recognition and thanks are extended to the former presiding member Rose Gould-Lardelli and interim presiding member Carol Quirk along with committee member James Clark who returned to assist with funding rounds prior to the appointment of new members.

Appreciation is also extended to our Department of Internal Affairs staff who have been very accommodating at both the Presiding Members' Policy Advisory Group level and locally providing timely and informative training and information that assists with making good funding decisions.

Ngā mihi nui.

Mike Keefe

Presiding member

Lottery Bay of Plenty/Gisborne Community Committee

## **Lottery Bay of Plenty/Gisborne Community Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$7,148,897
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$869,052
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$83,000
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$8,100,949
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$16,968,247
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$8,084,946
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$8,084,946
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	263
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	247
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	94%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$220,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$32,733
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,600

## Lottery Bay of Plenty / Gisborne Community Tairāwhiti Regional Recovery

Funding carried forward from 2023/24	\$2,236,126
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$2,236,126
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$2,398,554
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,236,126
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$2,236,126
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	26
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	26
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	100%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$391,400
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$86,005
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$10,000

# Canterbury/Kaikōura Community Committee

Rota ki te Hapori o Waitaha Kaikōura

### **Committee members**

Kerry Stevens (from May 2019, presiding member from August 2023)

Sina Cotter Tait (from May 2019)

Claire Waghorn (from August 2020 to August 2024)

David Ivory (from October 2022)

Gray Crawford (from March 2025)

Vicki Gulleford (from March 2025)



### **Outcomes statement**

The committee will enhance the social, cultural, and economic wellbeing of the Canterbury/Kaikōura communities including the Chatham Islands. Support will be given to social service providers and community groups that respond to the aspirations of their communities, have sound financial management in place and demonstrate a financial need for funding.

## **Committee priorities**

- Māori are achieving their aspirations and building capability across their whānau, hapū, iwi. This includes projects that demonstrate kaitiakitanga and authentic (collaborative/partnership) relationships with mana whenua
- Pasifika and ethnic communities are achieving their aspirations and building capability across their communities
- community-led and/or collaborative projects that are responding to identified community needs
- vulnerable and disadvantaged people are achieving a higher quality of life
- wellbeing and social connectedness within communities is enhanced.

## Meeting community needs

Waimakariri District Council (fund holder for Regrow Loburn) received a grant of \$20,000. This grant was made to support Regrow Loburn, established to assist community-led recovery from the January 2024 fire that swept the area.

Residents including local schools connected and supported each other, planned, identified gaps, listened and learned, planted, propagated plants, volunteered, cleared debris, baked and made meals for each other, regreened, learnt about safe planting and rebuilding. A regular

update newsletter and Facebook page were produced to keep locals engaged and informed about progress.

This grant enabled many Loburn residents impacted to be well supported and linked with appropriate supports and services. The Regrow Loburn Fire Recovery project has resulted in a stronger, more connected community. Residents mended relationships that had been broken for years. One resident, who had lost uninsured property said that the recovery response had restored his faith in human nature. He said he had been blown away by people wanting to help him and how much he had enjoyed helping others.

One resident, who had lost collectable vehicles was so inspired by the love shown by the community that he made a big 'Thank you sign' and displayed it on his fence.

Kairos Trust received a grant of \$93,586. Following the closure of Foodbank Canterbury, Kairos was one of the organisations that stepped up to increase their service to cover the gap. What they identified they needed as their operation expanded was a chiller truck which this grant funded. This was to ensure safe food collection of fresh produce, dairy and meat and redistribution to those experiencing food insecurity.

Over 2024, the truck collected more than one tonne of food daily, which is brought back to the Kairos base for sorting and redistribution across Canterbury.

As a result of the grant their operations and deliveries to Canterbury communities have more than doubled. They are now:

- collecting from 34 food partners
- servicing 62 food banks across Canterbury
- feeding over 32,000 people through the Free store in 2024.

Asian Community Trust received a grant of \$30,000. The organisation has worked with the Asian community to:

- connect migrant families to others with similar experiences language and culture
- run cultural engagement workshops with over 300 participants
- improved awareness of mental health and services with over 3,000 attendees
- build social connections between communities and families
- work with medical centres and social services to help and support those who may be falling through the gaps
- run Mandarin Community seminars with over 200 people attended
- this has supported the community to engage, connect, participate learn and live their best lives in NZ.

#### **Committee**

From March 2025, Gray Crawford and Vicki Gulleford have been welcome additions to the committee. Gray and Vicki will add value to committee decision making as they share their knowledge and experience of the Canterbury/Kaikōura communities in our decision making. We are entering an era of change where lottery community funding is focused on enhanced

community outcomes, and change always results in some uncertainty. However, I am confident that our committee will make the most of the opportunities that a new funding system will provide for the benefit of the communities we serve.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all those who volunteer and support communities to thrive.

**Kerry Stevens** 

Presiding member

Lottery Canterbury/Kaikōura Community Committee

### **Lottery Canterbury / Kaikōura Community Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$9,042,990
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$1,099,306
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$3,399
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$10,145,695
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$24,526,968
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$10,046,867
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$10,046,867
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	404
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	343
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	85%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$200,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$29,291
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$1,500

# Hawke's Bay Community Committee

Rota ki te Hapori o Te Matau-a-Māui

#### **Committee members**

Tessa Robin (from November 2022, acting presiding member from March 2024, presiding member from March 2025)
Reremoana Houkamau (from June 2017, acting presiding member from July 2023 to March 2024)
Levi Walford (from May 2019)
Talalelei Taufale (from October 2021 to March 2025)
Syed Iqbal (from March 2025)
Sophie Siers (from March 2025)



#### **Outcome statement**

The Hawke's Bay community embraces cultural diversity and achieves improved well-being. The local community uses innovative approaches to actively collaborate with others to provide effective and efficient services.

## **Committee priorities**

Priority is given to organisations that:

- engage effectively with Māori to build whānau and hapū capability
- evidence collaboration with others to provide effective services and reduce duplication of effort and resources
- empower and increase the resilience of young and older people to enable them to participate fully in their community
- improve access to and deliver effective services to rural and isolated communities
- support community resilience through recovery from significant social challenges and adverse events.

## Meeting community needs

This year the committee supported a range of organisations across the community and voluntary sector.

Otane Hall Committee received a grant of \$10,000 towards the refurbishment of their kitchen facilities. The hall was established in 1878 and has hosted many community gatherings including weddings, birthdays, balls, school activities and war memorial events. More recently it became a central point of refuge during Cyclone Gabrielle where the residents identified it was in need for some well-deserved 'TLC' (Tender Loving Care) to make it more fit for purpose as a central community hub.

Christian Lovelink received a grant of \$40,000 for two years to continue to collect donated household items to redistribute to families in need. The organisation's representatives are made up of a collective of different denomination churches who recognised the value of a collaborative approach in assisting families across Hawke's Bay. In the first year following Cyclone Gabrielle they were able to assist 931 families/individuals. They recognise the long tail of recovery and the continued need to support the community.

Ngāti Pahauwera Incorporated received a grant of \$50,000 to install lights for their rugby field and to resurface their netball courts to allow rangatahi/youth to participate in both winter and summer sports. The rugby field and netball courts are a central hub for a number of community events. Raupunga is a small remote rural township south of Wairoa, Hawke's Bay. The group recognise that travel is a cost barrier for many families where supporting rangatahi/youth in localised activities has a positive influence across the whole community.

#### **Committee**

Firstly, we acknowledge Talalelei Taufale, who was a committee member from October 2021 to November 2024, but continued to support this committee until reappointments were confirmed early in 2025. The skills he brought, his commitment to this committee and especially to the Pasifika community were invaluable. We thank Talalelei and wish him well with his next adventure.

Despite the ongoing challenges of Cyclone Recovery, we acknowledge the continued support from the Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua for Hawke's Bay and other affected communities. We continue to see and hear about the positive impact funding has made in the recovery efforts. Thank you.

I would like to thank the committee for their support during my time as both acting and presiding member. I have valued their trust in me to undertake this role and their knowledge of their communities where I am confident our decisions have made a positive difference across our communities.

Lastly, we, the committee, thank the Department of Internal Affairs staff for all their support and work over the last year.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa.

**Tessa Robin** 

Presiding member

Lottery Hawke's Bay Community Committee

## **Lottery Hawke's Bay Community Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$3,186,529
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$387,369
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$500
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$3,574,398
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$10,852,643
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$3,435,461
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$3,435,461
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	144
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	114
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	79%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$141,782
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$30,136
smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$1,699

## Lottery Hawke's Bay Community Te Matau-a-Māui Regional Recovery

Funding carried forward from 2023/24	\$1,040,575
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$1,040,575
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$7,088,261
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$1,040,575
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$1,040,575
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	13
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	7
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	54%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$500,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$148,654
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$29,276

# Manawatū/Whanganui Community Committee

Rota ki te Hapori o Manawatū/Whanganui

### **Committee members**

Victoria Kaye-Simmons (from November 2022, presiding member from June 2023) Stephen Paewai (from April 2016 to March 2025, presiding member from May 2019 to June 2023) Johanna Wood (from June 2017 to March 2025)

Michelle Fannin (from August 2020)
Nola Fox (from November 2022)
Nicola (Nicki) Wake Crowley (from March 2025)
Aaron Riki Karena (from March 2025)



#### **Outcome statement**

Building strong, sustainable communities with an emphasis on social and cultural wellbeing and development.

## **Committee priorities**

The Manawatū/Whanganui committee will prioritise youth, rural services and locally based community-led initiatives that demonstrate collaboration and strengthen intergenerational engagement.

A request will be considered lower priority if:

- organisations' mahi that appears to not be connected in community
- organisations who do not demonstrate wider community benefit beyond their membership
- organisations that currently receive government funding, but are unable to show community need and benefit over and above their contracts.

## Meeting community needs

The Manawatū/Whanganui region encompasses seven territorial authorities and diverse wider population of about 250,000. It includes both urban (Palmerston North and Whanganui) and isolated rural areas, with agriculture being a key part of the economy. Relationships between the Department of Internal Affairs and these territorial authorities are being strengthened with good relationship between community advisors and local councils.

The main social wellbeing issues for the region are:

- Economic disparities: While Palmerston North has a relatively stable economy, rural areas face economic challenges, with higher rates of unemployment and lower incomes.
- Health inequities: Health outcomes vary widely, with rural and Māori communities experiencing higher rates of chronic illnesses, including diabetes and heart disease.
   Mental health services are also limited in more remote areas.
- Housing affordability: Although housing is more affordable compared to larger cities like Auckland or Wellington, there is still a housing shortage, particularly in Palmerston North and Whanganui, and an increasing demand for social housing in the region.
- Education: The region has a mix of educational opportunities, but access can be limited in rural areas. This leads to disparities in achievement, especially for Māori students and those from low-income households.
- Mental health and substance abuse: Like much of New Zealand, the region faces challenges with mental health issues, particularly among youth. There are also issues with alcohol and drug abuse, exacerbating social problems such as domestic violence.
- Transport and infrastructure: Rural areas suffer from limited access to public transport and other infrastructure, which affects access to education, employment, and health services.

#### **Committee**

The committee is made up of members who bring a wide range of perspectives, knowledge and community sector representation to the decision table. The level of grants requested is significantly higher compared to available funding which makes collaboration within the community sector and communities even more important. The committee appreciated the high level of support from the Department of Internal Affairs during the year.

**Victoria Kaye-Simmons** 

Presiding member

Lottery Manawatū/Whanganui Community Committee

## Lottery Manawatū/Whanganui Community Committee

2024/2025 General allocation	\$5,073,892
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$616,805
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$477
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$5,691,174
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$14,708,034
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$5,514,930
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$5,514,930
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	302
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	286
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	95%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$70,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$19,283
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$300

# **Northland Community Committee**

Rota ki te Hapori o Te Tai Tokerau

#### **Committee members**

Ralph Correa (from May 2019, presiding member from November 2022) Rahuia Kapa (from June 2017 to March 2025) Teresa Lomas (from June 2017) Jonny Gritt (from May 2019) Jane Hindle (from March 2025) Roxanne Kelly (from March 2025)



#### **Outcome statement**

The social, economic and physical wellbeing of Northland's communities is enhanced.

