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New Zealand Lottery Grants Board

Annual report

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Lottery Grants Board
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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 (Board) and of each distribution committee for the 12 months ended 30 June 2026, 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 for the purpose of generating profits for the Lottery Grants Board. The profits of New Zealand Lotteries are paid into a bank account of the Lottery Grants Board, 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 2026 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

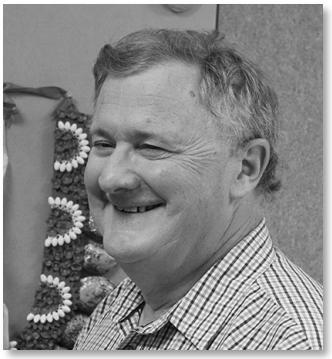
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Lottery Grants Board

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)



Parmindar Singh
(Appointed by the
Governor-General)



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



Hon Louise Upston
(Prime Minister's
Representative)

Statement of Intent

The Board has adopted a 4-year Statement of Intent

The Statement of Intent (SOI) is shaped around the Board's strategic intent to support the aspirations of community, hapū, and iwi through granting that builds strong, sustainable communities. The SOI sets out how the Board will progress towards this over the 2025-2029 period.

The SOI reflects an evolving lottery grants system

In late 2021, the Board initiated a review of the lottery grants system (the system) which highlighted a lack in overall strategic direction.

The Board also heard from organisations, communities, hapū and iwi that apply for funding that there are inefficiencies and inequities within the system. To address this, the Board committed to evolving the system to one that is more strategic, responsive and inclusive. The Board's adoption of an SOI is an important strategic shift towards this evolved system.

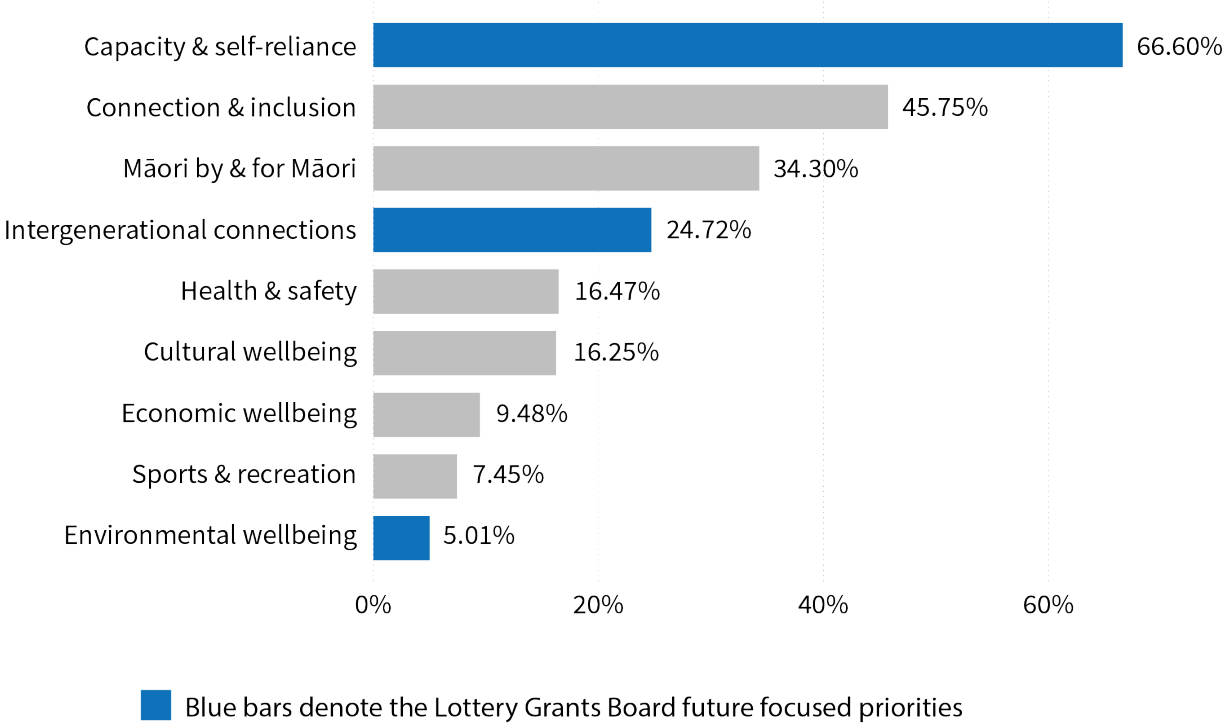
Outcomes framework



The Board sets out its high-level vision and desired outcomes in its SOI. The Board's vision guides the priorities of the lottery grants system, in combination with the Gambling Act 2003 (the Act).

The outcomes circle diagram shows far horizon and mid horizon outcomes. The circle shape indicates that all the outcome areas are equally important and that they are interconnected. The outer layers of the circle show the foundational elements of the outcomes framework.

Proportion of funding awarded to mid-horizon ngā pae tata outcomes in FY2025/26



The data was drawn from the following lottery funds:

- Lottery Community
- Lottery Community Facilities
- Lottery Environment and Heritage
- Lottery Oranga Marae
- Lottery Outdoor Safety.

Percentages sum to over 100% as grants can support multiple outcome areas.

Outputs

In FY2025/26, the Lottery Grants Board allocated $422,026,200 of lottery profits.

Lottery Community committees were allocated $144,624,848:

National Community committee	$26,167,047
Regional Community committees	$118,457,801

Lottery specialist committees and Minister's Discretionary Fund were allocated $114,708,244:

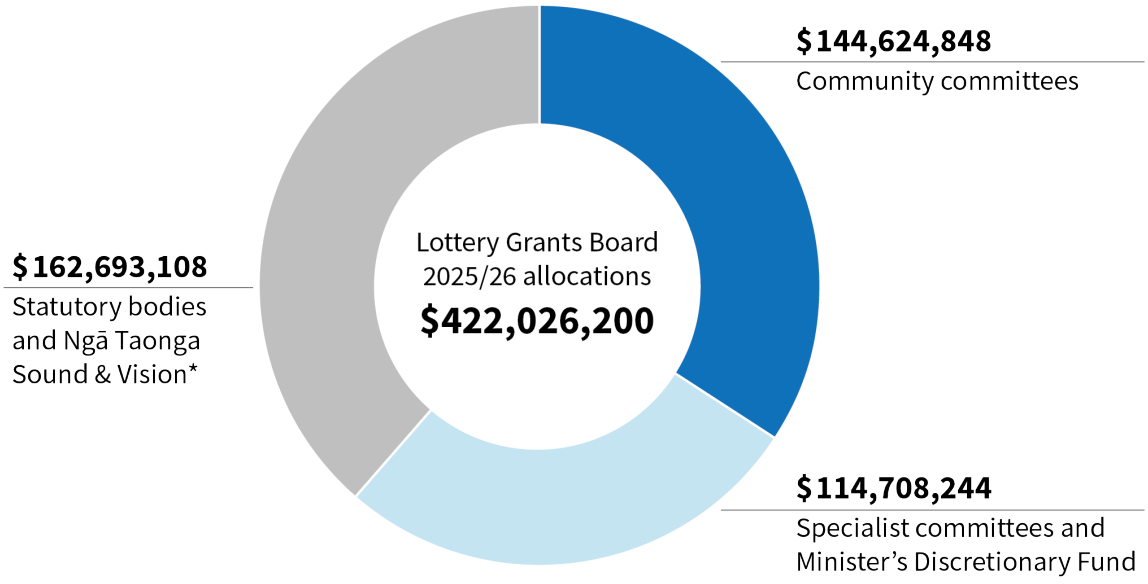
Community Facilities	$28,952,475
Environment and Heritage	$11,941,501
Health Research	$2,710,971
Individuals with Disabilities	$12,467,540
Minister's Discretionary Fund	$6,210,914
Oranga Marae	$42,381,988
Outdoor Safety	$10,042,855

Statutory bodies and Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision were allocated $157,808,597:

Creative New Zealand	$56,360,213
New Zealand Film Commission	$24,422,759
Sport New Zealand*	$75,146,951
Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision	$1,878,674

*Sport New Zealand was also allocated the following amount for Water Safety New Zealand:

Water Safety New Zealand	$4,884,511



*This includes $4,884,511 allocated to Sport New Zealand for Water Safety New Zealand.

Presiding member's report



It has now been over two years since I took on the role of presiding member for the Lottery Grants Board, alongside my responsibilities as Minister of Internal Affairs. The work of the Board remains central in supporting communities across New Zealand, and I value the opportunity to be closely connected to the system and the people it serves.

In 2025/26, the Board allocated $422 million in lottery funding to support communities across New Zealand.

The Board's vision – building strong, sustainable communities together – continues to guide its work. Through its distribution committees, statutory bodies, and other funding arrangements, the Board supports a wide range of initiatives that contribute to community wellbeing, resilience, and participation.

Earlier this year, I introduced changes to the Lottery Grants Board's distribution committee structure which took effect from 1 July 2026. The new structure establishes one national and six regionally zoned committees, creating a simpler and more consistent approach to grant distribution. The changes are intended to make the system easier to navigate for applicants while strengthening consistency, transparency and assurance in funding decisions.

Throughout this work, I have maintained a strong interest in ensuring that the lottery grants distribution system is underpinned by robust governance, appropriate oversight and sound decision-making. Strengthening assurance arrangements and improving consistency across the funding system have been important objectives of the reform programme. This will help maintain public confidence that lottery funding is being allocated fairly, transparently and in line with the Board's policies.

The Board has worked with the Department of Internal Affairs and stakeholders to implement these changes in a considered way, with a focus on maintaining continuity for applicants and funded organisations.

Examples include clearer accountability for funding decisions, more consistent decision-making across committees, stronger oversight of emerging risks, and improved assurance mechanisms to support transparency and public trust in the management of lottery funding.

Looking ahead, the priority will be to embed these changes and ensure the lottery grants system is strategic, evidence-informed and responsive to community needs while remaining adaptable to demand and emerging priorities.

I am confident that these changes will support a more effective and sustainable lottery grants system, and I remain focused on ensuring it continues to deliver for all New Zealanders.



Hon Brooke van Velden
Minister of Internal Affairs; and
Presiding Member of the Lottery Grants Board

Secretary's report



Greetings, kia ora, talofa lava

It is a privilege to present the Lottery Grants Board Secretary's report for the 2025/26 financial year. Having commenced as Secretary of the Board and General Manager Community Operations Hāpai Hapori at the Department of Internal Affairs in February 2026, I have had the opportunity to observe firsthand the ongoing commitment to supporting communities across New Zealand.

This year, the Board was in the fortunate position of allocating a record level of funding to its distribution committees and Minister's Discretionary Fund, totalling $259 million. These funds continue to make a meaningful difference in our communities across New Zealand. Lottery profits have continued to trend upwards and we acknowledge Lotto New Zealand for its stewardship in generating returns for community benefit.

Demand for funding remained high across the year. Committees considered slightly less requests (5,540) in this financial year, versus 5,649 last year and slightly less grants were made (4,017) than in the previous year (4,113). This slight reduction may be attributable to 891 multi-year grants being approved in FY2024/25. This reflects a continued focus on providing sustained funding to support long-term community outcomes. We continue to see a good level of new-to-lottery groups applying for funding – approximately 32.5% of applications. This reflected the Department's ongoing focus to broaden access to funding and reach a more diverse range of communities.

Board developments

The Board farewelled two appointed members this year – Colleen Tuuta and Karen Coutts. I thank them both for their service and the valuable contribution to the Board. The Governor General confirmed the appointment of Parmindar Singh to the Board in October 2025 and the Minister welcomed her to her first meeting in January 2026.

The Board completed the development of its core policy framework. These policies set clear expectations in relation to ethics, integrity and conduct, and provide a consistent foundation for Board and committee decision-making. The policies will be reviewed on a regular cycle to ensure they remain fit for purpose.

The adoption and implementation of the Board's Statement of Intent strengthened its strategic and outcomes focused approach. Improvements to data collection within the Department's grants management system will enable better visibility of how effectively funding contributes to the outcomes sought by the Board. Utilising the outcomes framework also enabled distribution committees to align their funding decisions with the Board's strategic direction.

Change to the distribution committee structure

A significant milestone during the year was the reform of the distribution committee structure. In April 2026, the Minister confirmed changes, establishing a new funding model to become operational on 1 July 2026. This comprised one fund, administered through seven distribution committees (six regional and one national).

This change involved the dis-establishment of all existing committees and the conclusion of those committee member roles. I want to acknowledge the hard work of the lottery committee members and thank them for their service to communities across the country.

The Department of Internal Affairs played a critical role in implementing the new structure, ensuring continuity of funding and minimising disruption for applicants. This has positioned the Board and committees well to deliver a more streamlined and consistent funding system from 1 July 2026.

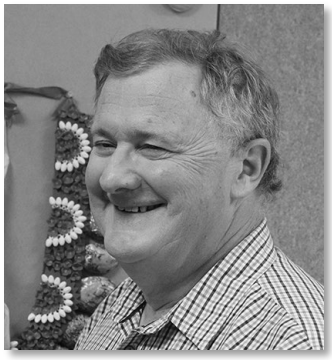
Finally, I want to acknowledge the Community Operations Hāpai Hapori team. Their deep commitment and dedication have helped ensure lottery grants continue to support the people, places and kaupapa that strengthen our communities.

We look forward to the year ahead and continuing to work alongside communities to ensure lottery grants funding makes a meaningful and lasting difference across New Zealand.



Aiolupotea Sina Aiono
Secretary of the Board

Board liaison members' report







As the appointed Board members, we have liaison responsibilities to provide meaningful connections between the Lottery Grants Board (Board) and the lottery distribution committees (committees). Maintaining strong connections with the committees enables us to share, with our fellow Board members, insights, trends, anecdotal evidence on community need and the impact of the Board's Statement of Intent on distribution decision making. This information can be invaluable for shaping Board strategy and decisions.

Attendance at the Presiding Members' Policy Advisory Group (PMPAG) also ensures a strategic and policy-led relationship between the Board and PMPAG.