### **Committee priorities**

The committee prioritises programmes and projects that ensure:

- Māori are achieving their cultural aspirations and building whānau and hapū capability
- all people, communities and groups within Tai Tokerau are supported to increase their capabilities, to unlock their potential and to achieve their goals
- the wellbeing, safety and quality of life for individuals, whānau and communities are enhanced
- kaitiakitanga and care for the environment is enhanced
- the promotion of social, economic and cultural equity.

## Meeting community needs

The committee endeavoured to make responsive decisions with consideration for the unique challenges of Northland communities, which include high levels of social deprivation, geographic isolation and limited access to services. The committee has also been encouraged and responsive to increased Māori leadership in communities across COVID and Cyclone Gabrielle with marae increasingly becoming centres for community resilience, emergency response and a place to connect during times of need.

ReSport Charitable Trust was awarded \$40,000 towards operational costs. The funding will support the trust to expand and support the long-term success of their mission to reduce barriers to participation in sport, recreation and play.

Rural Support Te Tai Tokerau received \$40,000 towards operational costs of providing one on one support to farmers and growers and provide wellbeing connection events to the rural community of Te Tai Tokerau.

Komiuniti Tonga Dargaville was awarded \$10,000 to support after school programmes for Tongan students to support homework and study as well as programmes that support health and wellbeing.

Pikiparia Marae received \$30,000 towards kitchen repairs, appliances and mattresses. The marae is a community hub used to deliver a range of hui and wānanga programmes and holds culturally significant events such as tangihanga. Funding has supported hapū and iwi to have a space to use and come together, that is fit for purpose.

#### Committee

The committee has valued the support of staff from the Department of Internal Affairs Tai Tokerau offices for their work with communities and their on-going support throughout the year.

**Ralph Correa** 

Presiding member

**Lottery Northland Community Committee** 

#### **Lottery Northland Community Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$4,717,185
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$573,442
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$18,017
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$5,308,644
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$14,219,747
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$5,233,735
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$5,233,735
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	264
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	239
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	91%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$110,717
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$21,898
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,600

# **Otago/Southland Community Committee**

Rota ki te Hapori o Ōtākou/Murihiku

#### **Committee members**

Vanessa van Uden (from June 2017, presiding member from May 2019)

Yvonne Bannerman (from November 2018 to March 2025) Suzanne Menzies Culling (from November 2018 to March 2025) Terry Nicholas (from May 2019) Jill Ridden (from November 2022) Jodyanne Kirkwood (from March 2025) Julie Perry (from March 2025)



#### **Outcome statement**

Our work supports the revitalisation and self-reliance within all communities by strengthening culturally inclusive, community-led initiatives that enhance wellbeing and thriving communities.

## **Committee priorities**

Priority is given to applicants where:

- community, hapū and iwi led development initiatives and projects that determine their own solutions, lead positive change and achieve their own aspirations and outcomes
- communities, hapū and iwi that lack equity of access to services and resources including geographic and isolated communities
- events, projects, and activities that increase community participation and enhance the cultural identity of a community
- increased community collaboration between service providers and duplication of services is reduced.

## Meeting community needs

The committee covers Otago, Southland and Stewart Island. This includes the main centres of Invercargill, Queenstown, Dunedin and Oamaru as well as several small rural isolated communities and small towns.

The Otakou and Murihiku regions are experiencing a period of significant change, marked by demographic shifts, evolving community needs, and increasing pressures on the funding landscape.

The committee prioritises funding requests from applicants whose outcomes most closely align with this committee's priorities for funding.

The committee funded two grants to Tamariki Together: Funding for Change, \$85,000 and Lottery Community, \$75,000 towards the set-up costs for a new rangatahi venue for 'Tamariki Together' St Andrew Street, Dunedin and operational costs. Over the past year, the Youth Hub has been steadily developing into a vibrant and essential space for tamariki and rangatahi in Dunedin. What started as a vision for a safe, welcoming environment has grown into a dynamic centre for connection, learning, and personal development. Located near the central bus station, the hub is becoming more than just a hangout. It's a place where young people are supported to grow and thrive. Through its commitment to youth-led initiatives like 'music heals' and a food truck-based social enterprise, the hub offers hands-on opportunities to gain practical skills in leadership, hospitality, food safety, commerce, music, and teamwork.

Te Hou Ora Whānau Services Limited were funded \$180,000 over two years to deliver a culturally appropriate and effective service. Te Hou Ora envisions a future where our hapori is resilient and our whānau thrive. Guided by the voices of whānau and community, the services provide culturally responsive, relationship-based support that builds trust, confidence, and lasting impact. The organisation continues to grow as a kaupapa Māori service, strengthening connections with academic and cultural experts and providing the infrastructure needed to support whānau aspirations from the individual to the systemic level.

Tautāwhi Whānau Rangatōpu Charitable Trust in Invercargill received \$120,000 over two years to deliver an inclusive hauora service within kōhanga for whānau and extended whānau, covering operational expenses, two kaimahi, and necessary resources. The aim is to equip whānau with tools, strategies, and cultural grounding in te ao Māori, tikanga, and kawa, to help break intergenerational cycles and improve long-term wellbeing. The initiative focuses on early intervention through a kaupapa Māori, kanohi ki te kanohi approach, with strong collaboration across the community to ensure whānau access the full range of available supports.

The committee funded \$30,000 for two years towards operational costs of the Japanese Family Society of Queenstown. This includes the Japanese supplementary school, kids club, origami club, choir and ukulele club, baseball club, wellbeing and mental health workshops, art and musical workshops, sports programmes, and collaborative initiatives with local communities and schools.

#### Committee

I appreciate the experience and community knowledge the committee members bring to each hui and thank them for their commitment and robust discussions which support our decision making. I also extend a warm welcome to our new committee members, Jo and Julie, we look forward to your contributions.

A sincere thank you as well to the Department staff for their mahi, which underpins and supports the work of the committee, tēnā koutou katoa.

Vanessa van Uden

Manessa van Uden

Presiding member

Lottery Otago/Southland Community Committee

### **Lottery Otago/Southland Community Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$5,725,961
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$696,074
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$2,776
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$6,424,811
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$17,573,964
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$6,424,811
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$6,424,811
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	326
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	294
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	90%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$180,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$21,853
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$200

# **Taranaki Community Committee**

Ehara i te toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini

#### **Committee members**

Sarah Wilks (from August 2020, presiding member from March 2025)
Ben Ingram (from March 2025)
Narayanan Kutty (from March 2025)
Gillian Lennox (from March 2025)
Wiki Michalanney (from March 2025)



#### **Outcome statement**

Me tautoko, ka tika.

## **Committee priorities**

- Access to Mātauranga Māori is supported
- Increased community capability to be resilient and responsive to recovery and change
- Whānau ora and quality of life is enhanced
- Pasifika communities are innovative and aspirational.

Lower priority is given to organisations who do not demonstrate a wider community benefit, and organisations who have significant uncommitted reserves.

## Meeting community needs

The committee acknowledges its commitment to making decisions that benefit the region and support Kaupapa Māori organisations through positive outcomes. We are witnessing a steady increase in the amount requested in the 2024/25 financial year which presented challenges for the committee who focussed on a balanced and equitable funding model, and outcomes that aligned closely to local priorities were given priority. We welcome new groups to have access to lottery funding, this growth has come from the work of the Department's community advisors who actively went out into the community to encourage and support new groups to apply, we have seen a noticeable increase with marae, hapū and iwi-based community groups who have historically not accessed lottery funding. Thirty percent of the annual allocation was awarded to Kaupapa Māori groups and there is a strong commitment from the committee and local staff to see this percentage grow further.

The Roderique Hope Trust are a local Taranaki housing charity. They received \$120,000 over two years from the last round of lottery funding. They provide a wide range of housing services to the Taranaki community including transitional housing, the sustaining tenancies and the community connector service and the Ready to Rent programme along with several annual

projects. The trust have 14 transitional houses across Taranaki and provides short-term accommodation for individuals and whānau who are homeless and do not have anywhere to live with intensive wrap around support by a team of Transitional Housing Navigators.

Aotearoa Pā Committee were awarded \$50,000 for ongoing operational costs of running a marae. The marae operates around the clock for events that occur on the marae, whether culturally significant or community placed. They need a facility fit and ready to cater to many people on the marae and for all events on the marae. The benefits to having a fully operational marae for manuhiri and Hau Kainga combines health, safety, wellbeing and hospitality. Operational funding support is imperative to these needs. Aotearoa Pā is the ancestral home of the Ōkahu Inuāwai hapū of Ngāruahine Iwi. South Taranaki public schools visit the marae because some schools are within their hapū boundaries and Aotearoa Pā supports marae visit curriculum. Te Kura O Ngāruahine Kura Kaupapa Māori is the kura within the iwi boundaries. The kura host many events on the marae.

Through bookings of the marae, they support community groups and services which helps build and nurture connection with the wider community.

#### **Committee**

We have just welcomed and inducted four new committee members. I am honoured to be the presiding member. I bring nearly five years of experience on the committee, with me being the presiding member, and the only experienced member. Nationally we have all gone through the new outcomes framework training and have settled on a new set of priorities. Our new committee members have with them a good reach and understanding of their community within Taranaki through the groups, clubs and organisations they belong to.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the new committee members for their commitment of their time, their knowledge and their passion for their communities, and their ability to get to grips with change. I am excited and look forward to working with them in the next round of lottery funding and for the next three years.

Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawaroa.

**Sarah Wilks** 

Presiding member

Lottery Taranaki Community Committee

## **Lottery Taranaki Community Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$2,560,635
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$311,282
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$5,432
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$2,877,349
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$5,709,082
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,609,562
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$2,609,562
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	128
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	104
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	81%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$100,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$25,092
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,000

## **Waikato Community Committee**

Rota ki te hapori o Waikato

#### **Committee members**

Simon Lockwood (from March 2015, presiding member from June 2017)

Paula Baker (from August 2017 to March 2025)
Jason Howarth (from November 2022)
Christina Bartlett (from March 2025)
Sarah Gibb (from March 2025)
John Paenga (from March 2025)



## **Outcome statement and committee priorities**

Enabling our communities to be resiliently engaged and connected with consideration for youth, elderly, Māori, rural and ethnic groups.

## Meeting community needs

The committee serves a diverse region with vastly different communities. It maintains a nuanced approach to decision-making, with a focus to support groups to achieve positive outcomes for their communities. The committee remained focused on funding initiatives that aligned closest to local priorities throughout the heavily oversubscribed funding rounds. We continue to see an increase of new groups to the fund and significant increased demand from the social services, education and health sectors. Interest from marae, hapū and iwi-based community groups who have historically not accessed lottery funding is increasing and small rural communities continue to have a priority focus for the committee.

There is growing emphasis on mana motuhake, or self-determination for Māori. Strategic developments across the public sector have seen increased collaboration between local iwi and government agencies, leading to initiatives aimed at empowering Māori communities both economically and culturally. This has provided the opportunity for this committee to participate with funding collaboration especially via Funding for Change.

Raukawa Charitable Trust was awarded \$272,000 to support the delivery of the Ngā Kaupapa Whakarauora Reo ā-iwi o Raukawa. The intention is to improve engagement, responsiveness and connectivity with the needs and desires of their people regarding reo and tikanga development through the provision of mātauranga pathways.

Taumarunui Community Kōkiri Trust received \$40,000 to enable Maniaroa Marae to offset their operating costs to ensure they uphold their roles and responsibilities as kaitiaki and kaimanaaki to improve their facilities, increase their ability, and meet the demand in capacity to host and provide manaakitanga to those participating and attending Te Matatini 2025.

Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) was awarded a \$260,000 multiyear grant. CILT is a broad-based social services provider delivering a variety of projects and programmes that address the specific needs of the rurally isolated communities throughout Hauraki Coromandel, providing a wide range of services with a focus on whānau safety and wellbeing, housing, education, disability support and digital connectivity.

#### **Committee**

I wish to thank committee members for their commitment, time and expertise. We have developed a constructive and high trust relationship with the Department of Internal Affairs team and continue to represent our communities and collaborate with the advising team to ensure we make aligned and connected decisions.