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.

It has also been both humbling and insightful to witness the way the committees have embraced the Board's outcomes framework to assist their decision making. The work of the Board over recent years to set the strategic direction for lottery profits has brought us to a significant point of change. This is now coinciding with another significant change to the lottery committee and fund structure, along with the new responsibility of the Board for distribution of funding from the online casino gambling duty.

This is an exciting time to be part of the Lottery Grants Board and we look forward to working with our fellow Parliamentary Board members and the committees to embed these changes.

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, Karen Coutts. Karen has completed her three-year term on the Board. During that time, her contribution to evolving the lottery grants system and her strategic thinking have been immensely appreciated. We wish Karen well.







Garth Clarricoats **Karen Coutts** **Parmindar Singh**

Governance and accountability statement

The Lottery Grants Board (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.[1] 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 the Board 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 under delegated authority from the Secretary for Internal Affairs in accordance with the Act.

[1] The Lotteries Commission trades as Lotto NZ.

Distribution channels

In addition to the Lottery Minister's Discretionary Fund, there are 18 lottery committees. The statutory bodies and committees funded by the Board are shown on page 18.

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 aligned their priority outcomes to the SOI for FY2025/26.

Most committees have two distribution meetings each year. Committees comprise 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 Minister via 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 Māori and, as appropriate, older people, Pacific people and other ethnic communities, women, youth, and people with disabilities. 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 communities across New Zealand.

When assessing applications, committees consider:

- the community need for the activity or service
- community benefit and support for the activity
- the fit with Board 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 $155,929,923 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 – $56,360,213
- New Zealand Film Commission – $24,422,759
- Sport New Zealand – $75,146,951
- Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision – $1,878,674

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 $4,884,511 to Sport New Zealand for Water Safety New Zealand. Sport New Zealand is responsible for monitoring this allocation under its Memorandum of Understanding with the Department.

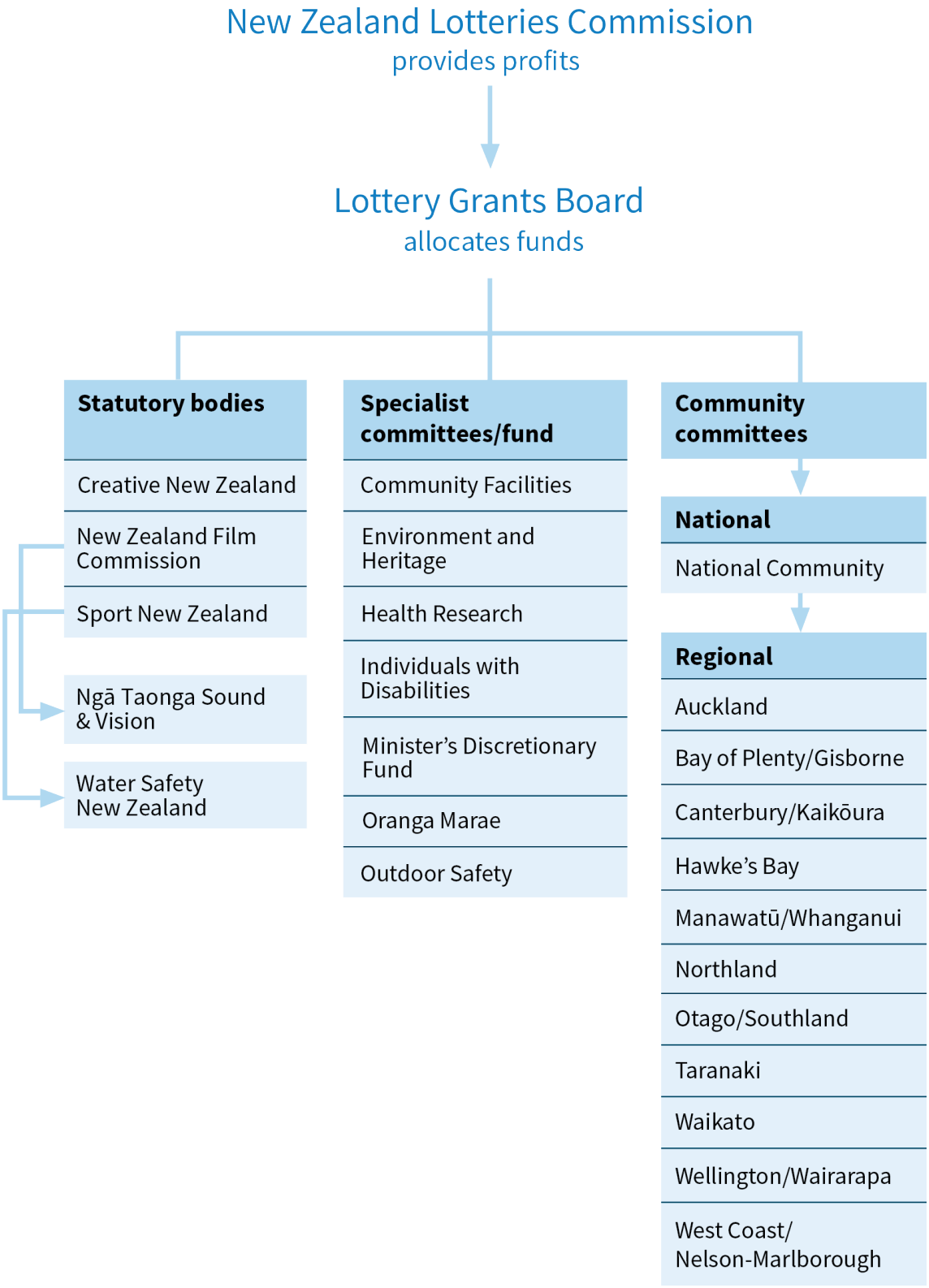
Administration of lottery grants

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

Under section 286 of the Act, the Department maintains and operates the Board's bank account, into which all lottery profits are received. The Secretary for Internal Affairs is responsible for the investment of undistributed lottery profits as directed by the Board. All grants and administration costs specified in section 289 of the Act are paid from the bank account. The Board accounts for its funds in its annual report, which is submitted to the Auditor-General and tabled in the House of Representatives.

Lottery Grants Board distribution of funds for the year ended 30 June 2026



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

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
- Environment and Heritage
- Health Research
- Individuals with Disabilities
- Minister's Discretionary Fund
- Oranga Marae
- Outdoor Safety

Community Facilities Committee

Te Tahua Hapori Ngā Whakauranga



Committee members

Megan Cushnahan (presiding member from February 2026)
Helen Algar (from November 2022, presiding member from March 2025 to February 2026)
Benita Cairns (from August 2020)
Judene Edgar (from March 2025)
Anne-Marie Kite (from March 2025)
Margaret Miles (from March 2025)

Outcomes

Organisations receiving grants are expected to demonstrate how their projects will contribute to one or more of the following Board outcomes:

- capability, capacity and self-reliance are enhanced
- locally led sports and recreation are supported
- cultural wellbeing is enriched through arts, culture, heritage, and national identity
- connection, collaboration and inclusion are supported.

Committee priorities

Community Facilities prioritised organisations that support the needs of groups named in the Gambling Act 2003:

- Māori
- pacific people and other ethnic communities
- older people, women, youth, and people with disabilities
- people facing barriers to participation in society.

Community benefit

Following the adoption of the Lottery Grants Board outcomes framework, the committee reviewed its priorities for the 2025/26 year. The selected outcomes continued the fund's focus on supporting priority communities identified in the Gambling Act 2003, as well as people living in lower socio-economic or geographically isolated areas.

The fund also moved to a year-round application model, with three distribution meetings held during the year. Request numbers continued at the usual high level, and saw requests from a variety of sectors.

A grant of $500,000 was awarded to the Taniwharau Rugby League Sports and Cultural Club in Huntly, towards the replacement of the existing clubrooms with a multi-purpose

community facility. The current facility is a popular focal point for the Huntly community and surrounds, and the club is well known to be a strong social connector with, and for, their community, working collaboratively with others on a variety of community, whānau and hapū led initiatives. Once operational, the new club facility will serve to foster and maintain a wide variety of sports and cultural activities.

A grant of $135,371 was awarded to YMCA North Incorporated towards the upgrade of Camp Adair in Hunua. The facility is used by people of all ages and by schools and a variety of community groups for their own recreational / camping purposes.

Committee

The committee farewelled and acknowledged the valuable contribution of outgoing member Helen Algar. She had been a committee member since November 2022 and served as presiding member from March 2025, bringing a wealth of knowledge and strong governance skills to the committee.



Megan Cushnahan
Presiding member
Lottery Community Facilities Committee

Lottery Community Facilities Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$24,240,734**
2025/26 Other allocations	$4,711,741
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$421,310
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$29,373,785
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$64,991,112
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$25,758,817
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$25,758,817
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	299
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	172
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	58%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$700,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$149,761
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$4,125

Environment and Heritage Committee

Te Tahua Taiao Ngā Taonga



Committee members

Eileen von Dadelszen (from November 2022, presiding member from March 2025)
Georgina Morrison (from August 2020)
Elizabeth Cotton (from October 2021)
Sarah Gibb (from March 2025)
Christopher Mallows (from March 2025)

Outcomes

Organisations receiving grants are expected to demonstrate how their projects will contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- cultural wellbeing is enriched through arts, culture, heritage and national identity
- environmental wellbeing is protected and enhanced
- Māori will design and develop initiatives as defined by and for Māori
- intergenerational connections and learning are promoted.

Committee priorities

Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee prioritised organisations that support the needs of groups named in the Gambling Act 2003:

- Māori
- Pacific people and other ethnic communities
- older people, women, youth, and people with disabilities
- people facing barriers to participation in society.

Community benefit

For the 2025/26 year, this committee moved to being open all the time and having three funding rounds. This gave groups more flexibility in when they could apply. This move brought an expected increase in the number of requests being considered.

The committee was pleased to see an increasing number of projects where Māori will benefit. The committee is starting to see an increase in iwi and hapū leading the way with iwi-led projects, which not only focus on improving outcomes for the environment, but also result in cultural heritage outcomes.

The extra allocation for environmental wellbeing projects also meant the committee was in a position to fund larger natural heritage projects. Larger grants can be instrumental in helping groups get their project off the ground and running, ensuring significant strides can be

made. One project funded under this extra allocation was the Aorangi Māori Trust Board (Hawke's Bay) project for Te Rongo o Whatumā – Lake Whatumā Lakeside Activation Project, which has natural as well as cultural outcomes. The aim is to construct a boardwalk on regenerating wetland, which will include a large gathering area, a large outdoor amphitheatre, a closed avian observation tower, and six large signboards that go into detail over the ecological, social and cultural history of the lake and its environment. This will also be linked to a mobile site and website. This project will achieve ecological outcomes, enable the wider community to learn about the cultural and natural significance of the area, and restore the mauri of Lake Whatumā.

The committee also saw a number of projects being considered for sites with historical significance. The Lawrence Chinese Camp Charitable Trust were awarded $400,000 towards restoration of two historical buildings on the site: the Chinese Empire Hotel, and the stables. The Camp is a category 1 historic place on the New Zealand Heritage List. It is part of the history of Chinese miners in Otago, representing the gold mining period in the history of New Zealand and the culturally distinct Chinese experience within that. The work will help preserve New Zealand Chinese cultural and physical heritage, and promote the early Chinese contribution to New Zealand history.

Committee

As the committee continues to consider a wide range of applications for specialist projects, it appreciates having experts in different areas to consider the requests. Having experts is certainly helpful in guiding discussions on these projects and ensuring that the intended outcomes on the project can be met as well as the priorities of the committee. The committee looks forward to seeing the outcomes achieved by the groups from their grants.



Eileen von Dadelszen
Presiding member
Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee

Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$11,941,501**
Funding carried forward from 2024/25	$6,100,208
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$28,290
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$18,069,999
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$37,311,454
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$18,069,759
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$18,069,759
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	247
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	180
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	73%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$700,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$100,388
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$2,500

Health Research Committee

Te Tahua Rangahau Hauora



Committee members

Raymond Tan (presiding member from February 2026)
Ridvan Tupai-Firestone (from May 2019, presiding member from August 2020 to February 2026)
Elizabeth Fletcher (from August 2020)
Bill Lu (from August 2020)
Janine Horton (from August 2022 to February 2026)
Mona Jeffreys (from August 2022)
Lynette Murphy (from February 2026)

Outcomes

Organisations receiving grants must demonstrate how their projects will contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- enabling communities, hapū, iwi, and hapori Māori to be self-reliant
- removing barriers to diversity, equity, inclusion and access within health, safety and wellbeing initiatives
- growth in environments, resources and practices appropriate to cultural health and wellbeing needs
- encouraging hapori Māori to utilise a Whānau Ora model
- promoting healthy ageing
- promoting initiatives advancing equity in community health
- increasing equitable access to community wellbeing and mental health support.

Committee priorities

Priority was given to requests that:

- show how the research will translate into better health outcomes for New Zealand populations, including Māori and Pasifika, and other minority groups
- show why the health issue is significant for New Zealand
- address 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 those requesting grants for post-doctoral fellowships and PhD scholarships, priority was given to:

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

For shared equipment and translational research project requests, priority was given to:

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

Community benefit

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 2025/26 was $2,710,971. 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 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 $119,993 for research into supportive specialist clinical management for Māori with Ngā Māuiui Kai (eating disorders).

Committee

The committee held one meeting in November for the 2025/26 financial year.