This year we farewelled Paula Baker, and we thank Paula for her unwavering contribution. On behalf of the committee, I would like to acknowledge the numerous community organisations who make such a difference to people and create lasting change for good.

I would also like to acknowledge the Department team for their commitment to our communities and the efforts which largely go unnoticed to create resilient organisations serving their people who are our people across the mighty Waikato!

**Simon Lockwood** 

Presiding member

Lottery Waikato Community Committee

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## **Lottery Waikato Community Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$9,701,012
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$1,179,299
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$40,000
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$10,920,311
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$24,808,589
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$9,815,875
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$9,815,875
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	311
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	201
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	65%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$330,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$48,835
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,320

# Wellington/Wairarapa Community Committee

Rota ki te Hapori o Te Upoko o te Ika/Wairarapa

#### **Committee members**

John O'Connell (from June 2017, presiding member from May 2019) Vanisa Dhiru (from May 2019) Catherine Rossiter-Stead (from November 2022) Rachael Dean (from March 2025) Prabha Ravi (from March 2025)



#### **Outcome statement**

The committee contributes to the building of strong, sustainable communities by encouraging or enabling community self-reliance, capacity building and stability. The committee also supports opportunities for social, recreational, civil, or cultural participation and reducing or overcoming barriers to participation.

## **Committee priorities**

Support will be given to service providers that demonstrate collaboration, are actively engaged and contributing to the following social outcomes in their community:

- vulnerable people are supported
- building food resilience systems
- Māori, Pasifika and ethnic communities are empowered, connected and achieving their aspirations.

## Meeting community needs

The committee serves a diverse area encompassing both rural and urban regions. As it continues to support the distinct needs of these communities, it will address the unique challenges they encounter.

The Lower Hutt Women's Centre (Incorporated) was awarded \$35,000. At the heart of the Centre's work is a simple but powerful commitment: to provide women with a safe, supportive space where they can heal, grow, and thrive. Over the past year, this commitment has come to life through a wide range of courses, workshops, and counselling sessions – each one helping women reconnect with their own strength and resilience.

From assertiveness and parenting courses to painting workshops and support groups, more than 500 sessions were delivered by a passionate team of staff, volunteers, and group workers. The results were that women gained confidence, developed coping strategies, and learned to

stand up for themselves – whether it was managing anxiety, parenting with more patience, or expressing strong emotions without guilt.

Kaibosh was awarded \$60,000. In the heart of 'Pito-one' (Petone), Kaibosh Kitchen set out to turn surplus food into nutritious meals, and in just one year, it has made a lasting impact.

With the help of dedicated volunteers, over 11,000 meals were cooked using more than 5 tonnes of rescued food, preventing over 13,000 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. These meals supported more than 40 community groups across Te Awa Kairangi, feeding kaumātua, tamariki, and families in need. Marae especially valued the soups and banana cakes, which helped stretch their resources.

Wairarapa Community Centre Trust was awarded \$99,484. The REUSE meats initiative, supported by lottery community funding, is a community-led project aimed at creating a sustainable solution to food insecurity in the Wairarapa region. The initiative involves collaboration between the Wairarapa Community Centre, local volunteer hunters, two local iwi, two local farmers, a local processing butcher, and food rescue services. Together, they have culled, processed, and distributed approximately six tonnes of meat from 164 deer, two bulls, and 15 sheep. This meat has been distributed through 30 not-for-profit agencies to families and individuals struggling with food insecurity, and some of it has been used in community events and cooking programmes.

This dual impact of addressing food insecurity and promoting environmental sustainability highlights the significant benefits of the initiative for the Wairarapa community.

#### Committee

The committee remains committed to supporting collaboration through the Funding for Change initiative, which continues to offer grants for joint projects with local councils and funders. Our funding priorities this year focused on:

- supporting vulnerable people, especially children and young people
- enabling community-led development
- strengthening resilience through responses to adverse events.

The 2024/25 funding round was one of the most challenging yet, with a record number of high-quality applications aligned with local priorities.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers and community members working tirelessly at the grassroots level. Their efforts make a real difference in people's lives.

The committee is proud to support iwi, hapū, and community groups, and we remain guided by our responsibility to serve the community with care and integrity.



#### **Lottery Wellington/Wairarapa Community Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$7,011,688
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$852,372
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$64,363
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$7,928,423
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$21,493,131
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$7,928,344
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$7,928,344
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	305
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	261
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	86%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$120,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$30,377
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$1,300

# West Coast/Nelson-Marlborough Community Committee

Rota ki te Hapori o Te Tai Poutini / Whakatū-Wairau

#### **Committee members**

Corrina Gestro-Best (from May 2019, presiding member from March 2025)

Brent Maru (from May 2019)

Corey Hebberd (from August 2020, acting presiding member from July 2024 to March 2025)

Philippa Burns (from November 2022)



#### **Outcome statement**

The social and economic well-being of the West Coast/Nelson-Marlborough communities is enhanced.

#### **Committee priorities**

Funding will be considered for requests that demonstrate effective collaboration and impact, and are contributing to one or more of the following outcomes:

- Māori, Pasifika and Ethnic communities are self-determining, building their capability and achieving their aspirations
- wellbeing and social cohesion is improving within our communities of greatest need
- communities lead their own development and prepare for and respond to challenges with innovative approaches.

Lower priority will be given to:

- organisations that currently receive government funding but are unable to show community need and benefit over and above their contracts
- organisations that are financially well resourced
- sports and arts activities that do not have a primary focus on the committee priorities.

#### Meeting community needs

A range of projects and organisations were supported in the 2024/25 financial year by this committee. Key challenges that exist in this predominantly rural region relate to access of services, adverse events and kai insecurity. Examples of these challenges are evident in relation to the important mahi these organisations are undertaking in this region.

The committee awarded multiyear funding of \$30,000 per annum towards Cultural Conversation's operational costs. Cultural Conversations works with migrants and former refugees in the Nelson area, with a range of programmes to support connection and belonging,

creative expression and empowerment. Through involvement with Cultural Conversations, in their new inner-city premises, new settlers can engage with each other and the wider Nelson community in a safe and welcoming space. With a growing focus on social enterprise, participants have had an opportunity to develop, showcase and sell their creative products and services through the Global Stitch Up.

The committee awarded multi-year grant funding of \$30,000 per annum towards the operational expenditure to the Crossroads. This organisation was created to fill the need to support individuals and whānau who are facing challenging times and hardships, i.e., homelessness, sickness, unemployment, isolation and many other issues. Crossroads provide warm and safe place for clients to have a free hot meal and the company of others who face similar issues and conditions. They also provide showers and washing machines to support clients stay clean and to wash and dry their clothes giving them back their self-esteem. They have food pātaka whereby clients can come and help themselves to the food. This environment nurtures whanaungatanga and manaakitanga, clients feeling safe and meeting with people who understand the plight which reduces isolation.

The committee awarded \$80,000 towards the operational costs of Whare Manaaki o Te Tai Poutini. Whare Manaaki o Te Tai Poutini is a Kaupapa Māori space in the Greymouth community. They promote community well-being, cultural identity and cultural learning and development in the community, particularly for those feeling disconnected, isolated or undervalued by society. By creating a safe, judgement free, inclusive space, vulnerable people can engage on their own terms and in whatever way is meaningful to them. They offer a number of programmes and opportunities that create accessibility and visibility of Māori culture in Māwhera, including kōrero, group activities and health opportunities such as Hauora Clinics and Rongoa Māori (traditional Māori healing practices).

The committee has funded a range of community, iwi and hapū initiatives across the committee area. Applications from, and grants to, iwi and Kaupapa Māori organisations have grown, in alignment with committee priorities, and the long-term outcomes of Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua: community wellbeing, collective self-determination and social cohesion.

Funding has grown to organisations supporting equity, including supporting kai security, youth and rural opportunities. There has been an increase in supporting community resilience and capacity building. Highlights have included supporting the development of the Te Tauihu Community Development Agency and partnership between community organisations and marae.

**Corrina Gestro-Best** 

Presiding member

Lottery West Coast/Nelson-Marlborough Community Committee

## **Lottery West Coast/Nelson-Marlborough Community Committee**

2024/2025 General allocation	\$3,520,569
2024/2025 Other allocations	\$427,976
Funding returned in 2024/2025	\$22,953
Total amount available for distribution in 2024/2025	\$3,971,498
Total amount requested in 2024/2025	\$9,501,095
Total amount approved in 2024/2025	\$3,864,683
Total amount distributed in 2024/2025	\$3,864,683
Number of requests considered in 2024/2025	173
Number of requests approved in 2024/2025	145
Percentage of requests approved in 2024/2025	84%
Largest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$90,000
Average amount approved in 2024/2025	\$26,653
Smallest amount approved in 2024/2025	\$2,850

## Statutory bodies and Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision

#### **Creative New Zealand**

Creative New Zealand is the national arts development agency of Aotearoa New Zealand.

In 2024/25, we invested \$61 million in the arts through our funding, capability building, advocacy, leadership and partnership initiatives. Of our total revenue, \$60 million came from the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua, 76% of total revenue for the year.

With stable funding from core funders – New Zealand Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua and the government through Vote: Arts, Culture and Heritage – we're able to plan with certainty.

Earlier this year we consulted on a draft long-term strategy, *Tū Mai Rā, Toi Aotearoa*. This consultation has informed our strategic intentions and our planning for 2025/26. We expect to release our strategy later this year. This timing will enable us to consider how we contribute to the implementation of *Amplify: A Creative and Cultural Strategy for New Zealand*, the Government's strategy for the sector.

We'll also advance the significant change work we have commenced, including changes to how we support arts organisations and groups and how we can empower communities to make more decisions about the arts that impact them.

Increasingly our programmes are focused on supporting arts activities that have the greatest impact on their communities – being New Zealanders across the motu.

Looking back, our achievements for 2024/25 include:

- over 250,000 participants in funded projects or events
- more than 3 million attendances reported at funded arts experiences
- supporting the Creative Communities Scheme, run in partnership with territorial authorities, which awarded more than \$4 million to projects in local communities throughout New Zealand
- over \$35 million to organisations funded through our multi-year investment programmes,
   Tōi Tōtara Haemata and Toi Uru Kahikatea, to ensure critical arts infrastructure was maintained and developed. Of this funding, 16% is delivered to Māori-led organisations and 8% to Pacific-led organisations
- over \$12.7 million allocated through Grants and Special Opportunities to support arts activities and to support artists and arts practitioners
- over \$2.38 million provided to support Te Hā o ngā Toi Māori Arts Strategy implementation
- over \$0.56 million provided to support *Pacific Arts Strategy* implementation
- over \$6 million to provide opportunities for arts organisations and individual artists and arts practitioners to build their skills, with the goal of developing the arts community's capacity and capability to succeed
- more than 2,500 new New Zealand artworks supported.

We've celebrated other achievements over 2024/25.

We introduced new grant programmes in March 2024 to support arts communities in ways that better reflect their needs. We're pleased to see a significant increase in customer satisfaction in 2024. This indicates the changes we've made are working for the sector.

New relationships and partnerships have increased the impact of our collective work for the arts. Multiple relationships supported through both *Te Hā o ngā Toi – Māori Arts Strategy* and the *Pacific Arts Strategy*.

Funded through *Te Hā o ngā Toi—Māori Arts Strategy,* Te Waka Taki Kōrero – The Māori Literature Trust played a vital role in supporting kaituhi Māori and advancing the Māori literary arts through targeted programmes that build creative capability and strengthen Māori voices in literature. In a collaboration with the KUPU Festival, the 30th anniversary of the PIKIHUIA Māori Writer's Awards will be held in Rotorua for the first time, marking a significant moment for the sector and for Te Arawa.

A Pacific Arts Strategy initiative has seen us partner with the Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi for Boosted X Moana. This initiative hit the million-dollar mark at the end of 2024 – with nearly 7,000 donations co-funding 111 Pacific arts projects. This outcome speaks to people's willingness to support the arts and creativity and shows how small actions add up to positive results.

We also developed the Arts and Culture Podcast Co-Fund working with Radio New Zealand (RNZ) and NZ on Air.