Dr Raymond Tan
Presiding member
Lottery Health Research Committee

Lottery Health Research Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$2,710,971**
Funding carried forward from 2024/25	$500,000
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$479,371
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$3,690,342
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$17,772,769
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$3,313,517
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$3,313,517
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	155
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	29
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	19%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$160,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$114,259
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$20,000

Individuals with Disabilities Committee

Te Komiti Rota mō te Tangata whai Hauātanga



Committee members

Vaughan Mikkelson (presiding member from February 2026)
Frian Wadia (from March 2019, presiding member from October 2021 to February 2026)
Dianne Glenn (from August 2020)
Jane Lee (from October 2021)
Fa'amoetauloa Frieda Crawford (from November 2022 to February 2026)
Sharon Gemmel (from November 2022 to February 2026)
Logan McMullen (from February 2026)

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

Priority was given to requests where:

- cultural wellbeing is enriched through arts, culture, heritage, and national identity
- connection, collaboration, and inclusion are supported
- Māori will design and develop initiatives as defined by and for Māori
- intergenerational connections and learning are promoted.

Community benefit

As a committee, we have worked to build on last year's streamlining, particularly the two-stage occupational therapist (OT) assessment process for those seeking vehicles and/or modifications, which ensures that individuals and their whānau receive what they need.

We also endeavoured to ensure that we uphold principles of equity through our decision making and the priority setting from last year.

The committee recognises that isolation resulting from accessibility barriers and limited opportunities for participation can have significant impacts on wellbeing and mental health for many applicants. While funding constraints mean that not all applicants can be supported, the committee is humbled by the positive difference that funding makes to the lives of recipients and their whānau, as reflected in the applications received.

The committee sees community benefit as the positive contribution an individual makes to their whānau, community and society through participation, volunteering, employment, education, cultural activities, leadership, advocacy and other forms of engagement. Access to appropriate mobility and communication supports can enhance an individual's ability to participate fully and contribute meaningfully to community life.

Communication equipment has also provided notable benefits through relatively modest investments, enabling people to purchase accessible technology such as tablets with built-in accessibility features, laptops equipped with voice dictation software, and devices compatible with voice control. These technologies help reduce isolation, increase independence, and enable people with disabilities to participate more fully in their local communities as everyday life, services, employment, education, and social connection continue to expand through online and digital participation.

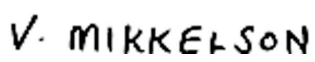
The committee recognises that community benefit is not limited to formal volunteering or paid work; simply being able to participate, connect with others, and support whānau can provide significant benefit to the wider community.

Here is a case study: due to his congenital condition, Tito (not his real name) has limited opportunities for independent movement. Tito was awarded a grant towards an adapted tricycle, which his mother (and full-time carer) wrote was 'far more than just a piece of equipment'. It represents freedom, joy and inclusion. The tricycle gives him the chance to experience the simple yet profound joy of riding, to feel the wind on his face, and to participate in family outings and community life in a way that was once out of reach. The physical benefits are equally significant: riding the trike helps strengthen his muscles, improve coordination and build endurance while he is doing something he loves. Most importantly, it boosts his confidence and sense of belonging.

Committee

A key strength of the committee is that it comprises members identified in the Gambling Act, who bring a diverse range of lived experience, expertise, and empathy to the Fund's decision-making processes. This helps ensure that the intended outcomes of funded projects align with the priorities of both the committee and the Lottery Grants Board.

The committee experienced a change in membership in April, with two new members appointed and one membership renewed. Although the committee was temporarily reduced to four members, its collective depth of knowledge, commitment, and advocacy for people with disabilities has continued to have a significant impact. Members have brought valuable insights and perspectives to funding decisions, ensuring that applications are considered with both rigour and understanding.



Vaughan Mikkelson
Presiding member
Lottery Individuals with Disabilities Committee

Lottery Individuals with Disabilities Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$12,467,540**
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$2,068,203
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$14,535,743
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$28,748,752
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$14,530,845
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$14,530,845
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	1179
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	637
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	54%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$50,980
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$18,336
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$899

Minister's Discretionary Fund



Presiding member – Hon Brooke van Velden

Outcome statement

Strong sustainable communities.

Community benefit

The Minister's Discretionary Fund supported a wide range of community organisations across New Zealand, helping them respond to local needs and strengthen community wellbeing. The Fund enables the Minister of Internal Affairs to consider qualifying applications where there is no appropriate distribution committee, as provided for under the Gambling Act 2003.

In FY2025/26, 34 grants were approved to 33 different organisations totalling $1,210,914.

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

Animal welfare received 83% of the funding, with many organisations seeking support for desexing programmes and veterinary care.

The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporated (SPCA) sought support to address harm associated with roaming dogs and dog-bite incidents in Auckland and Northland. I approved a grant of $468,288 towards its targeted dog desexing programme, which is expected to support the SPCA's response and contribute to improved animal welfare and community safety.

HUHA (Helping You Help Animals) received funding to purchase a generator and install guttering to collect rainwater at its animal eco-sanctuary in the Hutt Valley. The project is intended to improve the sanctuary's self-sufficiency and provide back-up energy when weather conditions limit available solar power.

Community Cat Coalition received a grant to desex community and stray cats in Auckland, and as a result, over 800 cats were desexed, improving their quality of life. Over time, this will reduce cat populations and protect native birds and other wildlife.

The Fund supported financial planning and good governance projects

Funding for these types of projects equated to 15% 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.

Diversity Network received a grant to provide governance and financial planning training for people from community organisations in Wellington. The training was intended to strengthen participants' financial literacy and governance capability, supporting greater organisational transparency, accountability and effective financial management for organisations serving refugee-background communities.

Parents of Vision Impaired (NZ) Incorporated received funding for a governance workshop for board members. The training aimed to help attendees develop a shared governance language and framework to support sound board operations, decision-making and strategic leadership. This will ensure the organisation continues to deliver high-quality support and advocacy for blind and low-vision children and their communities.

Gisborne Volunteer Centre received a grant to provide a governance training programme for board members from community organisations in Gisborne. The training aimed to help participants better meet compliance requirements, manage risk and plan strategically. Stronger boards create stronger organisations and result in more effective services, improved outcomes and greater resilience for the people of Gisborne Tairāwhiti.

The Fund also supported volunteer firefighting

Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade received a grant towards a first-response utility vehicle, intended to strengthen its capability to attend medical callouts and reach difficult-to-access areas across the northern Otago Peninsula.



Hon Brooke van Velden
Minister of Internal Affairs
Minister's Discretionary Fund

Minister's Discretionary Fund grants for FY2025/26

Animal welfare

Auckland Cavy Care Rescue
Community Cat Coalition Incorporated
Gutter Kitties
HUHA – Helping You Help Animals Trust
Marlborough Four Paws
Moggies Homes for Cats and Kittens
Murch Cat Welfare
Pet Whisperer Rescue Trust
PussN Boots Kitty Rescue
Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporated (two grants)
RRR – Rescue, Revive, Rehome Bay of Plenty Charitable Trust
SDL Charitable Trust Board
The Helping Paws Charitable Trust
The Kitten Orphanage
Wild to Warmth Cat Rescue

Volunteer firefighting

Portobello Volunteer Fire Brigade

Training for financial planning and good governance

Age Concern (Horowhenua) Incorporated
Awa Aotearoa Incorporated
Belong Aotearoa
Diversity Network
Eketahuna Health Centre Trust Incorporated
Ethnic Rainbow Alliance
Gisborne Volunteer Centre
Headway NZ Incorporated
Kapiti Coast District Council
Kirivalu Aotearoa Society Incorporated
Life Linc Charitable Trust
Luo Community Wellington
Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust
Palmerston North City Neighbourhood Support Groups Incorporated
Parents of Vision Impaired (NZ) Incorporated
The CanInspire Charitable Trust
The Nest Collective NZ Charitable Trust

Grant details are published on www.communitymatters.govt.nz.

Minister's Discretionary Fund

2025/26 General allocation	**$1,210,914**
Funding returned in 2025/26	$6,170
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/26	$1,217,084
Total amount requested in 2025/26	$1,508,537
Total amount approved in 2025/26	$1,210,914
Total amount distributed in 2025/26	$1,210,914
Number of requests considered in 2025/26	35
Number of requests approved in 2025/26	34
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/26	97%
Largest amount approved in 2025/26	$468,288
Average amount approved in 2025/26	$35,615
Smallest amount approved in 2025/26	$500

Emergency Natural Disaster Response

2025/26 Emergency Response allocation	**$5,000,000**
Funding returned in 2025/26	$8,334
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/26	$5,008,334
Total amount requested in 2025/26	$2,125,553
Total amount approved in 2025/26	$2,052,447
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$2,052,447

Oranga Marae Committee



He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.
What is the most important thing in this world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

Committee members

Rowena Tana (from November 2021, presiding member from March 2024)
Edmond Carrucan (from April 2025)
Maaki Tuatini (from March 2025)
Robert Hewitt (from February 2026)
Hone Tibble (from February 2026)

Purpose

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

Oranga Marae, Oranga Tangata
Ka ora te marae, ka ora te tangata, ka ora te hapū, ka ora te iwi
When marae prosper, so do the people

Outcomes

Oranga Marae supported the following outcomes:

- Ka Hangaia e te Māori Ngā Kaupapa mā te Māori, mō te Māori – Māori will design and develop initiatives as defined by and for Māori
- Ka Hāpaingia kia Mātau, kia Kaha, kia Tū Pakari – capability, capacity and self-reliance
- Ka Whakatairangatia Ngā Hononga me Ngā Akoranga Tuku Iho – intergenerational connections and learning

Community benefit

The Oranga Marae programme supports whānau and hapū through funding and guidance to strengthen their marae. It recognises marae as vital spaces for sustaining and passing on mātauranga Māori, with a focus on long-term sustainability and positive outcomes for Māori and their wider communities.

The refurbishment of the wharekai (Aotea) has delivered significant outcomes for the Putiki Marae (Whanganui), enhancing both safety and long-term sustainability of this historically and culturally important space.

The project achieves a careful balance between preservation and modernisation, reflecting a strong commitment to honouring Aotea's history as a place built to welcome home the soldiers of the Pioneer Māori Battalion. This legacy remains central to the identity of the building, and

the redevelopment acknowledges it within a contemporary context. Original features have been retained to preserve cultural and historical integrity, while new structural elements, upgraded services, and modern fittings improve functionality, safety, and resilience.

Environmental considerations have been embedded throughout, with gains in energy efficiency, durability, and climate resilience. Improved accessibility, including covered walkways, enhances connectivity across the marae.

The project demonstrated alignment with the fund's purpose and outcomes and delivers lasting benefits for the marae, its whānau, hapū and wider community.

Committee

This year marks my second as presiding member and chairperson of the Oranga Marae committee. We acknowledge Tracey Wright-Tawha for her dedicated service and valuable contribution during her term. Her leadership and commitment to the wellbeing of marae and their communities have left a lasting legacy.

The committee also welcomed two new members, Robert Hewitt and Hone Tibble. Their knowledge and experience have strengthened the committee, bringing it to full capacity and enhancing its ability to support marae effectively.

It has been a significant year, with many marae aspirations progressing to fruition. The committee has consistently ensured the full distribution of its allocated funding to marae throughout the year. Marae continue to play a vital role in supporting whānau, hapū, and the wider community, and Oranga Marae has been committed to their ongoing development and future planning.

Nāku Noa, Nā



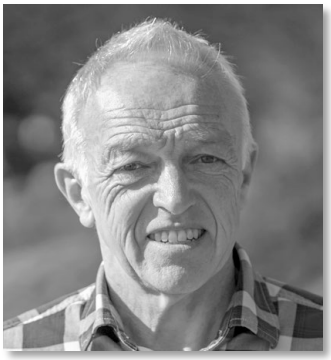
Rowena Tana
Presiding member
Lottery Oranga Marae Committee

Lottery Oranga Marae Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$42,381,988**
Funding carried forward from 2024/2025	$6,877,399
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$22,069
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$49,281,456
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$78,720,867
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$49,281,456
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$49,281,456
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	199
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	151
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	76%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$3,500,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$326,367
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$5,000

Outdoor Safety Committee

Te Tahua Whakaruruhau



Committee members

Patrick Holmes (from November 2022, presiding member from February 2026)
Brenda Wraight (from November 2022, presiding member from March to November 2025, reappointed as member from February 2026)
Rob Hewitt (from September 2016 to February 2026)
Helen Tait (from November 2022 to February 2026)
Mark Weatherall (from February 2026)

Outcomes

Organisations receiving grants must demonstrate how their projects will contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- enabling communities, hapū, iwi, and hapori Māori to be self-reliant
- enabling the voluntary sector to support increased capacity and capability
- removing barriers to participation in sports
- recognising, valuing and resourcing volunteers
- promoting equitable access to environments which improve health, safety and wellbeing
- encouraging collaborative partnerships between groups through strong cross-cultural understanding of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility
- strengthening partnerships towards shared goals through connection and collaboration.

Committee priorities

The committee grant funding priorities were:

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

Community benefit

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 $2,900,000, 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 $2,999,814 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 $2,143,041 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 $2,000,000 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 2025/26 financial year, and two meetings to better align its committee outcome and funding priorities to achieving Lottery Grants Board 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 acknowledge and thank Rob Hewitt for a decade of service as a member, and, as acting presiding member during 2025.

In addition, with this being the last year of the committee's existence, I acknowledge the service of all committee members since the committee's establishment in 2004.



Patrick Holmes
Presiding member
Lottery Outdoor Safety Committee

Lottery Outdoor Safety Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$10,042,855**
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$10,042,855
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$12,193,746
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$10,042,855
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$10,042,855
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	20
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	4
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	20%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$2,999,814
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$2,510,714
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$2,000,000

Lottery Community committees

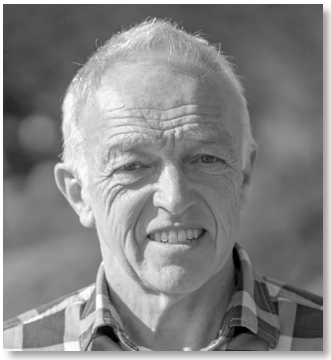
One national committee and 11 regional committees considered applications for community initiatives in 2025/26. In allocating funds for projects, community committee members look for initiatives that will contribute to building strong, sustainable communities, enhance the social, cultural and economic 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

Patrick Holmes (from November 2022, presiding member from February 2026)
Brenda Wraight (from November 2022, presiding member from March to November 2025, reappointed as member from February 2026)
Helen Tait (from November 2022 to November 2025)
Nina Welanyk Brown (from March 2025)
Mark Weatherall (from February 2026)

Outcomes

Organisations receiving grants are expected to demonstrate how their projects will contribute to the following outcomes:

- capability, capacity and self-reliance are enhanced
- cultural wellbeing is enriched through arts, culture, heritage, and national identity
- collective health, safety, and wellbeing are advanced
- connection, collaboration and inclusion are supported.