A new 'always on' public facing campaign called *Creativity Makes Us – Auahatia!* was launched. The campaign celebrates the power of creativity by reminding the public how creativity makes us feel, how it uplifts our families and communities and how it reflects who we are as a nation.

2024/25 has not been without its challenges. In response, we've looked hard at where we invest our resources, to achieve the greatest value for the arts community and the public. We're ambitious for the arts. We want to see artists and ringatoi being able to dedicate themselves to producing work that will inspire us all. We want to see the arts and ngā toi Māori central to the lives of New Zealanders and New Zealand communities, and we want to see our arts and ngā toi Māori succeeding on the global stage.

This will take a collective effort, and we'll need to build new relationships and partnerships. We'll also need to grow the resource base and think differently about how we leverage our resources, while acknowledging the pressures on funders across the board.

Inspired by our arts communities, we're committed to working hard over the next year to meet the challenges and opportunities that exist with dedication, heart and manaaki.

#### **New Zealand Film Commission**

Through our work, New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) aims to empower our storytellers, support a thriving industry, and contribute to New Zealand's cultural identity and economic growth, activating cultural and commercial excellence, all while fostering global partnerships and enabling talent, production and business outcomes.

#### NZFC support through funding

Across the 2024/25 financial year, production funding offers were made and accepted for 12 feature films totalling just over \$14 million. A further six films were supported into cinemas with a Feature Film Finishing Grant (with funding totalling a further \$331,190).

#### **Key achievements**

Locally made  $Tin\bar{a}$  was the biggest NZ success since Hunt for the Wilderpeople, surpassing \$1 million in its opening weekend and earning nearly \$6 million at the New Zealand box office. With more than 320,000 tickets sold and the widest release ever for a local film (128 cinemas across Australasia and the Pacific), it has become one of the top ten highest-grossing New Zealand films of all time.

Production wrapped for *A Minecraft Movie* in 2024. The film was shot entirely in New Zealand, generating over \$194 million in local economic activity and creating over 1,000 jobs. With 89% of the crew made up of New Zealanders, the production demonstrated the capability and scale of the local workforce.

Notable highlights during this period include:

- NZFC being nominated for Film Commission of the Year at the prestigious 2025 Global Production Awards
- at the same awards, Māoriland Charitable Trust took out the Economic and Social Inclusion category and the Impact Leadership Award went to Craig Gainsborough of Greenlit
- the world premiere of The Rule of Jenny Pen was held at the Fantastic Fest in Austin; the
  film was awarded Best Director Main Competition for James Ashcroft and Geoffrey Rush
  won Best Actor Main Competition. The film also had its European premiere at Sitges
  International Fantastic Film Festival, with John Lithgow and Geoffrey Rush jointly awarded
  Best Actor
- Red, White and Brass screened at the Pacific Island Film Festival New York City in October, winning the award for Best Feature
- funded through the Te Puna Kairangi Premium Production fund, TV series *After the Party* was nominated for a BAFTA in the Best International TV series category and won a record breaking nine awards at the New Zealand Television Awards
- Tinā received the Best Narrative Feature Audience Award at Palm Springs International Film Festival
- NZFC provided support and attended the 2025 Māoriland Film Festival in March this is the largest Māori film festival in the world and boasts over 100 films from 86 countries

- NZFC launched the *Lights, Camera, Kōrero* podcast giving behind-the-scenes insight into the Aotearoa film industry to listeners and key stakeholders
- the NZFC continued to deliver its Te Rautaki Māori Strategy
- the NZFC were announced as the winner of the Ngā Āhuatanga o Te Tiriti Tohu Award (for small to medium businesses) at the 2024 Diversity Awards
- te reo Māori film Ka Whawhai Tonu grossed almost \$900,000 at the box office.

#### Strategic international relations

The NZFC embarked on an ambitious international trade mission in 2024/25 across key global markets: United States, India, United Kingdom, Ireland, and France.

NZFC organised *Kia Ora LA* in Los Angeles, a critical event to maintaining and expanding the pipeline of international productions which bring substantial economic and employment benefits to New Zealand. A group of 30 local private sector businesses (including studios, post-production facilities and production service companies) travelled to Los Angeles to promote Aotearoa as a top destination for film and television production and post-production. Six major events were hosted by NZFC with New Zealand delegates including line producers, post-production, VFX and special FX companies, and regional film offices.

NZFC attended the National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC) Film Bazaar in Goa in November, with a secondary visit to the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Mumbai following on the back of the New Zealand Government's largest ever trade mission to India.

In London, the NZFC representatives reconnected with UK-based producers and other industry professionals, and the community of Kiwi filmmakers, actors, financiers and executives.

In May 2025, around 50 New Zealand filmmakers participated in the Cannes Marché du Film, with 14 local creatives supported by the Producer International Travel Fund and NZFC Development Fund.

The NZFC also attended the Annecy International Animation Film Festival's business marketplace, Mifa, taking a booth at the event in a partnership with Screen Wellington, to promote the New Zealand animation industry, and serve as a hub for the 30-strong New Zealand delegation.

#### **Key initiatives**

This FY2024/25, the NZFC has launched a number of initiatives to enable New Zealand creatives to develop their skills.

In March 2025, the relaunch of the He Kauahi Catalyst Short Film Fund was announced at the Wellington Animation Film Festival (WAFF). He Kauahi Catalyst supports New Zealand filmmakers keen to progress their talents to the next stage and create exceptional narrative short films. Through this initiative up to \$90,000 is available for narrative drama and animation short films.

Through the Industry Led Talent Development Fund, the NZFC funded two initiatives: Māoriland Indigenous Co-Lab and A Wave In The Ocean – 2 Deep Dive. The Māoriland Indigenous Co-Lab is for emerging to mid-level Indigenous filmmakers who aspire to achieve excellence in feature filmmaking. A Wave In The Ocean – 2 Deep Dive gives creatives the critical guidance and support to write and direct an original short film.

Fifteen scholarships were offered to industry practitioners living in regional areas of Aotearoa, who identify as deaf, disabled or neurodiverse (DDN), or identify as gender diverse to attend the 2025 Doc Edge Industry or Big Screen Symposium. NZFC research shows that economic limitations and the cost of professional training are barriers for those living in regional areas and those who identify as DDN and gender diverse. These scholarships are intended to provide support for these communities.

The NZFC also launched its International Placement Initiative giving local filmmakers the opportunity to apply for internships at selected global film companies in New Zealand, Australia, UK, and Ireland. The International Placement Initiative is designed for emerging to mid-career writers, directors and producers from Aotearoa, offering applicants the opportunity to develop their overseas industry networks, increase their skills, and gain work experience within renowned film focused companies.

The Activator Screen Business Programme, an international professional development accelerator for entrepreneurial New Zealand film and television producers was introduced this year. NZFC supported this initiative in collaboration with NZ On Air and Te Māngai Pāho as part of the Mahi Tahi strategy which looks to foster a collaborative approach within the screen industry.

Ngā mihi maioha to the Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua for their continued tautoko of the New Zealand Film Commission's kaupapa and mahi.

#### **Sport New Zealand**

Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa (Sport NZ) promotes and supports quality experiences in play, active recreation and sport to improve levels of physical activity, and through this, contribute positively to the wellbeing of everybody in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Sport NZ 2024-28 strategy is the second four-year strategic plan in pursuit of our long-term strategic direction through to 2032. This strategy builds on the positive momentum seen across several key performance areas since 2020.

During this strategic period, our focus remains on maintaining and growing the physical activity levels of tamariki and rangatahi. We also aim to provide more opportunities and better experiences for tamariki and rangatahi currently missing out and doing less, such as disabled people, women and girls, and Māori.

Sport NZ was allocated \$70 million and Water Safety NZ \$2.5 million in 2024/25 by Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua. These important funds have supported us to invest in our national and regional partners and provide capability support.

During 2024/25, the first year of our new strategic period, we've invested into and worked alongside our partners across the play, active recreation and sport sector, to deliver positive outcomes for tamariki and rangatahi. Across our four strategic priority areas, here are some examples of our mahi in action:

#### Capable and resilient organisations

We've developed a new investment stream to continue to strengthen the delivery of quality physical activity opportunities and experiences for disabled tamariki and rangatahi. In 2024/25 we confirmed 22 National Disability Sport Organisations and regional disability organisations will receive funding to support initiatives and projects.

#### **Quality opportunities and experiences**

Sport NZ continues to work with national and regional sport organisations to implement the Balance is Better principles to create quality experiences and keep young people participating in sport. For example:

- New Zealand Rugby League has launched the RISE programme, which aims to better
  prepare young players for sport pathways with a focus on skills and Hauora wellbeing.
  Rugby League has seen an increase in rangatahi participation, notably a 35% rise in the
  number of young women
- Active Southland recognised a gap in opportunities for young Māori and Pacific participants to progress in Southland's sports development system and established a Rangatahi Leadership Group, which offers a combination of sports training, life skills workshops and holistic support.

Sport NZ also launched the Unpros social media campaign. The campaign aims to inspire young women to be active, without needing to be good at it, which young women identify as a barrier to being physically active. The term 'Unpro' is a play on unprofessional and encourages a

mindset of giving something a go and having fun. We worked with 16 New Zealand social media influencers who have a large following of young women across a wide range of interest areas. While there are many factors that can affect physical activity participation, we're seeing positive shifts in our Active NZ survey data of young women aged 12-17 before and after the campaign.

#### **Empowered local communities and hapori**

We are working with Regional Sports Trusts and Local Authority partners to understand the barriers for tamariki to play in their school and neighbourhood. In 2024/25 we continued to facilitate the development of Neighbourhood Play System reports, which identify opportunities to support play in and around schools. Recommendations from the 22 reports completed so far continue to be implemented, for example new road and rail crossings are enabling tamariki and whānau to move more freely through their communities. Sport NZ also led a successful Play Week promotion in October 2024, with partners leading and supporting more than 50 locally run events.

Our longstanding kaupapa Māori wellbeing programme, He Oranga Poutama, has nationwide coverage delivering to Māori communities across Aotearoa New Zealand. The programme continues to have success in promoting traditional physical activities that build whanaungatanga and support pathways to whānau wellbeing. In 2024/25 He Oranga Poutama providers supported and delivered a range of events, such as Hā Ora Hava A Go Marae Day offering various health and wellness activities, and Iwi of Origin, which aims to unite urban Māori with whānau, marae, hapū, iwi, and taha Māori through physical activity.

#### **Active schools and kura**

Sport NZ is investing in and partnering with eight regional agencies to support 50 secondary schools and wharekura to implement Active As, which aims to enhance rangatahi wellbeing and learning through increased sport and physical activity opportunities. An evaluation of the first year of the programme shows Active As is having a positive impact on student's happiness, confidence and overall physical activity levels, with 46% of rangatahi in participating schools and wharekura active more than 4 days a week, which is a 4.5% increase compared to levels seen in 2023.

#### Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision

Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision is Aotearoa New Zealand's audiovisual archive, with a growing collection of over 800,000 items spanning more than 100 years. Our purpose is to care for these taonga and make them widely accessible so New Zealanders can make meaningful connections to our shared history and culture.

Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua allocates funding to us via the New Zealand Film Commission. In the 2024/25 financial year, Ngā Taonga received \$1,997,721 in funding from the Board. We are grateful for this essential support which enables us to continue the mahi we do as an archive.

In the digital age, we are evolving to become a digital-first archive, housing content in both physical and digital vaults. The majority of the collection is now digitally preserved. This greatly improves ease of access and creates more opportunities for us to share material with the people of New Zealand. This past year, funding from the Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua has enabled more New Zealanders to connect with the collection across the motu.

Our kaupapa expresses our commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and reflects both Māori and Pākehā perspectives and aspirations. We continue to work closely with iwi and Māori across the sector and in local and regional communities to create connections between the people and their taonga. In practical terms, one of the services we provide is the compilation of bespoke inventories of taonga for iwi and other groups, to increase knowledge and awareness of the collections we hold, facilitate access to copies and enhance our kaitiaki relationships.