Community benefit

The committee awarded funding based on projects' benefit for the groups named in the Gambling Act 2003: Māori, Pacific people and other ethnic communities, older people, women, youth, people with disabilities, and people facing barriers to participation in society, as illustrated in the following examples.

Orange Sky New Zealand Limited non-profit organisation provides a free mobile laundry and shower service for people experiencing homelessness and hardship. It was granted $150,000 for running costs for its 11 services operating across New Zealand, directly improving hygiene, wellbeing, comfort and uplifting dignity – all of which play a vital role in supporting health outcomes for individuals, whānau and the wider community.

Adhikaar Aotearoa provides support, education and advocacy for queer and trans South Asians across New Zealand. A grant of $40,000 was made to enable the expansion of its 'Threads of Us' wellbeing workshops for ethnic rainbow communities. The workshops use Nakshi Kantha, a traditional Bengali embroidered quilting artform, to open conversations about identity, safety, mental health and belonging amongst participants. These workshops aim to nurture a stronger, more resilient network of ethnic rainbow people who feel safer, more confident and more connected in their communities.

Sense Rugby New Zealand provides free, accessible sports programmes for children with disabilities and neurodivergence, delivered by paediatric occupational therapists. A grant of $80,000 was made towards running costs, enabling children to play regular, age appropriate and highly motivating sport. This enables players to make new friends, learn new skills, has lasting impacts on physical and mental health wellbeing and helps to create a sense of belonging and connection within local communities.

Committee

In February 2026, I was reappointed to the committee to take up the role of presiding member. I would like to recognise the valued contribution of Brenda Wraight as presiding member from March 2025 to November 2025 and Helen Tait as committee member from November 2022 to November 2025.

This year we welcomed a new committee member, Mark Weatherall, who has broad experience in the not-for-profit and sport and recreation 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.



Patrick Holmes
Presiding member
Lottery National Community Committee

Lottery National Community Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$23,340,002**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$2,827,045
Funding carried forward from 2024/2025	$7,503,584
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$294,709
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$33,965,340
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$64,620,901
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$9,652,181
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$16,111,083
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$25,763,264
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	376
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	254
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	68%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$400,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$63,331
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$2,500

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 2025/26 Lottery Grants Board allocated lottery regional committees the following funds to distribute:

Community committees	**$**
Lottery Auckland Community	$35,904,559
Lottery Bay of Plenty / Gisborne Community	$10,424,287
Lottery Canterbury / Kaikōura Community	$13,480,497
Lottery Hawke's Bay Community	$4,454,013
Lottery Manawatū / Whanganui Community	$7,131,159
Lottery Northland Community	$6,882,399
Lottery Otago / Southland Community	$7,936,673
Lottery Taranaki Community	$3,636,655
Lottery Waikato Community	$14,132,016
Lottery Wellington / Wairarapa Community	$9,476,624
Lottery West Coast / Nelson-Marlborough Community	$4,998,919

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 to February 2026)
Sook (Grace) Ryu (from May 2019 to February 2026)
Richard Leung (from October 2021)
Bernadette Ranford (from February 2026)
Fiona Wilson (from February 2026)
Julie Paterson (from February 2026)

Outcomes

The committee prioritised requests supporting the following outcomes:

- Māori will design and develop initiatives as defined by and for Māori
- capability, capacity and self-reliance are enhanced
- connection, collaboration and inclusion are supported
- intergenerational connections and learning are promoted.

Lower priority was given to:

- applications from organisations receiving government funding or contracts, and
- applications failing to demonstrate community need and benefits over and above their government contracts.

Community benefit

The committee endeavoured to make responsive decisions that account for the region's diverse demographics which includes the largest populations of Māori, Pacific and ethnic communities in our country. The committee also has a commitment to older people, women, people with disabilities, youth and communities that experience barriers to participation. The committee outcomes continue to focus on the benefit and impact of local people and initiatives with an emphasis on wellbeing.

Kainga Pasifika Aotearoa Services was awarded $40,000 towards operational costs for activities to Pasifika communities which entailed senior citizens exercises, home visits for elderly or those homebound because of illness, and youth service where to support youths to develop their strengths and talents and support them into work or business.

Level Playing Field received a grant of $15,000 towards sport and physical activity programmes that have proven benefits for rangatahi, such as improving mental health, boosting self-

esteem, increasing school attendance, reducing substance abuse, and fostering leadership and community connections.

'NAAD' Charitable Trust (NZ) was awarded $30,000 for engaging diverse community members and partnering with other organisations to maintain the operational stability of the Papatoetoe community centre, allowing the consistent delivery of programmes and community activities.

Sailability Auckland received a grant of $35,000 to pay sailing coaches for six months to provide on water coaching and support, allowing people to put their disability aside and get out and feel the freedom of being in control of their own yacht.

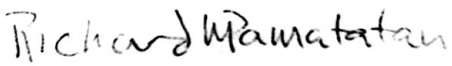
Committee

The Auckland Community Committee farewelled committee members Therese Lanigan Behrent and Sook (Grace) Ryu after the November 2025 decision meeting. The committee would like to extend its thanks to these outgoing members for their valuable contribution. The committee also extends a warm welcome to new committee members Bernadette Ranford, Fiona Wilson and Julie Paterson and congratulates them on their appointment to the committee.

The committee noted that the significant weather events and cost of living which have added to the pressure on funding, particularly from groups working at the frontline, 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.

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

Meitaki maata,



Richard Pamatatau
Presiding member
Lottery Auckland Community Committee

Lottery Auckland Community Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$30,192,044**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$5,712,515
Funding carried forward from 2024/2025	$910,486
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$119,573
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$36,934,618
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$70,193,054
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$7,697,389
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$25,125,895
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$32,823,284
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	578
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	479
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	83%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$441,722
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$52,444
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$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)
Sara Carly (from March 2025)
Jan Middilemiss (from March 2025)
Sharon Maynard (from February 2026)
Rosemary Sloman (from February 2026)

Outcomes

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

Priority was given to applicants where:

- capability, capacity, and self-reliance are enhanced
- collective health, safety, and wellbeing are advanced
- cultural wellbeing is enriched through arts, culture, heritage, and national identity
- connection, collaboration, and inclusion are supported.

Community benefit

In 2025/26, the Bay of Plenty/Gisborne Community Committee met community needs by allocating approximately $9 million to initiatives that strengthened local wellbeing, resilience, and infrastructure. Funding supported projects such as:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Gisborne-Tairāwhiti: supporting tamariki through one-to-one mentoring relationships that build confidence, resilience, belonging and positive life outcomes.
- Cancer Society Gisborne East Coast Centre Trust: providing practical and emotional support for people with cancer and their whānau, including transport, counselling, advocacy and wellbeing services.
- Graeme Dingle Foundation Rotorua: helping tamariki and rangatahi develop confidence, resilience, life skills and positive pathways through youth development programmes.
- Kai Rotorua: strengthening food security and community wellbeing by teaching people to grow healthy kai, reconnect with the environment and build sustainable local food systems.
- KATCH Katikati Incorporated: bringing people together through community development, local events, advocacy and initiatives that strengthen connectedness and community participation.

- Rotorua Community Youth Centre Trust (Taiohi Tūrama): supporting young people to improve their health, wellbeing, education, training and employment outcomes so they can reach their full potential.

Committee

The committee included two recently appointed members, Sharon and Rosemary. However, due to the recent regional committee restructure, they took part in only one distribution meeting before the committee was disbanded to make way for the new regional committee structure.

As presiding member, I am continually inspired by the impact lottery community funding has across Bay of Plenty and Gisborne Tairāwhiti, supporting an extraordinary range of community groups, marae, iwi organisations, charities and volunteer-led initiatives that strengthen the wellbeing of our people and communities. It is a privilege to see lottery funding helping sustain the vital work of those who care for, connect and uplift others, ensuring that local aspirations, cultural identity, community resilience and opportunities for future generations continue to thrive.

Appreciation is 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

2025/2026 General allocation	**$8,765,754**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$1,658,533
Funding carried forward from 2025/2026	$16,003
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$111,483
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$10,551,773
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$16,141,992
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$2,755,600
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$6,239,292
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$8,994,892
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	248
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	217
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	88%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$300,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$28,522
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$2,500

Canterbury/Kaikōura Community Committee

Rota ki te Hapori o Waitaha Kaikōura



Committee members

Felicity Price (presiding member from February 2026)
Kerry Stevens (from May 2019, presiding member from August 2023 to January 2026)
Sina Cotter Tait (from May 2019 to February 2026)
David Ivory (from November 2022 to February 2026)
Gray Crawford (from March 2025)
Vicki Gulleford (from March 2025)
Stephen Barry (from February 2026)
Tracey Peoples (from February 2026)

Outcomes

The committee will enhance 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 financial need for funding.

The committee prioritised requests supporting the following outcomes:

- capability, capacity and self-reliance are enhanced
- economic wellbeing is strengthened and diversified
- collective health, safety and wellbeing are advanced
- connection, collaboration and inclusion are supported
- Māori will design and develop initiatives as defined by and for Māori.

Community benefit

In setting their priorities for the 2025/26 year, the committee acknowledged the cost-of-living pressures faced by vulnerable communities across the Canterbury region, in particular food insecurity. The priority of enhancing equitable access to healthy food and clothing has placed emphasis on requests for funding that respond to this growing need whether it be through food parcels, food rescue or community gardens. The committee approved a grant of $70,000 to Kairos Trust providing access to food, particularly for vulnerable and underserved communities across Canterbury.

The priority of increasing equitable access to community wellbeing and mental health support has seen a number of funding requests that address this need including among young people and the elderly facing growing mental health issues arising from loneliness.

The committee, through lottery Funding for Change, approved a grant for $106,260 to Waikari Health Care with the aim of increasing connection and inclusion for elderly people experiencing loneliness. This project is a collaboration between five health care centres operating across the rural district of Hurunui.

The committee also approved a grant of $300,000 to Purapura Whetu, as a contribution towards supporting an after-hours youth wellbeing and counselling initiative for rangatahi across Canterbury.

A three-year multi-year grant at $40,000 per year was awarded to the Christchurch Aunties to help families to rebuild their lives after experiencing family violence. The organisation sources and provides household items to help families start over and works with frontline family harm agencies and services across Canterbury.

Committee

From February 2026, two new members were appointed to the committee – Stephen Barry and Tracey Peoples – and I was a new appointment as presiding member. With the two other committee members, Vicky Gulleford and Gray Crawford, having been on board for just the year prior, it was quite a refresh, but we soon melded into a team ready to adapt to the community outcomes and priorities of the funding system.

This year we farewelled Kerry Stevens, David Ivory and Sina Cotter-Tait and thank them for their commitment, time and expertise during their tenure on the committee.

As 2026 progresses into further systems and committee changes, there will be some uncertainty of continuity.

In the meantime, our committee continues to maximise its remit to support decision making for equitable community wellbeing for Canterbury, Kaikōura and Rakiura communities.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all those who volunteer and support our communities to thrive. It has been a heartening experience learning in a comparatively short time about so many excellent community efforts.



Felicity Price ONZM
Presiding member
Lottery Canterbury/Kaikōura Community Committee

Lottery Canterbury / Kaikōura Community Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$11,335,713**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$2,144,784
Funding carried forward from 2024/2025	$98,043
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$70,274
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$13,648,814
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$22,093,401
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$4,178,250
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$9,445,563
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$13,623,813
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	399
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	332
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	83%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$300,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$28,450
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$1,500

Hawke's Bay Community Committee

Rota ki te Hapori o Te Matau-a-Māui



Committee members

Tessa Robin (from November 2022, presiding member from March 2025)
Levi Walford (from May 2019 to February 2026)
Sophie Siers (from March 2025)
Syed Iqbal (from March 2025 to September 2025)
Theresa Ahern (from February 2026)
Mark Kilmister (from February 2026)

Outcomes

The committee supported the following outcomes:

- capability, capacity, and self-reliance are enhanced
- economic wellbeing is strengthened and diversified
- collective health, safety, and wellbeing are advanced
- connection, collaboration, and inclusion are supported.

Committee priorities

The Hawke's Bay committee support communities, hapū, and iwi to build wellbeing, resilience, and inclusion by strengthening capability, connections, reducing barriers to participation, and recognising community diversity.

Community benefit

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

Waipukurau Bridge Club received a grant of $35,753 towards their roof repair. The club has served the community for over 50 years, providing a welcoming, accessible space especially for older people and those with limited mobility. It continues to be a well-used community hub for a wide range of groups across Central Hawke's Bay.

Volunteering Hawke's Bay received a $100,000 grant to support its operations and programmes. It supports over 3,700 volunteers and more than 240 community organisations by matching skills with appropriate opportunities, and provides training for both volunteers and groups. Drawing on its experience during Cyclone Gabrielle, the organisation recognises the value of communities coming together in times of adversity and continues to foster and support volunteering across Hawke's Bay.

Wairoa Financial Literacy Service (WFLS) Incorporated received a grant of $35,000 to support their operational costs. WFLS has operated for over 30 years providing free, non-judgemental, confidential services for families needing financial management support. They facilitate and broker appropriate services to assist clients. The Wairoa District is a tight knit community, WFLS works in partnership with iwi, local health and social service providers.

Committee

Tēnā koutou katoa

Firstly, I acknowledge the passing of Reremoana 'Mo' Houkamau in July 2025. Mo served on the Lottery Hawke's Bay Community Committee from 3 June 2017 to 17 July 2025, bringing extensive experience across the health and social services sectors. She will be remembered for her lifelong commitment to her communities, particularly Wairoa, which held a special place in her heart. Moe mai rā e Hine.

We also farewelled Levi Walford, who served from 20 May 2019 to 13 November 2025, contributing valuable experience in the youth, environment, and Māori sectors. We thank him for his significant contribution and wish him well. Syed Iqbal briefly served from 31 March to 1 September 2025 before embarking on overseas opportunities.

This year, we welcomed Theresa Ahern and Mark Kilmister, who along with Sophie Siers bring strong experience and knowledge across the environment, health, social, and philanthropic sectors.

The committee has focused on embedding the new lottery outcomes framework into our decision-making, while continuing to support organisations making a meaningful difference in their communities.

I thank the committee for their support and the depth of local knowledge they bring, which in turn has strengthened our decisions and impact into the communities we serve.

Finally, we acknowledge and thank the Department of Internal Affairs staff for their continued support over the past year.



Tessa Robin
Presiding member
Lottery Hawke's Bay Community Committee

Lottery Hawke's Bay Community Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$3,745,367**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$708,646
Funding carried forward from 2024/2025	$138,937
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$500
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$4,593,450
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$10,925,441
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$956,500
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$3,281,585
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$4,238,085
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	137
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	109
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	80%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$150,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$30,106
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$5,000

Manawatū/Whanganui Community Committee

Rota ki te Hapori o Manawatū/Whanganui



Committee members

Aaron Riki Karena (from March 2025, acting presiding member from January 2026)
Victoria Kaye-Simmons (from November 2022, presiding member from August 2023 to November 2025)
Nola Fox (from November 2022 to November 2025)
Michelle Fannin (from August 2020 to February 2026)
Nicola (Nicki) Wake Crowley (from March 2025)
Brenda Rea (from February 2026)

Outcomes

The committee prioritised requests supporting the following outcomes:

- collective health, safety, and wellbeing are advanced
- economic wellbeing is strengthened and diversified
- international connects and learning are promoted
- capability, capacity and self-reliance are enhanced
- Māori will design and develop initiatives as defined by and for Māori.

Lower priority was given to organisations that:

- are financially well resourced
- have significant uncommitted reserves
- do not demonstrate a collaborative approach.

Community benefit

The Manawatū/Whanganui region (Horizons Region) encompasses seven territorial authorities and diverse wider population of about 260,000 and covers an extensive 22,200 square kilometres. It includes both urban (Palmerston North and Whanganui) and isolated rural areas, with agriculture being a key part of the economy. The relationships between the Department of Internal Affairs and these territorial authorities provides a great knowledge base that supports our decision making.

Amanaki STEM Academy in Palmerston North was awarded $35,000 for 3 years. The organisation aims to deliver high-quality STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education programmes that empower Pacific and underserved learners to succeed academically and build pathways into technology and science careers. This funding will

enable the group to sustain and expand programmes that celebrate cultural identity, encourage collaboration, and prepare learners for future employment.

Nga Toi Harakeke in Palmerston North was awarded $15,600. Funding is to run a series of wananga that aim to strengthen cultural identity and wellbeing for wāhine Māori by creating safe, tikanga-led spaces to reconnect with whakapapa, mātauranga and creativity through harakeke. Their kaupapa removes financial barriers by offering all wānanga free of charge, ensuring equitable access for wāhine and their whānau.

Makirikiri Marae Komiti in Dannevirke was awarded $19,995. Funding is towards the annual operating expenses including the annual insurance cover for the marae. Insurance for the marae is a costly expense for the marae committees. The committee has made annual insurance cover a priority to ensure the cultural health and well-being for the present and future whānau, hapū and iwi members.

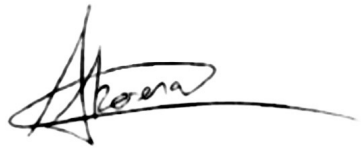
Taumarunui Whakaarotahi Trust was awarded $30,000. Their aim is to reduce poverty, help people transition into work, promote self-sustainability and initiate new enterprises. Their intended outcome of this project is to empower people, reduce poverty and build community.

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.

Key highlights this year have been the Funding for Change (FFC) process, which continues to centre community voice, leadership, and locally driven solutions. Through this approach, 10 initiatives across the region were supported, spanning Taumarunui, Palmerston North/Manawatū, Levin, Dannevirke, Whanganui, and Tararua.

Collectively, these initiatives highlight the value of enabling communities to lead where solutions are shaped by lived experience, relationships are strengthened, and outcomes are more sustainable and responsive.



Aaron Karena
Presiding member
Lottery Manawatū/Whanganui Community Committee

Lottery Manawatū/Whanganui Community Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$5,996,572**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$1,134,587
Funding carried forward from 2024/2025	$176,242
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$218,695
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$7,526,096
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$10,839,887
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$2,553,000
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$4,114,801
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$6,667,801
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	224
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	200
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	89%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$88,900
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$20,574
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$1,040

Northland Community Committee

Rota ki te Hapori o Te Tai Tokerau



Committee members

Elizabeth Marsden (presiding member from February 2026)
Ralph Correa (from May 2019 to January 2026,
presiding member from November 2022 to January 2026)
Teresa Lomas (from June 2017)
Jonny Gritt (from May 2019 to September 2025)
Roxanne Kelly (from March 2025)
Jane Hindle (from March 2025)
Kevin McGrath (from February 2026)

Outcomes

The committee prioritised requests supporting the following outcomes:

- capability, capacity, and self-reliance are enhanced
- cultural wellbeing is enriched through arts, culture, heritage, and national identity
- connection, collaboration, and inclusion are supported
- Māori will design and develop initiatives as defined by and for Māori.

Community benefit

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 recent states of emergencies across the region with marae increasingly becoming centres for community resilience, emergency response and a place to connect during times of need.

Special Olympics Bay of Islands Trust was awarded $4,700 towards operational costs, volunteers travel costs and uniforms. The funding supports members to participate in physical activity and promotes social interaction with the volunteer coaches and members of the community who support the athletes.

Northland Youth Theatre Trust received a $75,000 over three years towards operational costs and core programme delivery. Northland Youth Theatre aims to empower young people through accessible, inclusive performing arts experiences that build confidence, creativity, and leadership.

Tuvalu Women Christian Churches of Whangarei was awarded $9,999 to support a sewing project aimed at preserving traditional garments and promoting cultural heritage. This initiative seeks to benefit Tuvalu women while promoting cultural continuity through generations, ensuring the traditions and customs remain vibrant and alive.

Whangarei Terenga Paraoa Marae received $39,326 to support the purchase of a resilience hub. A resilience hub is a fully equipped, modified shipping container that provides emergency power, communications, water storage, and essential supplies. It acts as a practical base to support community when extreme weather events.

Committee

The Northland Community Committee farewelled committee member Jonny Gritt and presiding member Ralph Correa. The committee would like to extend its thanks to these outgoing members for their valuable contribution. The committee also extends a warm welcome to new committee members Roxanne Kelly, Jane Hindle and Kevin McGrath and congratulates them on their appointment to the committee.

I was appointed to the Northland Community Committee and confirmed as the presiding member at the beginning of 2026, and have enjoyed serving on the committee and working alongside such capable people to help support our communities. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of my predecessor, Ralph Correa for his leadership skills, experience and valued contribution.

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.

Ngā Manaakitanga,



Elizabeth Marsden
Presiding member
Lottery Northland Community Committee

Lottery Northland Community Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$5,787,390**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$1,095,009
Funding carried forward from 2024/2025	$74,908
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$89,458
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$7,046,765
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$12,602,129
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$530,780
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$5,860,403
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$6,391,183
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	256
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	232
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	91%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$100,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$25,196
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$3,200

Otago/Southland Community Committee

Rota ki te Hapori o Ōtākou/Murihiku



Committee members

Vanessa van Uden (from June 2017, presiding member from May 2019)
Terry Nicholas (from May 2019 to February 2026)
Jill Ridden (from November 2022)
Jodyanne Kirkwood (from March 2025)
Julie Perry (from March 2025)
Michael Smith (from February 2026)

Outcomes

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

The committee prioritised requests supporting the following outcomes:

- capability, capacity and self-reliance are enhanced
- economic wellbeing is strengthened and diversified
- cultural wellbeing enriched through arts, culture, heritage, and national identity
- connection, collaboration and inclusion are supported.

Community benefit

The committee has continued to fund projects which most closely align with its priorities and support an identified community need.

During this year the committee funded a number of ethnic community events. The Queenstown Multicultural festival received a grant towards the costs of hosting their annual event. The festival is run by a dedicated team of volunteers and ethnic community members who bring together different cultures to share their traditions and culture through food, stories and performances.

The committee focused funding on a number of youth organisations which included the Mataura Youth Centre, Cromwell Youth Trust and Otago Youth Wellness Trust to support their programmes and activities.

The committee continues to support programmes that improve connections and reduce isolation in rural communities. Mossburn Senior Citizens received a grant for ensuring their facility was a warm, safe, and comfortable environment for its members to connect and engage in recreational activities.

Committee

The committee farewelled Terry Nicolas in February 2026 and welcomed Michael Smith. Thank you to Terry for your contributions and participation at committee meetings.

Thank you to all those in communities who volunteer their time to make our region a better place for all.

Thank you to the team at the Department of Internal Affairs who provide the secretariat support to this committee.



Vanessa van Uden
Presiding member
Lottery Otago/Southland Community Committee

Lottery Otago/Southland Community Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$6,673,926**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$1,262,747
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$100,176
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$8,036,849
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$17,906,339
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$2,147,115
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$5,615,024
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$7,762,139
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	351
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	297
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	85%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$150,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$18,906
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$400

Taranaki Community Committee

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



Committee members

Ben Ingram (from March 2025, acting presiding member from March 2026)
Sarah Wilks (from August 2020 to March 2026, presiding member from March 2025 to March 2026)
Narayanan Kutty (from March 2025)
Gillian Lennox (from March 2025)
Wiki Michalanney (from March 2025)

Outcomes

The committee prioritised requests supporting the following outcomes:

- capability, capacity and self-reliance are enhanced
- cultural wellbeing is enriched through arts, culture, heritage, and national identity
- connection, collaboration and inclusion are supported
- Māori will design and develop initiatives as defined by and for Māori.

Community benefit

The Taranaki Community Committee was focused on funding in a fair, transparent, and community-focused way. The committee aspired to ensuring funding supported initiatives that deliver meaningful outcomes for people named in the Gambling Act 2003 and the wider community.

Decisions were guided by the lottery outcomes framework and local priorities, with a strong emphasis on equity and demonstrable community benefit. The committee took an active leadership role in broadening access to funding, proactively supporting new and historically under-represented groups to engage with and benefit from funding opportunities.

Demand for support remained high in the 2025/26 year, requiring a balanced and equitable funding approach. Applications that aligned closely with local priorities and demonstrated strong community outcomes were prioritised.

The outcomes of connection and inclusion and capacity and self-reliance were the most strongly aligned this year.

Women’s Centre New Plymouth received three years of operational funding to support women experiencing grief, anxiety, domestic violence, and hardship. Their services include housing support, health advocacy, mental health support, and a safe, welcoming environment where women can be heard and empowered. The centre works closely with other service providers to ensure positive outcomes and pathways for change.

Sisonke Taranaki African Community provides essential support to Taranaki's growing African community, including language assistance, housing support, workshops, and podcasts that help newcomers navigate life in Aotearoa. They have built strong relationships with local clubs, Migrant Connections, and the Taranaki Multiethnic Council. Local hapū have welcomed them onto marae to experience tikanga, pōwhiri, and karakia. Funding will strengthen their ability to inform, connect, and support their community.

Tu Tama Wahine o Taranaki is a respected Kaupapa Māori organisation with 25 years of experience delivering health and social services. Their work reduces risk for women and children, addresses family violence, and builds resilience through safety planning, nutrition awareness, self-esteem development, and wellbeing education. They coordinate multi-agency responses to ensure whānau receive the support they need.

The 2025/26 year was marked by strong demand for Lottery Community funding, significant growth in new applicants, and increased engagement from Māori, youth, and emerging community groups. Guided by the outcome's framework, the committee prioritised initiatives that strengthened connection and inclusion, capacity and self-reliance, and access to mātauranga Mori.

Approximately 75% of funding supported Māori and youth-focused initiatives, with strong representation from people with disabilities, women, older people, ethnic communities, and Pacific communities. The committee welcomed four new members, strengthening local representation and community insight. Looking ahead, it looks like we will have continued growth in demand with a focus that remains committed to equitable, transparent, and community-centred decision-making.

Committee

This year, the committee welcomed four new members, each bringing strong community connections and local insight. I am honoured to be the presiding member and lead a team committed to fairness, equity, and community wellbeing.

All members have completed training on the new outcomes framework and are working with refreshed priorities that better reflect the needs of Taranaki communities.

Looking ahead, as we move into 2026/27, the committee anticipates continued growth in applications, particularly from those mentioned in the Act and emerging community groups. We expect increased demand in youth development, activities that enhance overall community wellbeing, and cultural capability.

Our focus will remain on equitable funding, strong relationships, and supporting initiatives that create long-term, positive change across Taranaki. We remain committed to upholding the values of collaboration, inclusion, and Manaakitanga as we work alongside communities to create meaningful outcomes.



Ben Ingram
Presiding member
Lottery Taranaki Community Committee

Lottery Taranaki Community Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$3,058,053**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$578,602
Funding carried forward from 2024/2025	$267,787
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$60,852
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$3,965,294
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$6,197,309
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$673,999
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$2,757,030
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$3,431,029
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	92
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	82
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	89%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$200,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$33,622
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$774

Waikato Community Committee

Rota ki te hapori o Waikato



Committee members

Simon Lockwood (from March 2015, presiding member from June 2017)
Jason Howarth (from November 2022 to February 2026)
Tina Bartlett (from March 2025)
Sarah Gibb (from March 2025)
John Paenga (from March 2025)
Alex Gordon (from February 2026)

Outcomes

Organisations receiving grants are expected to demonstrate how their projects will contribute to the following outcomes:

- capability, capacity and self-reliance are enhanced
- connection, collaboration and inclusion are supported
- Māori will design and develop initiatives as defined by and for Māori.