In September we worked with Te Māori Manaaki Taonga Trust to curate an online compilation of audiovisual taonga to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the landmark *Te Māori* exhibition, which toured four major museums in the United States in 1984. The success of this showcase of taonga Māori led to a tour of several cities in New Zealand. Te Māori is credited as playing a key role in the revitalisation of Māori art, which continues to this day. It is also seen as paving the way for other indigenous cultures around the world to place more value on recovering their own artworks and reviving ancient knowledge held in the taonga. Our anniversary compilation was shared during a two-day celebratory event at Waiwhetu Marae in Lower Hutt, bringing together many Toi Māori leaders as well as those who have benefited from the legacy of Te Māori.

We supplied a compilation of films for Wellington Heritage festivities in late October. In collaboration with the Newtown Community Centre, two screenings of archival footage were accompanied with a live score by local musicians. A variety of significant Wellington moments captured on camera across the last century were scored to ragtime jazz, classical strings and taonga pūoro. The capacity audiences in attendance crossed generations and were so moved by the experience there are plans to do it all again in 2025.

In February our kaimahi attended Puāwai at Raukawa Marae to screen taonga related to Whakatupuranga Rua Mano – Generation 2000, a cultural and language revitalisation programme established in 1975 with the objective of assisting iwi and hapū prepare for the

21st Century. Puāwai marked the beginning of a year-long anniversary events programme celebrating the achievements and values of Whakatupuranga Rua Mano. The screening of taonga also led to further developing closer relationships with key kaitiaki, sharing taonga with Ōtaki Kaumātua and hosting a karanga research group in our office.

We collaborated with Te Puni Kōkiri and TCLT, a Whanganui community trust, to screen a compilation of Whanganui Māori footage to local audiences in June. Over 150 people of all ages, including the local mayor, gathered for the screening in the Concert Chamber Theatre at the Whanganui Memorial Hall. We used this opportunity to promote the urgency of digitising at risk media held in the community, having spent the previous two days in Whanganui digitising an important collection of VHS tapes related to the Hui Aranga (the annual Māori Catholic gathering at Easter).

The material we care for has been screened at many other festivals, events and anniversaries across the motu. This year Wairarapa Film Festival held two screenings of *The Neglected Miracle* (1985), which was written and directed by Wairarapa-born filmmaker Barry Barclay. Ngā Taonga kaimahi attended these screenings to reconnect local audiences with a new preservation of this acclaimed documentary. Our preservation of the 1983 documentary *PATU!*, directed by Merata Mita, was also screened twice in May in collaboration with the Wellington Film Society.

Our original Matariki programme, *Matariki Kanohi Iti*, was screened at *After Dark: Matariki* – a special public celebration hosted by Te Papa in June. Earlier in February, our Waitangi Day programme, *Tāngata Whenua* – *Tāngata Tiriti: Kotahitanga*, was screened to thousands who visited Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Our holiday message of 2024, which centred on the theme of summer road trips reached thousands online.

We believe that growing awareness of our brand is only important when it enables connecting communities with the taonga we hold. Partnerships help us reach larger, more diverse audiences and connect more New Zealanders with their stories. We are focused on fostering and creating new collaborative relationships with third parties who have a greater reach than we could achieve alone, including museums, art galleries, education providers, and television and film producers.

Ngā Taonga acknowledges the huge role that Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua plays in enabling us to continue to preserve and share the audiovisual taonga of Aotearoa New Zealand.



## Independent auditor's report

To the readers of New Zealand Lottery Grants Board's annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The Auditor-General is the auditor of New Zealand Lottery Grants Board. The Auditor-General has appointed me, Henry McClintock, using the staff and resources of BDO Wellington Audit Limited, to carry out, on his behalf, the audit of:

• the annual financial statements that comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information on pages 94 to 103 of the annual report.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion:

- The annual financial statements of the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board:
  - o fairly present, in all material respects:
    - its financial position as at 30 June 2025; and
    - its financial performance for the year then ended; and
  - o comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards.

Our audit was completed on 31 October 2025. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis for our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Board and our responsibilities relating to the financial statements and the statement of performance, we comment on other information, and we explain our independence.

## **Basis for our opinion**

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards, the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Responsibilities of the Board for the annual financial statements

The Board is responsible on behalf of the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board for preparing:

 annual financial statements that fairly present the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board's financial position and financial performance, and that comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

The Board is responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable it to prepare annual financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual financial statements, the Board is responsible, on behalf of the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board, for assessing the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Board's responsibilities arise from the Crown Entities Act 2004.

# Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the annual financial statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial statements, as a whole, are 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 carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures, and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of readers, taken on the basis of the annual financial statements.

For the budget information reported in the annual financial statements, our procedures were limited to checking that the information agreed to the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board's budget.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the annual financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board's internal control.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Board.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the annual financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

#### Other information

The Board is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report, but does not include the annual financial statements, and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the annual financial statements our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the annual financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, 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.

#### **Independence**

We are independent of the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board in accordance with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of 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.

Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board.

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Henry McClintock BDO WELLINGTON AUDIT LIMITED On behalf of the Auditor-General Wellington, New Zealand

## Statement of responsibility

New Zealand Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua (the Board) is responsible for the preparation of the Board's financial statements and for the judgements made in them.

The Board has the responsibility of establishing and maintaining a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of financial reporting.

In the Board's opinion, these financial statements fairly reflect the financial position and operations of the Board for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Hon Brooke van Velden

Presiding Member 31 October 2025

Hon Louise Upston Board Member 31 October 2025

## **Statement of purpose**

The Board makes decisions on the allocation of profits arising from New Zealand Lotteries. These decisions are limited to the allocations to the lottery distribution committees, the Minister of Internal Affairs (Discretionary Fund) and the three statutory bodies in accordance with sections 276, 278 and 279 of the Gambling Act 2003 and are detailed in Note 4 of the financial statements for Profits of New Zealand Lotteries. The three statutory bodies named in section 279 of the Gambling Act 2003 are Creative New Zealand, Sport New Zealand, and the New Zealand Film Commission.

These financial statements comprise the accounts of the Board.

The operations of the lottery distribution committees and the Minister's Discretionary Fund are reported in the financial statements of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries.

The operations of the statutory bodies are reported in the annual accounts of those entities.

# Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Actual 2025 \$	Budget 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Revenue				
Lottery profits		395,146,448	331,876,000	433,945,388
Total revenue		395,146,448	331,876,000	433,945,388
Expenditure				
Distribution to Profits of New Zealand Lotteries	2	(395,030,229)	(331,708,922)	(433,866,894)
Board expenses	4	(58,462)	(108,548)	(38,907)
Presiding members' policy advisory group meetings expenses	4	(57,757)	(58,530)	(39,587)
Total expenditure		(395,146,448)	(331,876,000)	(433,945,388)
Operating surplus/(deficit)		-	-	-
Other comprehensive revenue and expense				
Total other comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	-
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year ended 30 June 2025 was \$nil (2023/24: \$nil). The Board expenses were paid from a bank account operated by the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries. All surpluses are distributed to the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries. Therefore, it is not appropriate for the Board to produce a statement of changes in net assets/equity or statement of cash flows.

Explanations of significant variances against budget are provided in Note 7.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these financial statements.

## **Statement of financial position**

as at 30 June 2025

		Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Actual 2024
	Note	\$	\$	\$
Assets				
Current assets				
Debtors and other receivables	5	63,270,448	-	92,293,388
Total current assets		63,270,448	-	92,293,388
Total assets		63,270,448	-	92,293,388
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Distribution payable to Profits of New Zealand Lotteries	6	(63,270,448)	-	(92,293,388)
Total current liabilities		(63,270,448)	-	(92,293,388)
Total liabilities		(63,270,448)	-	(92,293,388)
Net Assets			 	<u> </u>
Equity				
Accumulated funds		-	-	-
Total equity		-	-	-

Explanations of significant variances against budget are detailed in Note 7.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these financial statements.

#### Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

#### **Statement of accounting policies**

#### Reporting entity

New Zealand Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua (Board) is a fourth schedule entity in terms of the Public Finance Act 1989. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Public Finance Act 1989 and the Crown Entities Act 2004. For the purposes of financial reporting the Board is a public benefit entity (PBE).

The Board's primary objective is to make decisions on the allocation of profits received from the New Zealand Lotteries Commission (Lotto NZ). The operations of the lottery distribution committees and the Minister's Discretionary Fund are reported in the financial statements of the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries. The operations of the statutory bodies are reported in the annual accounts of those entities.

The Secretary for Internal Affairs is trustee of the profits received from Lotto NZ under the Gambling Act 2003.

#### **Reporting period**

The financial statements for the Board are for the year ended 30 June 2025 and were approved by the Board on 31 October 2025.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, and the accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Board have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Crown Entities Act 2004, which include the requirement to comply with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice (NZ GAAP).

The Board is a Tier 1 entity and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with public benefit entity (PBE) Standards. These statements comply with PBE Standards.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Public Finance Act 1989, Crown Entities Act 2004 and the Gambling Act 2003.

#### **Note 1: Significant accounting policies**

#### **Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

In preparing these financial statements, the Board has made estimates and assumptions concerning the future. These estimates and assumptions might differ from the subsequent actual results. Estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In the process of applying the accounting policies, the Board has not made any judgements or applied estimates of future events. There are no judgements and estimates, except for the judgement regarding going concern disclosed below, which are material to the financial report (2023/24: \$nil).

#### **Going concern**

A judgement that is material to the financial report is that Lotto NZ will continue its operations in the foreseeable future. The Board relies on Lotto NZ for its funding and so the Board has adequate resources to continue operations for the length of time that Lotto NZ operates.

#### **Budget figures**

The budget figures for the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense and the statement of financial position are those approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs, as presiding member of the Board, at the beginning of the financial year.

The budget figures have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice (NZ GAAP) and are consistent with the accounting policies adopted by the Board in preparing these financial statements.

#### Presentation currency and rounding

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars which is the Board's functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### Measurement base

The financial statements have been prepared on an historical cost basis.

#### Revenue

Revenue comprises the profits of Lotto NZ. Revenue is measured at fair value which has been determined to be equivalent to the amounts received or receivable.

Revenue is recognised when advised by Lotto NZ.

All revenue is deemed to be non-exchange revenue as per the definition in PBE IPSAS 23, "Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions".

#### **Board expenses**

Board expenses are the costs of the Board including members' fees and travel costs, meeting venue hire and sundry expenses.

#### Goods and services tax (GST)

These accounts have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis, except for accounts receivable and payable. Where GST is not recoverable as input tax, it is recognised as part of the related expense. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the IRD is presented as a net receivables or payables figure in the statement of financial position.

#### Income tax

The Board is a public authority and consequently is exempt from the payment of income tax. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income tax.

#### Changes in accounting policies

There were no changes in accounting policies during the financial year (2023/24: no changes).

#### Standards issued and adopted

No standards or amendments issued in 2024/25 were relevant to the Board.

#### Note 2: Distribution to Profits of New Zealand Lotteries

Revenue less Board expenditure is distributed to the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries. It is recognised as expenditure in the financial statements of the Board and as revenue in the financial statements of the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries as per the Gambling Act 2003 - part 3, subpart 3, paragraph 290.

The 2024/25 distribution to the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries was funded by profits of \$395,146,448 (2023/24: \$433,945,388) received from Lotto NZ during the year.

At its meeting on 26 June 2024, the Board approved specific allocations to the distribution committees, the Minister of Internal Affairs (Discretionary Fund), and the three statutory bodies as detailed in Note 4 of the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries' financial statements.

### Note 3: Related parties and key management personnel

The Board enters transactions with other entities on an arm's length basis. Transactions that occur are within a normal supplier or client relationship on terms and conditions no more or less favourable than those which it is reasonable to expect the Board would have adopted if dealing with those unrelated entities at arm's length.

The Department of Internal Affairs provides administrative services to the Board, the distribution committees, and the Minister of Internal Affairs on an arm's length basis.

The key management personnel are the six members of the Board (2023/24: 6).

There were no grants approved relating to key management personnel during the year ended 30 June 2025 (2023/24: \$nil). Therefore, there was no exercise of control or influence in the approval process.