Committee priorities

Lottery Waikato Community Committee prioritised organisations that support the needs of groups named in the Gambling Act 2003:

- older people, women, youth, and people with disabilities
- Pacific people and other ethnic communities
- Māori
- people facing barriers to participation in society.

Community benefit

This year has highlighted a clear shift in the environment our communities are operating within. Demand for funding continues to grow, but more importantly, the nature of that demand is changing. We are seeing organisations carry increasing responsibility for complex social, cultural and economic challenges, often in the absence of stable funding from other parts of the system.

In response, the committee has maintained a strong focus on supporting community-led solutions that are grounded in local knowledge, relationships and lived experience. There is a noticeable movement toward more integrated and kaupapa-driven approaches, particularly from Māori-led organisations who are designing solutions that reflect their own aspirations and long-term vision for oranga.

We are also seeing greater willingness across the sector to collaborate. Community organisations, councils and philanthropic partners are increasingly working together to respond to shared challenges such as youth disengagement, access to services, and community resilience. This shift toward collective action is creating opportunities for more sustainable and impactful outcomes across the Waikato.

Funding for Change continues to play an important role in enabling this approach. It allows the committee to support initiatives that may sit outside traditional funding models but demonstrate strong alignment with community aspiration and innovation.

For example, Matawhaanui Trust received support to establish a coordinated service hub in Raahui Pookeka. This kaupapa brings together multiple services in one accessible place, improving how whānau connect to support while reducing fragmentation across the system. The focus is not only on access, but also on restoring dignity and strengthening community capability through a more integrated approach.

Similarly, Te Toki Voyaging Trust was supported to expand its rangatahi youth programmes through waka-based learning. This initiative blends cultural knowledge, leadership development and hands-on skills, reaching more than 2,000 rangatahi each year. It reflects the strength of kaupapa Māori approaches in building identity, resilience and future pathways for young people.

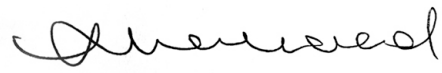
Alongside these examples, we continue to see strong demand from rural communities and smaller organisations that are often under-served but play a critical role in maintaining connection and wellbeing.

Committee

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and integrity of committee members, who continue to bring thoughtful judgement and a deep understanding of community context to our decisions. The strength of this committee lies in its ability to balance diverse perspectives while staying grounded in our shared purpose.

In February 2026, we farewelled Jason Howarth and thank him for his valuable contribution and service to the Waikato. His insight and commitment have helped shape the work of this committee over his time.

Finally, I acknowledge the many organisations, hapū and community leaders across Waikato who continue to step forward in service of their people. Your mahi reflects the strength, resilience and aspiration of our communities, and it is a privilege to support that work.



Simon Lockwood
Presiding member
Lottery Waikato Community Committee

Lottery Waikato Community Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$11,883,573**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$2,248,443
Funding carried forward from 2024/2025	$1,099,936
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$78,783
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$15,310,735
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$18,916,868
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$3,012,045
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$8,570,635
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$11,582,680
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	256
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	177
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	69%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$400,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$48,422
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$2,140

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 to February 2026)
Catherine Rossiter-Stead (from November 2022 to January 2026)
Rachael Dean (from March 2025)
Prabha Ravi (from March 2025)
Terry Shubkin (from February 2026)

Outcomes

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.

The committee prioritised requests supporting the following outcomes:

- collective health, safety and wellbeing are advanced
- connection, collaboration and inclusion are supported
- economic wellbeing is strengthened and diversified
- Māori will design and develop initiatives as defined by Māori by and for Māori
- cultural wellbeing is enriched through arts, culture, heritage, and national identity
- capability, capacity and self-reliance are enhanced.

Community benefit

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.

Royal Academy of Dance was awarded $4,400 towards a summer programme which provided people with disabilities the chance to participate in a dance programme, a programme they would never have had the chance to be part of in mainstream dance circles.

Twenty attended the 3-day event, with a showcase for families to attend at the end. This programme has now started a new all-year round programme which will support people with disabilities as well as those with different abilities as a form of therapy. The need for this programme has grown and will cover other parts of New Zealand in 2027.

Newtown Community Centre was awarded $21,190 towards the Quick Kai Initiative. The Newtown community came together and identified the lack of cooked meals available to vulnerable community members. Instead of starting a new service, community groups came together to upscale the existing Quick Kai programme, aimed at providing hospitality experience to those with special/intellectual needs. The programme was upscaled to has a co-focus on creating meals with other local providers being on site to support with vaccinations, counselling and social services support and more. This collaboration was co-funded by Nikau Foundation and has had huge impact in the community since, including providing cooked meals to displaced families impacted by the Wellington weather event in April 2026. This was innovative thinking to meet an immediate need using what already exists in Newtown.

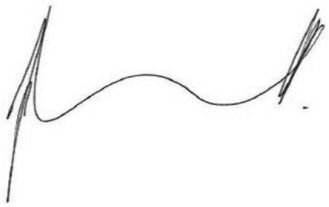
Wellington Sikh Sangat Trust was awarded $80,000 towards a community kitchen which would support local charities and communities in Waitangirua, Porirua and surrounding suburbs. In collaboration with The Free Store, EKTA, Wesley Community Action, Kiwi Community Assistance and Te Papalauleli Tokelau Church, this commercial kitchen would be a food outreach facility to feed the local community of high deprivation, as well as provide a space where local charities can also utilise the kitchen for their programmes and activities. The kitchen was officially opened in May 2026. This grant is contributing towards a kitchen manager to coordinate community activities as well as operating expenses. This project was co-funded with Wellington Community Fund and TG McCarthy Trust.

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.

The 2025/26 funding round was one of the most challenging yet, with a record number of high-quality applications aligned with local priorities, and 60 new organisations applying to this committee for the first time.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers and community members working tirelessly at 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.



John O'Connell
Presiding member
Lottery Wellington/Wairarapa Community Committee

Lottery Wellington/Wairarapa Community Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$7,968,867**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$1,507,757
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$121,803
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$9,598,427
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$17,542,136
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$3,206,722
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$5,767,164
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$8,973,886
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	249
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	224
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	90%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$120,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$25,746
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$3,000

West Coast/Nelson-Marlborough Community Committee

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



Committee members

Annette Stow (presiding member from February 2026)
Corrina Gestro-Best (from May 2019, presiding member from March 2025 to November 2025)
Brent Maru (from May 2019 to November 2025)
Corey Hebberd (from August 2020)
Philippa Burns (from November 2022 to November 2025)
Peter Cowper (from Feb 2026)
Marie Lindaya (from Feb 2026)
Euan McLeish (from Feb 2026)

Outcomes

The committee prioritised requests supporting the following outcomes:

- capability and capacity and self-reliance are enhanced
- economic wellbeing is strengthened and diversified
- collective health, safety, and wellbeing are advanced
- connection, collaboration and inclusion are supported.

Community benefit

Q-Youth was awarded funding of $20,000 for operational expenditure in November 2025. The funding enabled the organisation to provide a drop-in space for LGBTQIA+ youth in the Nelson Tasman region. During the drop in sessions, youth were provided food, creative activities and well-being resources. They catered to junior and senior age groups and highlighted in their report that attendees noted a range of positive outcomes, including improved mental health, reduced isolation and a sense of connection in their communities.

Family Start West Coast/Buller received a grant of $11,235. The organisation provides a range of services for the community including support for families with young children, meth intervention services, ACC sensitive claims and alcohol and other drug counselling. Alongside these services they are a community hub with a range of rooms that can be hired out by various service providers. The funding provided by this committee has been utilised to purchase and install a high-quality video conferencing system which enables a broad and inclusive service and facility that are crucial for a region that is one of the most rurally isolated in the country.

Marlborough Chinese Community Incorporated were funded $5,000 towards operational expenditure. This organisation runs a range of events and activities over the year for members

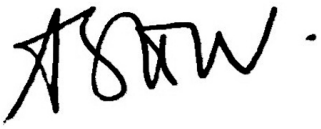
and the wider community. Activities include, but not limited to: Children's drum, dragon and lion dance, Chinese language classes, senior group monthly activities and participating in Marlborough Multicultural events. The group highlights a range of outcomes that are achieved annually, including community connection, cultural pride and growing a strong multicultural Marlborough community.

Committee

The majority of members to our committee were appointed in February 2026, joining Corey Hebberd, the acting presiding member. While our tenure was brief, I would like to thank our committee for engaging with genuine commitment. I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of those who served earlier in the year, in particular Brent Maru, who brought six years of commitment to this committee, Corrina Gestro-Best who led the committee as presiding member, and Philippa Burns.

As we mark the end of the local committee as we know it, I want to acknowledge and thank all past committee members, and the effort and aroha brought to understanding the breadth and diversity of need across the communities we were privileged to serve.

We look forward to seeing our region represented within the new, larger South Island structure.



Nettie (Annette) Stow
Presiding member
Lottery West Coast/Nelson-Marlborough Community Committee

Lottery West Coast/Nelson-Marlborough Community Committee

2025/2026 General allocation	**$4,203,577**
2025/2026 Other allocations	$795,342
Funding carried forward from 2024/2025	$106,814
Funding returned in 2025/2026	$97,468
Total amount available for distribution in 2025/2026	$5,203,201
Total amount requested in 2025/2026	$8,843,070
Multi-year amounts approved in 2024/2025 distributed in 2025/2026	$1,669,898
Total amount approved in 2025/2026	$3,314,493
Total amount distributed in 2025/2026	$4,984,391
Number of requests considered in 2025/2026	198
Number of requests approved in 2025/2026	165
Percentage of requests approved in 2025/2026	83%
Largest amount approved in 2025/2026	$100,000
Average amount approved in 2025/2026	$20,088
Smallest amount approved in 2025/2026	$2,000

Statutory bodies and Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision

Creative New Zealand

Creative New Zealand is the national arts development agency of Aotearoa New Zealand. In 2025/26, we invested $60.9 million in the arts through our work in investing, developing and leading the arts and ngā toi Māori.

Of our total revenue, $56,360,213 came from the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board, representing 75% of our total funding. We're grateful for the Board's long-term support, which allows us to meet our mandate to encourage, promote and support the arts in New Zealand for the benefit of all New Zealanders.

2025/26 overview

Over the past year, we've continued to invest in and support a vibrant arts and ngā toi ecosystem across the motu. Key achievements include:

- over 450,000 participants engaged in funded projects or events
- more than 3.9 million attendances at funded arts experiences
- more than 5,600 new New Zealand artworks supported
- more than $4 million distributed through the Creative Communities Scheme, in partnership with territorial authorities, supporting grassroots arts activity nationwide
- over $34.7 million invested through our multi-year programmes, Toi Tōtara Haemata and Toi Uru Kahikatea, sustaining critical arts infrastructure
  - 15% of this investment supported Māori-led organisations
  - 9% supported Pacific-led organisations
- over $14.4 million allocated through the Grants programme to support artists, practitioners, and arts activity
- over $12.5 million invested in delivering to ngā toi Māori (Māori arts)
- over $8.4 million invested in delivering to Pacific arts
- over $6.6 million to build sector capability and resilience.

Our achievements reflect our ongoing commitment to enabling arts, culture, creativity and ngā toi to flourish in communities across Aotearoa, and on the global stage.

Over the 2025/26 performance year, we've also:

- progressed or completed 19 of the 23 actions in the *Tapatahi Accessibility Policy and Action Plan 2023–2028*, improving access and opportunities for Deaf and disabled artists through access payment support, strengthening Deaf and disabled arts sector leadership, supporting artistic development through the 2026 Whakahoa Kaitoi Whanaketanga Deaf and Disabled Artist Fellowship, and publishing new Disabled audiences research to help the arts sector better engage Deaf and disabled New Zealanders in the arts and ngā toi Māori.

- developed a new *Equity in the Arts Policy – Te Ara Mana Tautika o ngā Toi*, aligned with Creative New Zealand's statutory purpose, to address New Zealand's changing demographics, evidence of inequitable access and participation and barriers limiting engagement in the arts and ngā toi Māori.

Building for the future

Alongside delivering strong results, this year marked an important transition point for Creative New Zealand. In March 2026, we launched our long-term strategy to 2040, *Tū Mai Rā, Toi Aotearoa*, alongside a refreshed strategy for ngā toi Māori and our strategy for Pacific arts. Together, these set a clear direction for how we'll strengthen the place of the arts in New Zealand's future and contribute to Government's new strategy *Amplify: A Creative and Cultural Strategy for New Zealand.*

To meet our new ambitions, we're changing the way we work and what the work is. This includes a shift to greater community leadership and regional investment, to help build a more connected, sustainable and community-led arts ecosystem. This shift will see a partnership-based approach that enables communities to lead regional arts development, set priorities and make decisions about funding. This is a fundamental change from investing on behalf of communities to investing *with* and *through* them.

Looking ahead, we'll also continue to strengthen the national arts infrastructure, including organisations that develop artforms and deliver services across the country. At the same time, we'll place greater emphasis on shifting public understanding of the value of the arts and ngā toi, ensuring their contribution to wellbeing, identity and economic development is widely recognised.

As we move through this period of transformation, we remain grateful to our core funders – the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board and the Government.

Inspired by the artists, practitioners and communities we serve, we're committed to building a more resilient, equitable and impactful arts community for Aotearoa New Zealand, approaching the opportunities ahead with dedication, clarity and manaaki.

New Zealand Film Commission

The New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) recognises the significant role Lottery Grants Board plays in supporting the New Zealand screen sector. In the 2025/26 financial year, the NZFC was allocated $24,422,759 by the Lottery Grants Board. Production funding offers were made for 12 feature films, and 16 NZFC-supported films were released, including seven that received finishing support to help them reach cinemas. This funding has enabled the development and production feature films, short films and talent development initiatives to create professional development opportunities for New Zealand filmmakers.