#### Note 4: Disclosure of fees

Of the six key management personnel, three are Members of Parliament. The first is Hon Brooke van Velden, Minister of Internal Affairs. The Prime Minister's representative is Hon Louise Upston, appointed by the Rt Hon Christopher Luxon. The Leader of the Opposition's representative is Lemauga Lydia Sosene, appointed by the Rt Hon Christopher Hipkins.

Members of Parliament do not receive remuneration or other benefits for their roles as members of the Board.

The total fees paid to the non-Member of Parliament Board members for attendance at Board, Presiding Members' Policy Advisory Group and distribution committee meetings during the year ended 30 June 2025 are shown below. These equate to 0.20 full-time equivalent (2023/24: 0.23):

	Actual <b>2025</b> \$	Actual 2024 \$
Lottery Grants Board members' fees		
Clarricoats, G.	10,211	-
Coutts, K.	12,253	8,655
Govind, S.	1,653	9,920
Grant, A.	-	1,362
Tuuta, C.	13,907	7,401
Total Board members' fees paid	38,024	27,338
Meeting travel expenses	20,438	11,569
Total Lottery Grants Board members' expenses	58,462	38,907

These fees are based on actual paid fees in the year to 30 June 2025. Any fees processed after year-end will appear in the 2025/26 annual report.

The increase compared to the previous year reflects a revised approach to calculating member fees.

Fees for attendance at the Presiding members' policy advisory group meetings	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Algar, H.	939	313
Baker, P.V.	-	313
Bigham, B.	-	313
Brown, N.W.	232	-
Correa, R.	1,252	783
Cotton, E.	-	469
Dhiru, V.	939	-
Edgar, J.	116	-
Gibb, S.	232	-
Gould-Lardelli, R.	-	783
Gritt, J.	232	-
Hewitt, R.	858	783
Hindle, J.	232	-
Holmes, P.	232	-
Houkamau, R.	-	313
Iqbal, S.K.	116	-
Kaye-Simmons, V.M.	939	783
Keefe, M.J.M.	313	-
Kelly, R.	232	-
Kite, A.M.	116	-
Lanigan-Behrent, T.	232	-
Latham, J.M.	-	783
Leung, R.	232	-
Lockwood, S.G.	-	469
Lomas, T.	232	-
Lu, B.	626	827
Mallows, C	232	-
Morrison, G.	626	313

Fees for attendance at the Presiding members' policy advisory group meetings	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
O'Connell, J.	939	783
Pamatatau, R.	626	469
Ravi, P.	232	-
Robin, T.	1,095	469
Rossiter-Stead, C.	232	-
Ryu, G.	232	-
Gibb, S	232	-
Siers, S.	116	-
Stevens, K.	939	783
Tana, R.	1,252	469
Taylor, N.	-	313
Tuatini, T.	232	-
Van Uden, V.	313	782
von Dadelszen, E.H.	626	-
Wadia, F.	939	782
Wraight, B.	626	-
Wright-Tawhā, T.	232	-
Total members' fees paid	18,023	12,095
Meeting travel expenses	39,734	27,492
Total Presiding members' policy advisory group meetings expenses	57,757	39,587

These fees are based on actual paid fees in the 2024/25 financial year. Any fees processed after year-end will appear in the 2025/26 annual report.

#### Note 5: Receivables

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Accounts receivable, lottery profits	63,270,448	92,293,388
Allowance for doubtful debts	-	-
Total receivables	63,270,448	92,293,388

Accounts receivable is the final profits payment due from Lotto NZ and is recorded at face value. The Board has applied the simplified expected credit loss model recognising an allowance for doubtful debts on receivables. At year-end no receivables were past due.

#### Note 6: Distribution payable to Profits of New Zealand Lotteries

This balance reflects the amount to be received from Lotto NZ and passed on to the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries for redistribution.

#### Note 7: Explanation of significant variances against budget

Explanations of significant variances between actual and budget figures for the year ending 30 June 2025 are as follows:

#### Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

#### Lottery profits

Revenue budgets were based on Lotto NZ forecast profits at the start of 2024/25. Lotto NZ profits were significantly higher than the budget. The increased profits have been passed from Lotto NZ to the Board.

#### Distribution to Profits of New Zealand Lotteries

Distribution budgets were based on Lotto NZ forecast at the start of 2024/25. Lotto NZ profits were higher than the budget and the increased profits have been passed from Lotto NZ to the Board and on to Profits of New Zealand Lotteries.

#### Board member fees

Board member fees are budgeted on 100% of allowable fees being claimed in the financial year. This has not transpired in the year to 30 June 2025.

#### Statement of financial position

#### Debtors and other receivables

The 2024/25 final profits payment from Lotto NZ was received 29 August 2025. This payment of \$63.3 million was not budgeted.

#### Note 8: Events after reporting date

There were no significant events between 30 June 2025 and the signing of these financial statements (2023/24: \$nil).

#### **Note 9: Commitments**

The Board has no commitments as at 30 June 2025 (2024: \$nil).

### Note 10: Contingent assets and liabilities

The Board has no contingent assets or contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2025 (2024: \$nil).

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30 June 2025

## Independent auditor's report

To the readers of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries' annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries. The Auditor-General has appointed me, Henry McClintock, using the staff and resources of BDO Wellington Audit Limited, to carry out, on his behalf, the audit of:

the annual financial statements that comprise the statement of financial position as at 30
June 2025, the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses, statement of changes
in equity, and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to
the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory
information on pages 110 to 133 of the annual report.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion:

- The annual financial statements of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries:
  - fairly present, in all material respects:
    - its financial position as at 30 June 2025; and
    - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
  - o comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards.

Our audit was completed on 31 October 2025. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis of our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Secretary for Internal Affairs and our responsibilities relating to the financial statements, we comment on other information, and explain our independence.

## **Basis for our opinion**

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards, the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## Responsibilities of the Secretary for Internal Affairs for the annual financial statements

The Secretary for Internal Affairs is responsible on behalf of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries for preparing:

annual financial statements that fairly present Profits of New Zealand Lotteries' financial
position, financial performance, and its cash flows and that comply with generally
accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

The Secretary for Internal Affairs is responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable it to prepare annual financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual financial statements the Secretary for Internal Affairs is responsible on behalf of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries for assessing Profits of New Zealand Lotteries' ability to continue as a going concern.

The Secretary for Internal Affairs responsibilities arise from the Gambling Act 2003.

## Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the annual financial statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial statements, as a whole, are 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 carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures, and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of readers, taken on the basis of the annual financial statements.

For the budget information reported in the annual financial statements, our procedures were limited to checking that the information agreed to Profits of New Zealand Lotteries's budget.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the annual financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries' internal control.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Secretary for Internal Affairs.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Secretary for Internal Affairs.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the annual financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Secretary for Internal Affairs regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

#### Other information

The Board is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report, but does not include the annual financial statements, and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the annual financial statements our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the annual financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, 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.

#### **Independence**

We are independent of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries in accordance with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of 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.

Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with, or interests in, Profits of New Zealand Lotteries.

Henry McClintock
BDO WELLINGTON AUDIT LIMITED

On behalf of the Auditor-General Wellington, New Zealand

# Statement of responsibility

The Secretary for Internal Affairs is responsible for the preparation of the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries financial statements and for the judgements made in them.

The Secretary for Internal Affairs has the responsibility for establishing and maintaining a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of financial reporting.

In the Secretary for Internal Affairs' opinion, these financial statements fairly reflect the financial position and operations of the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries for the year ended 30 June 2025.

**Paul James** 

Secretary for Internal Affairs

31 October 2025

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**Gina Smith** 

Acting Secretary of the Board 31 October 2025

# **Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense** for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Actual 2025 \$	Budget 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Revenue				
Non-exchange revenue				
Distribution from New Zealand Lottery Grants Board		395,030,229	331,708,922	433,866,894
Other revenue	3	672,551	-	1,742,563
Total non-exchange revenue		395,702,780	331,708,922	435,609,457
Exchange revenue				
Interest revenue	2	8,192,982	5,822,000	6,714,620
Total exchange revenue		8,192,982	5,822,000	6,714,620
Total revenue		403,895,762	337,530,922	442,324,077
Expenditure				
Administration expense		(14,803,612)	(14,903,612)	(15,237,827)
Audit fee	13	(62,428)	(63,000)	(60,311)
Other expenses		(3,119)	(8,000)	(3,168)
Distribution committee expenses	15	(178,052)	(257,448)	(116,171)
Grants expenses	16	(385,916,696)	(346,806,558)	(323,866,746)
Total expenditure		(400,963,907)	(362,038,618)	(339,284,223)
Operating surplus/(deficit)		2,931,855	(24,507,696)	103,039,854
Other comprehensive revenue and expense				
Total other comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	-
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		2,931,855	(24,507,696)	103,039,854

Explanations of significant variances against budget are provided in Note 19.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these financial statements.

# **Statement of financial position**

as at 30 June 2025

	Note	Actual 2025 \$	Budget 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	5,6	89,598,752	102,793,500	85,805,724
Short-term investments	5,7	121,376,568	75,200,000	90,677,881
GST receivable		2,209,475	1,314,000	2,280,584
Debtors and other receivables	8	63,370,448	-	92,296,937
Total current assets		276,555,243	179,307,500	271,061,126
Total assets		276,555,243	179,307,500	271,061,126
Liabilities  Current liabilities				
Grants payable	9	(48,267,156)	(106,952,149)	(45,713,477)
Creditors and other payables	10	(71,545)	(31,500)	(62,962)
Total current liabilities		(48,338,701)	(106,983,649)	(45,776,439)
Total liabilities		(48,338,701)	(106,983,649)	(45,776,439)
Net Assets		228,216,542	72,323,851	225,284,687
Equity				
Accumulated funds		228,216,542	72,323,851	225,284,687
Total equity	11	228,216,542	72,323,851	225,284,687

Explanations of significant variances against budget are detailed in Note 19.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these financial statements.

# **Statement of changes in equity**

for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Actual <b>2025</b> \$	Budget 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Movement in equity for the year ended 30 June 2025				
Equity as at 1 July 2024		225,284,687	96,831,547	122,244,833
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year ended 30 June 202	5	2,931,855	(24,507,696)	103,039,854
Equity as at 30 June 2025	11	228,216,542	72,323,851	225,284,687

# **Statement of cash flows**

for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Actual 2025 \$	Budget 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Cash flows from operating activities				
Lottery profits		424,169,388	331,876,000	351,477,000
Interest received		7,494,293	6,459,830	6,593,003
Other revenue		672,551	-	1,742,563
Grants paid		(383,363,017)	(364,529,409)	(339,213,556)
Suppliers		(15,251,297)	(15,397,638)	(15,465,818)
GST (net)		71,110	-	(214,232)
Net cash flow from operating activities	12	33,793,028	(41,591,217)	4,918,960
Cash flows from Investing Activities				
Maturity of investments		147,500,000	80,000,000	107,000,000
Purchase of investments		(177,500,000)	(75,200,000)	(147,000,000)
Net cash flow from investing activities		(30,000,000)	4,800,000	(40,000,000)
Movement in cash				
Opening cash and cash equivalents		85,805,724	139,584,717	120,886,764
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		3,793,028	(36,791,217)	(35,081,040)
Closing cash and cash equivalents	5,6	89,598,752	102,793,500	85,805,724

The notes form an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these financial statements.

# Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

# Statement of accounting policies

# Reporting entity

Under the provisions of the Gambling Act 2003, the Secretary for Internal Affairs is responsible for keeping the accounts of the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries.

The operations of the lottery distribution committees are reported in the financial statements of the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries. The primary objective of New Zealand Lottery Grants Board Te Puna Tahua (Board) is to make decisions on the allocation of profits received from the New Zealand Lotteries Commission (Lotto NZ).

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Gambling Act 2003. For the purposes of financial reporting, the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries is a public benefit entity (PBE).

## Reporting period

The financial statements for the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries are for the year ended 30 June 2025 and were approved by the Secretary for Internal Affairs on 31 October 2025.

## **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, and the accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

# Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2003, which includes the requirement to comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP).

The Profits of New Zealand Lotteries is a Tier 1 entity, and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with PBE Standards. These statements comply with the PBE Standards.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Public Finance Act 1989, Crown Entities Act 2004 and the Gambling Act 2003.

# **Note 1: Significant accounting policies**

## Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

In preparing these financial statements, the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries has made estimates and assumptions concerning the future. These estimates and assumptions might

differ from the subsequent actual results. Estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In the process of applying the accounting policies, the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries has not made any judgements or applied estimates of future events. There are no judgements and estimates, except for the judgement regarding going concern and grant expenditure accounting policy which are disclosed below, which are material to the financial report (2023/24: \$nil).

## **Going concern**

A judgement that is material to the financial report is that Lotto NZ will continue its operations in the foreseeable future. The Profits of New Zealand Lotteries receives its revenue from the Board who relies on Lotto NZ for its funding, and so the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries has adequate resources to continue operations for the length of time that Lotto NZ operates.

## Critical judgements in applying accounting policies

The Profits of New Zealand Lotteries has exercised judgement in developing its grant expenses accounting policy as there is no specific accounting standard for grant expenses.

Further information about the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries grants is disclosed in Note 4.

# **Budget figures**

The budget figures for the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense and the statement of financial position are those approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs, as presiding member of the Board, at the beginning of the financial year.

The budget figures have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice (NZ GAAP) and are consistent with the accounting policies adopted by the Secretary for Internal Affairs in preparing these financial statements.

## Presentation currency and rounding

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars which is Profits of New Zealand Lotteries' functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### Measurement base

The financial statements have been prepared on an historical cost basis.

#### Revenue

Revenue comprises the profits of Lotto NZ, received by the Board, and distributed to the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries after deducting Board expenses. Revenue also includes interest revenue on investments and other miscellaneous revenue. Revenue is measured at

the fair value which has been determined to be equivalent to the amounts received or receivable.

Revenue from the Board is recognised when advised by Lotto NZ. Investment revenue is recognised on an accrual basis when earned and is reported in the financial period to which it relates.

Interest received is classified as exchange revenue. Lottery profits and other revenue is classified as non-exchange revenue, in accordance with the definitions provided in PBE IPSAS 23.

If a grant is refunded, either in part or in full, where the original payment was made in the same financial year the refund will be netted off against the relevant grant expenditure in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense. If a refunded grant relates to a grant payment made in a previous financial year the refund will be treated as other revenue in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense.

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value (including any associated transaction costs) and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Financial assets are also measured net of an impairment allowance. Any profit or loss from the financial transaction is recognised in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense.

# Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks and other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. The carrying value of these assets approximates their fair value.

While cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2025 are subject to the expected credit loss requirements of PBE IPSAS 41, no loss allowance has been recognised because the estimated loss allowance for credit losses is trivial.

#### **Payables**

Payables have been designated as grants payable and other payables. They are recorded at the amount payable.

#### **Debtors and other receivables**

Debtors and other receivables are recorded at the amount due, less an allowance for expected credit losses.

Debtors and other receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include the debtor being in liquidation.

#### **Investments**

Profits of New Zealand Lotteries considers there has not been a significant increase in credit risk for investments in term deposits because the issuer of the investment continues to have low credit risk at reporting date. Term deposits are held with banks that have a short-term investment grade credit rating of not less than 'A-1' from Standard and Poor's, 'F1' from Fitch Ratings, or 'P-1' from Moody's Investor Service, which indicates the bank has a very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments.

The carrying amounts of term deposits with maturities of 12 months or less approximate their fair value.

## Goods and services tax (GST)

These accounts have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis, except for accounts receivable and payable. Where GST is not recoverable as input tax, it is recognised as part of the related expense. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the IRD is presented as a net receivables or payables figure in the statement of financial position.

#### Income tax

Profits of New Zealand Lotteries is a public authority and consequently is exempt from the payment of income tax. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income tax.

# **Grant expenditure**

The net grants are discretionary and are recognised in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense as expenditure when they have been:

- · approved by the distribution committees, and
- applicant is advised, and
- any outcome reporting has been received and accepted, or
- payment has been made.

For discretionary grants without substantive conditions, the total committed funding over the life of the grant is expensed when the grant is approved by the distribution committee. Discretionary grants with substantive conditions are expensed at the earlier of the grant payment date or when the grant conditions have been satisfied.

#### Changes in accounting policies

There were no changes in accounting policies during the financial year (2023/24: no changes).

#### Standards issued and adopted 2024/25

PBE IPSAS 1 Disclosure of Fees for Audit Firms' Services (Amendments to PBE IPSAS 1).

This amendment is effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024. Entities are required to disclose the fees incurred for services received from its audit or review firm, and a

description of each service. As a result of the adoption of PBE IPSAS1, the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries have disclosed additional information (note 13). IPSAS 1 has had no significant effect on the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries' financial statements.

# Note 2: Interest revenue: exchange

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Bank of New Zealand current account	2,976,677	3,029,835
Money market investment	5,188,145	3,682,490
Other Interest	28,160	2,295
Total interest revenue	8,192,982	6,714,620

# Note 3: Other revenue: non-exchange

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Grant refunds - prior financial years	672,551	1,742,563
Total other revenue	672,551	1,742,563

# **Note 4: Fund allocations**

The Profits of New Zealand Lotteries distributes funds by way of distribution committees, the Minister of Internal Affairs (Discretionary Fund), and the three statutory bodies. The funding allocation to these committees, the Minister of Internal Affairs and the statutory bodies is set out below:

	Actual 2025 %*	Actual 2024 %*	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Distribution committees				
<b>Lottery Community committees</b>				
National	6.90%	3.50%	27,274,699	11,425,634
Regional Community committees				
Northland	1.30%	1.80%	5,290,627	5,856,885
Auckland	6.90%	7.60%	27,558,536	24,571,513
Waikato	2.70%	3.00%	10,880,311	9,701,012
Bay of Plenty/Gisborne	2.00%	2.90%	8,017,949	9,428,297
Taranaki	0.70%	0.80%	2,871,917	2,560,635
Hawke's Bay	0.90%	1.70%	3,573,898	5,465,929
Manawatū/Whanganui	1.40%	1.60%	5,690,697	5,073,892
Wellington/Wairarapa	2.00%	2.20%	7,864,060	7,011,688
West Coast/Nelson-Marlborough	1.00%	1.10%	3,948,545	3,520,569
Canterbury/Kaikōura	2.50%	2.80%	10,142,296	9,042,990
Otago/Southland	1.60%	1.80%	6,422,035	5,725,961
Lottery specialist committees				
Community Facilities	5.00%	4.50%	20,018,544	14,524,199
Environment and Heritage	4.50%	2.30%	17,861,560	7,506,741
Health Research	0.70%	0.70%	2,738,781	2,238,781
Individuals with Disabilities	2.60%	3.20%	10,295,975	10,295,975
Oranga Marae	10.80%	10.80%	43,000,000	35,000,000
Outdoor Safety	2.10%	2.60%	8,293,616	8,293,616

	Actual 2025 %*	Actual 2024 %*	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Minister's Discretionary Fund				
Minister's Discretionary Fund	0.30%	0.30%	1,000,000	1,000,000
Emergency Natural Disaster Response Fund	1.30%	1.50%	5,000,000	5,000,000
Distribution to statutory bodies				
Creative New Zealand	20.10%	15.30%	59,931,642	49,500,000
Sport New Zealand	15.10%	20.30%	79,908,856	66,000,000
New Zealand Film Commission	6.50%	6.60%	25,970,378	21,500,000
Other allocations to statutory bodies**				
New Zealand Film Commission – Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision	0.50%	0.50%	1,997,721	1,700,000
Sport New Zealand – water safety	0.60%	0.80%	2,477,314	2,477,314
Total funds allocated for the year	100%	100%	398,029,957	324,421,631

<sup>\*</sup>Percentages shown are based on allocation totals and not revenue received. Statutory bodies received a set dollar amount.

Sport New Zealand received an allocation for use in funding the water safety sector under the terms of a memorandum of understanding.

<sup>\*\*</sup>New Zealand Film Commission received an allocation to pass to Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision under the terms of a memorandum of understanding.

# **Note 5: Financial instrument categories**

The carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities in each of the financial categories are as follows:

	Actual <b>2025</b> \$	Actual 2024 \$
Financial assets measured at amortised cost		
Cash and cash equivalents	89,598,752	85,805,724
Debtors and other receivables	63,370,448	92,296,937
Short-term investments	121,376,568	90,677,881
Total financial assets measured at amortised cost	274,345,768	268,780,542
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
Creditors and other payables	71,545	62,962
Grants payable	48,267,156	45,713,477
Total financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	48,338,701	45,776,439

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash in transit, deposits held on call with banks and other short-term, highly liquid investments, with original maturities of three months or less. The carrying value of these assets approximates their fair value.

Debtors and receivables carried at amortised cost approximates their fair value. The recoverable amount is calculated at the face value of estimated future cash flows. Impairment, being the difference between carrying amount and recoverable amount, is recognised in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense.

Creditors and other payables are measured at fair value plus transaction costs. Any profits or losses from these financial transactions are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense.

Bank term deposits are measured at amortised cost. The carrying amounts of term deposits approximates their fair value.

In meeting its liquidity requirements, the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries maintains a target level of investments that must mature within specified timeframes to meet projected grants payments and other accounts payable (refer to Note 9 and Note 10).

Contractual cash flows for term deposits include the interest revenue on the investments at maturity date. The carrying amount of term deposits with maturity less than 12 months approximate their fair value.

As grants payable recognises grants approved but unpaid as at reporting date, due to grants conditions not having been met, the timing of these payments is not certain. Payments are typically settled within a year of committee approval. Other accounts payable are typically settled within 30 days of receipt of an invoice.

#### Financial instrument risk

The Profits of New Zealand Lotteries is party to financial instrument arrangements as part of its daily operations. These include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, short-term investments, accounts payable, and other financial liabilities.

The Profits of New Zealand Lotteries' activities expose it to a variety of financial instrument risks, including market risk, credit risk, and liquidity risk. The Profits of New Zealand Lotteries has policies to manage the risks associated with financial instruments and seeks to minimise exposure from financial instruments. These policies do not allow any transactions that are speculative in nature to be entered.

#### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that a third party will default on its obligations, causing the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries to incur a loss.

Credit risk is reduced by investing up to fixed limits, only in approved banking institutions carrying Standard and Poor's short-term rating of not less than A-1' from Standard and Poor's, 'F1' from Fitch Ratings, or 'P-1' from Moody's Investor Service. These limits reduce the credit risk exposure to any one financial institution.

Concentration of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable is high, due to the reliance on Lotto NZ for 99% of revenue for Profits of New Zealand Lotteries. Reliance is placed on the fact that Lotto NZ is a going concern. In addition, the distribution of grants by the committees is closely monitored to ensure that commitments are matched by revenue.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

For bank term deposits with terms of greater than 90 days, the terms were 92 - 278 days (2023/24: 127 - 261 days). The Interest rates ranged from 3.50% - 5.65% p.a. (2023/24: 5.91% - 6.20% p.a.).

Profits of New Zealand Lotteries only invests in fixed interest rate money market investments.

# Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries will encounter difficulty raising liquid funds to meet commitments as they fall due.

# Note 6: Cash and cash equivalents

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Cash at bank in interest bearing accounts		
Bank of New Zealand transactional account	12,481	32,797
Bank of New Zealand on-call bank account	89,570,000	85,760,000
Accrued interest	16,271	12,927
Total cash and cash equivalents	89,598,752	85,805,724

#### **Note 7: Short-term investments**

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Bank term deposits with original maturities 90 – 365 days		
ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited	30,000,000	30,000,000
ASB Bank Limited	20,000,000	10,000,000
Bank of New Zealand	-	10,000,000
Kiwibank Limited	30,000,000	10,000,000
Westpac New Zealand Limited	40,000,000	30,000,000
Accrued interest	1,376,568	677,881
Total short-term investments	121,376,568	90,677,881

# **Note 8: Receivables**

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Accounts receivable, lottery profits	63,270,448	92,293,388
Debtors and other receivables	100,000	3,549
Allowance for doubtful debts	-	-
Total receivables	63,370,448	92,296,937

Accounts receivable is the final profits payment due from Lotto NZ and is recorded at face value. The Profits of New Zealand Lotteries has applied the simplified expected credit loss model of recognising an allowance for doubtful debts on receivables.