Through our work, NZFC continues to empower film makers, support the local screen industry, and contribute to New Zealand's cultural identity and economic growth. Our focus is on enabling culturally and commercially excellent films, strengthening international partnerships, and supporting film making talent, production and business outcomes across the screen sector.

New Zealand's screen sector is a strategically important contributor to both the economy and the nation's cultural identity. In the year ended March 2025, screen production:

- contributed approximately $1.1 billion to GDP
- generated $3.0 billion in economic output
- supported a workforce of around 27,000 people in high-value, skills-intensive jobs. [2]

Screen content also delivers substantial downstream value. An estimated $2.7 billion in international tourism expenditure is linked to screen exposure, with 15.9% of international visitors citing screen content as a motivating factor to choose New Zealand, reinforcing New Zealand's international brand and soft power. [3]

Locally made screen content plays a central role in shaping national identity and connection, with 73% of New Zealanders identifying New Zealand film and television as a key part of how the country sees itself. Nearly 87% of international audiences agree that Māori-led screen stories position New Zealand as a global leader in Indigenous storytelling.[4]

NZFC support through funding

Across the 2025/26 financial year, NZFC continued to invest in the development and production of New Zealand screen projects, supporting both feature films and short films through its funding programmes.

Production funding offers were made and accepted for 12 feature films, totalling just over $17.6 million. A further seven privately funded films were supported into cinemas with a Feature Film Finishing Grant, totalling a further $391,490.

Sixteen NZFC films were released, including seven supported through the Feature Film Finishing Grant.

[2-4] NZIER and Verian. 2025. Screen Production in New Zealand: Economic and cultural impacts. A report for New Zealand Film Commission, NZ On Air and Te Māngai Pāho.

Key achievements

New Zealand films continued to achieve strong audience and commercial outcomes. *Tenor: My Name Is Pati* surpassed $1 million at the New Zealand box office, becoming one of the country's highest-grossing documentaries. *Tinā* extended its strong performance, reaching more than $6.4 million at the New Zealand box office becoming the fifth highest-grossing New Zealand film.

Notable highlights during the period include:

- Sir Peter Jackson was honoured with the Palme d'Or d'Honneur by the Festival de Cannes. This honorary award recognises a career of exceptional international significance, celebrating a body of work that has combined large-scale popular cinema with artistic innovation and technological ambition, and which has permanently influenced global screen culture. This recognition also underscores New Zealand's standing on the world stage as a centre of screen excellence and cultural leadership.
- NZFC was nominated for the Film Commission of the Year and Sustainability Initiative Award, while NZFC-funded feature film *Mum, I'm Alien Pregnant* was nominated for the Sustainable Production Award at the prestigious 2026 Global Production Awards.
- New Zealand filmmaker Paloma Schneideman's debut feature *Big Girls Don't Cry* won the Grand Prix at the 2026 Biarritz Film Festival – Nouvelles Vagues. The film was selected for the festival's international competition and recognised by a jury led by actor and filmmaker Kristen Stewart.
- NZFC-funded feature films *Big Girls Don't Cry* and *Mum, I'm Alien Pregnant* world premiered at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival, the first time since 2016 two New Zealand feature films have screened in official selection at the festival in the same year.
- NZFC funded films secured 19 awards at the 2025 New Zealand Screen Awards, including five awards for *The Convert*, supported by Te Puna Kairangi Premium Productions for International Audiences Fund.
- Venice Film Festival presented a tribute to Jane Campion's film school, A Wave in the Ocean, with seven of the alumni's short films screenings. *Lion Rock* by Nick Mayow and Prisca Bouchet, also a part of A Wave in the Ocean, screened in competition in the Orizzonti Short Films section.
- National admissions for the 2025 Whānau Mārama NZ International Film Festival (NZIFF) were up over 25% from the previous year. Twelve New Zealand feature films and 13 New Zealand short films screened at NZIFF, including NZFC-funded films *Workmates*, *Went Up the Hill*, *Life in One Chord*, *TOITŪ Visual Sovereignty*, *Notes from a Fish*, and *Kaikohe Blood & Fire*.
- Funded through NZFC He Kauahi Catalyst short film fund, *Let's Settle This* won the Audience Award at NZIFF and *Chrysanthemum* and *Picking Crew* were awarded as Runner Ups.
- The Australasian premiere of *Avatar: Fire and Ash* was hosted in Wellington, showcasing New Zealand's world-class screen talent and reinforcing New Zealand's global reputation as a leading hub for film production.
- New Zealand screen excellence received international recognition, with BAFTA and Academy Award wins for Kate Hawley (*Frankenstein*) and Wētā FX (*Avatar: Fire and Ash*), reinforcing New Zealand's global cultural and creative leadership.

New Zealand Screen Production Rebate

The New Zealand Screen Production Rebate (NZSPR) enhances both domestic production activity and international collaboration, contributing to a more resilient and globally connected screen sector.

Changes to the NZSPR were announced for both international and domestic productions. Changes to the domestic rebate have made the scheme more accessible and flexible for New Zealand productions, supporting a broader range of projects and strengthening the pipeline of local screen content. Changes to the international rebate will enhance New Zealand's competitive position by attracting a wider range of international productions.

International trade activity

NZFC continued to build international engagement across key markets to support co-production, investment and distribution. During the year, a new co-production treaty with Brazil was signed, alongside ongoing work to modernise existing agreements, strengthening New Zealand's international partnerships.

NZFC maintained an active presence across major markets and festivals, including Cannes, Annecy, London, Singapore and India. Activity focused on supporting NZFC funded projects, strengthening relationships with producers and partners, and creating opportunities for co-production, investment and export.

In the United States, NZFC attended the Sundance Film Festival and undertook targeted engagement in Los Angeles. This included on-the-ground activity supporting NZFC-funded projects, deepening relationships with key studios, distributors and partners and communicating the refreshed NZSPR International rebate settings.

Key initiatives

During 2025/26, the NZFC continued to deliver a range of initiatives to support talent and industry development. This included the ongoing delivery of the International Placement Initiative, providing opportunities for New Zealand filmmakers to gain experience with leading international companies and build global networks.

Investment in talent development continued through Catalyst short film funding and the Industry Development Fund, supporting the creation of short films and structured development programmes to strengthen capability across the sector.

NZFC delivered Māori-led development wānanga focused on te reo Māori screen storytelling, supporting emerging and mid-career Māori writers to build language capability, creative confidence and leadership skills within a kaupapa Māori framework. The purpose is to strengthen culturally grounded talent development pathways, with outcomes including improved script development capability, language normalisation and intergenerational knowledge exchange, directly advancing NZFC's priority to invest in diverse talent capability.

A report on the economic and cultural value of the screen sector, *Lights, Camera, Impact*, was published in December and commissioned by NZFC, NZ On Air and Te Māngai Pāho as part of Mahi Tahi. The findings reinforce three priorities for the future: leveraging cultural value as a unique competitive advantage, addressing the sector's reliance on incentives, and closing data gaps.

Ngā mihi to the Lottery Grants Board for their continued support of the New Zealand Film Commission.

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.

Sport NZ Group was allocated $75,146,951 and Water Safety NZ $4,884,511 in 2025/26 by the Lottery Grants Board.

Sport NZ's four-year Strategy (2024-2028) represents the second of three chapters of the Towards 2032 Strategic Direction. The Strategy seeks to keep more young New Zealanders active by improving the quality, accessibility and inclusiveness of play, active recreation and sport, with a particular focus on equity, Māori outcomes, and community-led change.

The funding received continues to allow Sport NZ to invest in national and regional partners, local communities, schools and kura. In addition to direct investments, Sport NZ provides support through programmes, resources, advice and insights to enhance sector capability and resilience and ultimately achieve the goal of lifting levels of physical activity.

Sport NZ's Strategy defines three key focus areas: (i) maintain physical activity levels of tamariki (children); (ii) reduce the decline in physical activity among rangatahi (young people) and (iii) improve equity for tamariki and rangatahi who are less active, particularly girls, rangatahi Māori, disabled young people, and those in higher-deprivation communities.

During 2025/26, Sport NZ has made positive progress in these focus areas delivering work across 4 strategic priority areas as noted below.

In addition, lottery funding supports the implementation of Te Aho o Ihi Aotearoa, the Māori Activation Plan focusing on shared goals, improved levels of physical activity for Māori, equitable access to participation, improved health outcomes, and long-term efficiency by strengthening overall service delivery.

Capable and resilient partner organisations

Working together with partners is critical to delivering on Sport NZ's Strategy. Consequently, Sport NZ works with, and invests in, partners who make the biggest difference to the play, active recreation and sport sector.

Investments have been directed towards initiatives that will lift system and organisational capability and resilience. This has been achieved through partnering with 108 organisations including National Sport Organisations, Regional Sport Trusts, Disability organisations, Education organisations, Kaupapa Māori and active recreation partners. Through these partnerships, indications that partner organisational capability and resilience is strengthening have been observed during 2025/26. Progress across all domains, however, is not equal as organisations must choose to prioritise and sequence areas of most need. Many are putting in place multi-year plans to continue to build resilience, with financial capability and effective governance and leadership most prominent.

Quality opportunities and experiences

Quality is about ensuring opportunities and experiences are meaningful, positive and impactful. Investment in this area supports the ongoing development of physical literacy for participants building the confidence, motivation, skills and knowledge needed to ensure ongoing involvement.

During 2025/26, Sport NZ has observed positive progress through continued support and the ongoing implementation of their programmes, including the Sport Pathways Framework aimed at delivering quality sport opportunities and experiences in line with the Balance is Better principles.

Through the spaces and places work, Sport NZ engaged with local and central government to advocate and support improved facilities – there are 14 regional spaces and places/facility plans in place to guide evidence based regional development of community sport and recreation facilities.

The Unpros social media campaign, aimed at growing activity levels of young women, continues to perform strongly – since 2023, there has been a 9.2% increase in young women meeting World Health Organisation physical activity guidelines and a 16% reduction in the number of young women doing less than 30 minutes of activity per week.

Through its partnership with Arup, Sport NZ has built the capability of the national play workforce and progressed Neighbourhood Play Systems nationwide, supporting the completion of 50 local play system assessments and enabling communities to take evidence-based action to create more accessible and equitable play opportunities for tamariki.

Empowered local communities and hapori

By working with partner organisations to better support communities and hapori, Sport NZ targets efforts to address barriers to participation and enable a more meaningful and sustainable response through local solutions. In 2025/26, Sport NZ, with its partners, has achieved some positive results in the community as noted below.

Working with the Regional Sports Trusts (RSTs), Sport NZ strengthened its work in Geographic Priority Communities (GPCs) to reduce inequities in physical activity. Sport NZ is working with all 14 Regional Sports Trusts to support 92 Geographic Priority Communities across Aotearoa. An example of one initiative is Sport Whanganui who has established a long-term, community-led approach in Taumarunui, aligning local partnerships, mentoring programmes and funding to support rangatahi wellbeing, connection and participation in physical activity.

Through He Oranga Poutama investment, Aktive's Iwi of Origin engaged more than 1,500 participants and 104 teams, strengthening cultural identity, whanaungatanga and Māori participation in physical activity through a uniquely Māori-led sport and recreation experience.

Sport NZ's work in this strategic priority also supports the ministerial priority to reduce child and youth offending through participating in play, active recreation and sport. This project particularly focuses on initiatives to support children and young people already showing signs

of difficulty, or who have had contact with the youth justice system. A positive example of this work is a partnership between Aktive and New Zealand Police to deliver the Back in the Game initiative. Since 2022, the programme has supported 114 young people in Auckland, with 89% showing a decrease in offending, demonstrating the potential of sport and recreation to strengthen confidence, connection and positive life outcomes.

Tū Manawa continues to support communities: since its inception in August 2020, through RSTs 8,000 projects have been approved, targeted at those less active, particularly women and girls, and those with disabilities.

Active schools and kura

Schools and kura play a key role in providing opportunities and influencing the attitudes and motivation of tamariki and rangatahi to be physically active. Sport NZ has a leadership and advocacy role, invests through programmes and funds, and partners with national education organisations and government agencies to improve the provision of play, active recreation and sport, and physical education in schools and kura.

Positive progress has continued through 2025/26 – schools and kura continue to highly value physical activity. There has been an increase in the proportion of students who are physically active, a rise in happiness and confidence, an increase in a sense of belonging and connection and an increase in school attendance.

Sport NZ invests through Active As and Regional Sports Directors to help create quality sport and physical activity opportunities for rangatahi in schools and kura. Active As evaluation findings showed a 2.4% increase in the proportion of rangatahi achieving at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day, while Regional Sports Directors helped drive a 12% increase in secondary school sport participation between 2022 and 2024. In 2025, more than 160,000 students participated in organised school sport, demonstrating the reach and impact of these investments.

Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision

Who we are

Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision is the audiovisual archive of Aotearoa New Zealand, responsible for a growing collection of over 840,000 items spanning more than 130 years. We collect, preserve, share and care for Aotearoa New Zealand's audiovisual history so that present and future generations of New Zealanders can explore who they are and connect with our shared memories as a nation.

Lottery Grants Board allocates funding to us via the New Zealand Film Commission. In the 2025/26 financial year, Ngā Taonga received $1,878,674 in funding from the Board. We are grateful for this vital support, which helps us continue our work as Aotearoa New Zealand's audiovisual archive.

We embrace the important role Ngā Taonga plays in connecting New Zealanders to their audiovisual history. Every interaction with the collection is an opportunity to connect with the history and identity of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Maximising our impact

Over this past year, our mahi has helped communities across Aotearoa make important connections with the taonga in the collection. Always mindful of using our resources sustainably to achieve the greatest impact, we are highly strategic in the way we plan our engagement work. As we evolve into a digital-first archive, we are exploring new ways of providing access and sharing the collection using digital platforms. We work collaboratively with selected third parties who can amplify the reach of the collection, making use of their large existing audiences to share recordings with as many people in as many places as possible. We are also intentional about targeting tailored engagements to specific communities of interest. While numerically smaller, these tailored in-person engagements foster a deeper and personalised connection with the collection and our organisation.