Debtors and other receivables are non-interest bearing, non-exchange-revenue related, and receipts are within the normal terms. Therefore, the carrying value of debtors and other receivables approximates their fair value. The Profits of New Zealand Lotteries has applied the simplified expected credit loss model of recognising an allowance for doubtful debts on debtors and other receivables.

The ageing profile of receivables at year-end is detailed below:

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$	Actual 2024 \$	Actual 2024 \$
	Gross carrying amount	Allowance for doubtful debts	Net carrying amount at fair value	Gross carrying amount	Allowance for doubtful debts	Net carrying amount at fair value
Not past due	63,270,448	-	63,270,448	92,293,388	-	92,293,388
Due 1-30 days	100,000	-	100,000	3,549	-	3,549
Total receivables	63,370,448	-	63,370,448	92,296,937	-	92,296,937

All receivables more than 30 days in age are past due. Due to the nature, debtors and other receivables have been assessed for impairment on a collective basis, after accounting for any specific doubtful debts, as they possess shared credit risk characteristics.

Note 9: Grants payable

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Short-term (12 months or less)	48,267,156	45,713,477
Total grants payable	48,267,156	45,713,477

All grants payable with due dates more than 12 months beyond the end of the financial year are classified as non-current, or long-term, grants payable.

# Note 10: Creditors and other payables

	Actual <b>202</b> 5 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Exchange transactions		
Other suppliers	63,482	57,610
Non-exchange transactions		
PAYE	8,063	5,352
Total creditors and other payables	71,545	62,962

Creditors and other payables are non-interest bearing and payments are within the normal terms. Therefore, the carrying value of creditors and other payables approximates their fair value.

Note 11: Breakdown of equity and further information

	Note	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Undistributed committees' funds			
Granting commitments*		22,076,353	35,080,476
Undistributed committees' funds carried forward to next financial year		23,870,347	3,276,701
Total undistributed committees' funds		45,946,700	38,357,177
Accumulated funds			
Opening accumulated funds		186,927,510	80,107,532
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		2,931,855	103,039,854
Total funds allocated for the year	4	(398,029,957)	(324,421,631)
Total grants expenses for the year	16	385,916,696	323,866,746
Funds allocated to distribution committees but unspent		4,523,738	4,335,009
Closing accumulated funds		182,269,842	186,927,510
Total Equity		228,216,542	225,284,687

#### **Undistributed committee funds**

These funds remain undistributed at the end of the financial year and have either been committed or approved for the committee to carry forward for distribution in future years.

#### **Accumulated funds**

These funds are available to the Board to meet planned allocations to distribution committees.

Note 12: Reconciliation of net cash flows from operating activities with total comprehensive revenue and expense

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Total comprehensive revenue and expense	2,931,855	103,039,854
Add/(deduct) movements in statement of financial position items		
(Increase)/ decrease in debtors and other receivables	28,926,489	(82,442,665)
(Increase)/ decrease in accrued interest	(698,688)	(121,618)
(Increase)/ decrease in GST receivable	71,110	(214,232)
Increase/ (decrease) in grants payable	2,553,679	(15,346,810)
Increase/ (decrease) in creditors and other payables	8,583	4,431
Net movements in working capital items	30,861,173	(98,120,894)
Net cash flow from operating activities	33,793,028	4,918,960

<sup>\*</sup> For discretionary grants with substantive conditions, the funding committed upon approval by the distribution committees is disclosed in the statement of commitments. These grants are recognised as expenses in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenditure at the earlier of the payment date or when the grant conditions are met.

# Note 13: Audit fee expenditure by nature

Audit fees paid or payable during the year for services provided by the auditor to the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries include:

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Audit and review of the financial statements	62,428	60,311
Total fees paid to auditors	62,428	60,311

The auditors were employed to provide audit related services over the financial statements.

# Note 14: Related party transactions and key management personnel

The Secretary for Internal Affairs is Trustee of the profits received from the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board, which in turn receive their income from Lotto NZ under the Gambling Act 2003.

The Profits of New Zealand Lotteries enters transactions with other entities on an arm's length basis.

Transactions that occur are within supplier or client relationships on terms and conditions no more or less favourable than those which it is reasonable to expect the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries would have adopted if dealing with unrelated parties at arm's length.

Transactions with other government agencies are not disclosed as related party transactions when they are consistent with the normal operating arrangements between government agencies and undertaken on the normal terms and conditions for such transactions.

The Department of Internal Affairs (Department) provides administration services to the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries, the distribution committees, and the Minister of Internal Affairs.

The services provided by the Department in 2024/25 include personnel, accommodation, administration, and other services totalling \$13,068,000 (2023/24: \$12,228,000). An additional \$1,735,612 was provided to support the Board with evolving their lottery grants and advisory system (2023/24 an additional \$3,009,827 was provided to support the Kia Tipu, He Tipua future funding model work programme).

# **Note 15: Disclosure of fees**

Fees are paid for attendance at committee meetings and for preparation and reading in relation to meetings. Distribution committee members' fees for the year to 30 June 2025 are shown below. These fees are based on actual paid fees in the year. Any fees processed after year end will appear in the 2025/26 annual report.

	Actual 2025	Actual 2024
Distribution committee member	\$	\$
Algar, H.	1,212	696
Baker, P.V.	1,508	696
Bannerman, Y.	1,508	696
Bigham, B.	-	391
Burns, P.	1,508	812
Cairns, B.	116	818
Candy, A.	-	928
Carrucan, E.	1,276	-
Clarke, J.V.	1,392	-
Clarricoats, G.	-	1,956
Correa, R.	3,003	1,513
Cotter Tait, S.	1,624	812
Cotton, E.	1,624	1,102
Crawford, F.	3,190	2,435
Crawford, G.S.	348	-
Daw, J.M.	-	58
Dean, R.	58	-
Dhiru, V.	2,030	696
Dillon, T.	-	470
Edgar, J.	116	-
El-Shadan, T.	-	116
Fannin, M.	1,392	232
Firestone, R.	3,890	3,889
Fletcher, E.	3,212	2,919
Fox, N.	1,392	696
Fyfe, D.	-	696
Gemmell, S.E.B.	4,524	2,436
Gestro-Best, C.	1,902	696
Gibb, S.	870	-

	Actual 2025	Actual 2024
Distribution committee member	\$	\$
Glenn, D.	4,581	2,436
Gould-Lardelli, R.	-	783
Gritt, J.	1,508	769
Gulleford, V.	232	-
Hebberd, C.	2,087	696
Hewitt, R.	2,774	1,450
Holmes, P.	2,013	1,334
Horton, J.R.	2,920	2,919
Houkamau, R.	-	939
Howarth, J.R.	1,682	696
Ingram, B	348	-
Iqbal, S.K.	232	-
Ivory, D.	1,566	812
Jeffreys, M.	2,920	2,919
Jury, A.	-	157
Kapa, R.	1,276	928
Kaye-Simmons, V.M.	3,365	939
Keefe, M.J.M.	1,392	-
Kite, A.M.	696	-
Kumar, M.	-	470
Lanigan-Behrent, T.	1,566	986
Latham, J.M.	157	939
Lee, J.	4,581	2,577
Lennox, G.	348	-
Leung, R.	1,624	754
Lockwood, S.G.	2,327	939
Lomas, T.	1,740	928
Lovell, E.	-	812
Lu, B.	2,920	2,919

Distribution committee member	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Mallows, C.	812	-
Maru, B.T.	1,044	696
Menzies-Culling, S.	1,392	696
Michalanney, W.	348	-
Miles, M.A.	928	-
Morrison, G.	696	1,044
Nicholas, T.	1,392	-
Nuri, N.	1,218	1,409
O'Connell, J.	2,739	939
Paenga, J.R.	290	-
Paewai, S.D.	1,160	696
Paitai, T.	-	696
Pamatatau, R.	1,956	1,252
Patten-Matehaere, S.	1,044	696
Pishief, E.	-	754
Powley, Y.S.	-	116
Quirk, C.	1,878	661
Ravi, P.	78	-
Ridden, J.	1,508	464
Robin, T.	2,307	986
Rossiter-Stead, C.	2,030	696
Ryu, G.	1,624	928
Shaw, V.F.	939	1,096
Siers, S.	580	-
Stevens, K.M.	2,348	1,096
Tait, H.	1,624	1,218
Tana, R.	2,895	855
Taufale, T.T.S.	1,044	812
Taylor, N.	-	116

Distribution committee member	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Tuatini, M.	1,392	-
Van Uden, V.	1,994	939
von Dadelszen, E.H.	2,256	406
Wadia, F.	6,141	2,737
Walford-Smith, L.	1,392	812
Wilks, S.	1,565	464
Wood, J.	1,624	232
Wraight, B.	2,013	754
Wright-Tawhā, T.	1,702	406
Xiao, S.X.	-	661
Distribution committee members' fees paid	136,503	80,193
Distribution meeting expenses	41,549	35,978
Total distribution committee members' expenses	178,052	116,171

# **Note 16: Grants expenses**

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Grant applications approved during the year	202,626,662	177,620,180
Decrease/(increase) from the prior year of grants with substantive conditions disclosed in the statement of commitments	13,004,123	5,069,252
Distributions to the statutory bodies	165,810,876	137,000,000
Other allocations to the statutory bodies	4,475,035	4,177,314
Total grants expenses	385,916,696	323,866,746

#### **Note 17: Commitments**

	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Granting commitments (grants with conditions not yet satisfied)		
Current	8,141,857	19,685,267
Less than one year	13,934,496	15,395,209
Total granting commitments	22,076,353	35,080,476
Multi-year granting commitments less than one year	39,033,479	-
Total commitments	61,109,832	35,080,476

Discretionary grants with substantive conditions are recognised as expenditure at the earlier of grant payment date or when the grant conditions have been satisfied.

Until this time, the value of the commitments will show in the statement of commitments in the financial statements of the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries.

Multi-year grant investments for up to two years were available for the 2024/25 year (2023/24 multi-year funding was not available).

Multi-year grants are subject to future funding hence not deemed to be undistributed funds.

# Note 18: Contingent assets and liabilities

There are no contingent assets or contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2025 (2023/24: \$nil).

# Note 19: Explanation of significant variances against budget

Explanations of significant variances between actual and budget for the year ending 30 June 2025 are as follows:

# Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

#### Distribution from Lottery Grants Board

Revenue budgets were based on Lotto NZ forecast profits at the start of 2024/25. Lotto NZ profits were \$63.3 million higher than the budget. The increased profits have been distributed from the Board to the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries.

## **Grants expenses**

The increase reflects additional allocations to the distribution committees and the three statutory bodies, funded by additional 2023/24 lottery profits received in 2024/25 and approved by the Board. Additionally, a \$13.0 million decrease from the prior year in discretionary grants with substantive conditions—disclosed in the statement of commitments—also contributed to the increase in grants expenditure.

# Operating surplus/(deficit)

This is the result of timing differences in revenue recognition and grant expenditure. Total profits equivalent to amounts both received and receivable from Lotto NZ are recognised as revenue in the current year whereas grants expenditure is recognised when grants are paid or when grant conditions have been met.

## Statement of financial position

## Cash and cash equivalents

The final quarter payment from Lotto NZ, received on 30 June 2025, was on budget.

#### Debtors and other receivables

The 2024/25 final profits payment of \$63.3 million from Lotto NZ was received 29 August 2025. This payment was not budgeted.

#### Grants payable

As at 30 June 2025, grants expenses totalling \$22.1 million with substantive conditions were disclosed in the statement of commitments, in accordance with the accounting policy (2023/24: \$35.1 million).

#### Accumulated funds

The increase in revenue from Lotto NZ, offset by an increase in grant expenditure, has resulted in a net increase in accumulated funds. Due to the unpredictable nature, the budget does not account for the movement in recognised grant expenses due to grants with substantive conditions, which are instead disclosed in the statement of commitments.

# Note 20: Events after reporting date

There were no significant events between 30 June 2025 and the signing of these financial statements (2023/24: \$nil).

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