Our bicultural kaupapa

Our constitution states a bicultural commitment and includes partnership with iwi and Māori as a central focus of its kaupapa. We reflect this commitment through our engagement with iwi, hapū, marae, kaupapa Māori communities, and stakeholder groups.

Community engagement highlights

In July 2025, we supported and attended an Iwi Taonga Conservation workshop with National Services Te Paerangi at Pākira Marae in Taupō. We set up a digitisation kit in the wharenui and helped digitise the VHS tapes of whānau, enabling the preservation of audiovisual taonga within their own community. We also screened titles throughout the day in the wharenui for them to enjoy and reflect on.

In August 2025 we screened historic footage of weaving at Koriniti by filmmaker James McDonald to support a weaving demonstration at Te Whare o Rehua Sarjeant Gallery in Whanganui. The footage linked past with present, underpinning the significance of weaving as a cultural practice and art form. Ngāti Pāmoana, kaitiaki of the footage, attended this event as well as local weavers with an interest in traditional weaving practices.

We also held a screening at Paraweka Marae, Pipiriki, of archival content related to their iwi and local community. Descendants across three generations returned to the marae for the screening, which included footage of the Pipiriki community, school, and local people. A highlight from the screening included footage from 1971 of a local kuia demonstrating the making of piupiu (traditional flax garment).

Supporting Mana Māori Motuhake, a kaupapa celebrating three landmark events – 50 years since the Māori Land March, the establishment of the Waitangi Tribunal, and the Māori electoral roll option – we supplied films for three well-attended public screenings in the National Library in September 2025. The films, *Hīkoi – The Land March*, *Bastion Point: Day 507, Bastion Point - The Untold Story*, and *Radicals* were introduced by special guest speakers, adding insight and historical context to the screenings for the attentive audiences.

Also in September, marking the 50th anniversary of the Māori Land March, we published a special collection of audiovisual taonga on our website which spoke to the significance of the protest and its enduring legacy. Alongside this, we published an exclusive online interview with Irenee Cooper, granddaughter of Dame Whina Cooper, in which she reflected on experiencing the march as a young child alongside her grandmother. Many members of our audience reacted to this with expressions of deep admiration for Dame Whina and her legacy.

In response to requests from New Zealanders to explore their own regional dialects, we partnered with Tātai Aho Rau Core Education to develop *He Reo Rongomaiwhiti*, published in November 2025 and expanded in May 2026. *He Reo Rongomaiwhiti is* a curated collection which draws on archival content in the care of Ngā Taonga to illustrate the diversity of Māori dialects across Aotearoa and how they vary between regions. Serving as an education resource, it enables learners of te reo Māori, including fluent speakers, to explore examples of regional dialects and discover elements of te reo that are now less common. Ngā Taonga and Core Education have agreed to keep growing the collection to cover more regions.

We continue to share rich audiovisual taonga with museums, galleries and libraries around the country. For Waitangi Day and Matariki, each year we curate programmes of content from the collection to commemorate these nationally significant milestones. The programmes are sent to over 40 partners and play on public screens across Aotearoa for New Zealanders to enjoy. Significantly, our Waitangi Day programme was screened at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds after the dawn ceremony on 6 February 2026 to a very receptive large audience.

We worked with Wellington Museum in support of their culinary exhibition *Capital of Kai*. This included hosting their senior curator onsite for a research screening, and supplying content for the exhibition, which opened in June 2026. We also supported Auckland City Libraries with

content supply for their music exhibition Encore! which immersed visitors in the live music history of Tāmaki Makaurau.

Ongoing partnerships with sports bodies help to amplify the reach of our national sporting heritage to avid fans across the country. We regularly meet with representatives of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) and New Zealand Rugby (NZR) and provide research assistance and share collection items in support of their respective content streaming services.

Drawing on coverage of international matches featuring the All Blacks, the Māori All Blacks and the Black Ferns in the TVNZ collection, we supplied NZR with copies of games played in the 1980s and 1990s, along with documentaries on the history of rugby in New Zealand. We supplied NZC's *Whakapapa Legacy* project with content for social media campaigns on the history of the White Ferns, Māori participation in the game, and New Zealand's first ever test win in 1956.

In April 2026, we supplied and promoted a significant amount of archival content to commemorate Anzac Day, including historic wartime footage that was projected onto the Wellington Cenotaph outside Parliament. This poignant footage was viewed by thousands of passersby.

Our mahi sits firmly in the 'cultural capability and belonging' wellbeing domain: supporting and enabling New Zealanders to connect with their personal and community identity through the content from the collections in our care, which fosters a sense of belonging. Importantly, the collections we hold also support the revitalisation of te reo Māori and contribute to an increase in the number of te reo speakers.

We thank Lottery Grants Board for the huge role they play in enabling us to connect communities across Aotearoa New Zealand with the collections we care for.

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1 July 2025 to
30 June 2026

The Audit Office
Te Mana Arotake

Independent auditor's report

To the readers of New Zealand Lottery Grants Board's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026

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 the audit of the financial statements on his behalf.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of New Zealand Lottery Grants Board that comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026 and 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 98 to 107.

In our opinion the financial statements of New Zealand Lottery Grants Board present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position as at 30 June 2026, and its financial performance for the year then ended 30 June 2026, in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards.

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 and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Responsibilities of the auditor* section of our report.

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 opinion.

Responsibilities of the Board for the financial statements

The Board is responsible on behalf of New Zealand Lottery Grants Board for preparing financial statements that are fairly presented and comply with Public Benefit Entity Standards.

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

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible on behalf of New Zealand Lottery Grants Board for assessing New Zealand Lottery Grants Board's ability to continue as a going concern. The Board is also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless there is an intention to liquidate New Zealand Lottery Grants Board or to cease operations, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board's responsibilities arise from the Public Finance Act 1989 and the Crown Entities Act 2004.

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 these financial statements.

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

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the 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 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 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 and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on New Zealand Lottery Grants Board's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause New Zealand Lottery Grants Board to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the 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 other than the financial statements, and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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



Henry McClintock
BDO Wellington Audit Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Wellington, New Zealand
23 October 2026

Statement of responsibility

New Zealand Lottery Grants Board (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 2026.



Garth Clarricoats
Board Member
23 October 2026



Parmindar Singh
Board Member
23 October 2026

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 2026

	Note	Actual 2026 $	Budget 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Revenue				
Lottery profits		408,367,316	350,843,000	395,146,448
Total revenue		408,367,316	350,843,000	395,146,448
Expenditure				
Distribution to Profits of New Zealand Lotteries	2	(408,278,083)	(350,704,936)	(395,030,229)
Board expenses	4	(56,719)	(62,237)	(58,462)
Presiding members' policy advisory group meetings expenses	4	(31,434)	(71,827)	(57,757)
Other expenses		(1,080)	(4,000)	-
Total expenditure		(408,367,316)	(350,843,000)	(395,146,448)
Operating surplus/(deficit)		-	-	-
Other comprehensive revenue and expense				
Total other comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	-
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	-

Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year ended 30 June 2026 was $nil (2024/25: $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 2026

	Note	Actual 2026 $	Budget 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Assets				
Current assets				
Debtors and other receivables	5	27,524,316	-	63,270,448
Total current assets		27,524,316	-	63,270,448
Total assets		**27,524,316**	**-**	**63,270,448**
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Distribution payable to Profits of New Zealand Lotteries	6	(27,524,316)	-	(63,270,448)
Total current liabilities		(27,524,316)	-	(63,270,448)
Total liabilities		**(27,524,316)**	**-**	**(63,270,448)**
Net Assets		**-**	**-**	**-**
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 2026

Statement of accounting policies

Reporting entity

New Zealand Lottery Grants Board (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 2026 and were approved by the Board on 23 October 2026.

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.

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 received by the Board under the provisions of the Gambling Act 2003. Revenue is measured at fair value, which is determined to be the amount received or receivable. Revenue from Lotto NZ is a non-exchange transaction and is recognised in accordance with PBE IPSAS 23 'Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions'. Revenue is recognised on an accrual basis when the Board obtains control of the economic benefits associated with the revenue, it is probable that those economic benefits will flow to the Board, and the amount can be measured reliably. Control and reliable measurement are considered to

occur when the amount payable is advised by Lotto NZ. Amounts advised but not received at balance date are recognised as a receivable.

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 (2024/25: no changes).

Standards issued and adopted

No standards or amendments issued in 2025/26 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 2025/26 distribution to the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries was funded by profits of $408,367,316 (2024/25: $395,146,448) received from Lotto NZ during the year.

At its meeting on 26 June 2025, 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 (2024/25: 6).

There were no grants approved relating to key management personnel during the year ended 30 June 2026 (2024/25: $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 2026 are shown below. These equate to 0.18 full-time equivalent (2024/25: 0.20):

	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Lottery Grants Board members' fees		
Clarricoats, G.	14,199	10,211
Coutts, K.	9,142	12,253
Govind, S.	-	1,653
Singh, P.	8,363	-
Tuuta, C.	2,139	13,907
Total Board members' fees paid	33,843	38,024
Meeting travel expenses	22,876	20,438
Total Lottery Grants Board members' expenses	**56,719**	**58,462**

These fees are based on actual paid fees in the year to 30 June 2026. Any fees processed after year-end will appear in the 2026/27 annual report.

Fees for attendance at the Presiding members' policy advisory group meetings	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Algar, H.	-	939
Brown, N.W.	313	232
Correa, R.	-	1,252
Dhiru, V.	-	939
Edgar, J.	-	116
Firestone, R.	389	-
Gibb, S.	-	232
Gritt, J.	-	232
Hebberd, C.L.	545	-
Hewitt, R.	-	858
Hindle, J.	-	232
Holmes, P.	-	232
Iqbal, S.K.	-	116
Karena, A.R.	313	-
Kaye-Simmons, V.M.	-	939
Keefe, M.J.M.	-	313
Kelly, R.	-	232
Kite, A.M.	313	116
Lanigan-Behrent, T.	-	232
Lee, J.	313	-
Lennox, G.	429	-
Leung, R.	-	232
Lockwood, S.G.	313	-
Lomas, T.	313	232
Lu, B.	389	626
Mallows, C	-	232
Morrison, G.	-	626
O'Connell, J.	313	939

Fees for attendance at the Presiding members' policy advisory group meetings	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Pamatatau, R.	429	626
Ravi, P.	-	232
Robin, T.	429	1,095
Rossiter-Stead, C.	-	232
Ryu, G.	-	232
Gibb, S	-	232
Siers, S.	-	116
Stevens, K.	313	939
Stow, A.C.	157	-
Tana, R.	313	1,252
Tuatini, T.	-	232
Van Uden, V.	429	313
von Dadelszen, E.H.	313	626
Wadia, F.	-	939
Wraight, B.	-	626
Wright-Tawhā, T.	-	232
Total members' fees paid	6,326	18,023
Meeting travel expenses	25,108	39,734
Total Presiding members' policy advisory group meetings expenses	**31,434**	**57,757**

These fees are based on actual paid fees in the 2025/26 financial year. Any fees processed after year-end will appear in the 2026/27 annual report.

Note 5: Receivables

	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Accounts receivable, lottery profits	27,524,316	63,270,448
Allowance for doubtful debts	-	-
Total receivables	**27,524,316**	**63,270,448**

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 2026 are as follows:

Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

Lottery profits

Revenue budgets were based on Lotto NZ forecast profits at the start of 2025/26. Lotto NZ profits were 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 2025/26. 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.

Presiding members' policy advisory group expenses

Two meetings of the Presiding Members' Policy Advisory Group were budgeted for the 2025/26 financial year. One meeting was held during the year ended 30 June 2026.

Statement of financial position

Debtors and other receivables

The 2025/26 final profits payment from Lotto NZ was received 31 August 2026. This payment of $27.5 million was not budgeted.

Note 8: Events after reporting date

There were no significant events between 30 June 2026 and the signing of these financial statements (2024/25: $nil).

Note 9: Commitments

The Board has no commitments as at 30 June 2026 (2025: $nil).

Note 10: Contingent assets and liabilities

The Board has no contingent assets or contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2026 (2025: $nil).

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1 July 2025 to
30 June 2026

The Audit Office
Te Mana Arotake

Independent auditor's report

To the readers of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries' financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026

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 the audit of the financial statements on his behalf.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries that comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, 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 113 to 138.

In our opinion the financial statements of Profits of New Zealand Lotteries present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position as at 30 June 2026, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards.

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 and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Responsibilities of the auditor* section of our report.

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 opinion.

Responsibilities of the Secretary for Internal Affairs for the financial statements

The Secretary for Internal Affairs is responsible on behalf of the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries for preparing financial statements that are fairly presented and comply with Public Benefit Entity Standards.

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

In preparing the financial statements, the Secretary for Internal Affairs is responsible on behalf of the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries for assessing the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries' ability to continue as a going concern. The Secretary for Internal Affairs is also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless there is an

intention to liquidate the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries or to cease operations, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 these financial statements.

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

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the 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 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 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 and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries' ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the 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 Secretary for Internal Affairs is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements, and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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



Henry McClintock
BDO Wellington Audit Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Wellington, New Zealand
23 October 2026

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 2026.



Paul James
Secretary for Internal Affairs
23 October 2026



Aiolupotea Sina Aiono
Secretary of the Board
23 October 2026

Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	Actual 2026 $	Budget 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Revenue				
Non-exchange revenue				
Distribution from New Zealand Lottery Grants Board		408,278,083	350,704,936	395,030,229
Other revenue	3	1,015,970	-	672,551
Total non-exchange revenue		409,294,053	350,704,936	395,702,780
Interest income	2	5,786,236	4,287,000	8,192,982
Total interest income		5,786,236	4,287,000	8,192,982
Total revenue		415,080,289	354,991,936	403,895,762
Expenditure				
Administration expense	15	(13,512,018)	(13,767,000)	(14,803,612)
Audit fee	13	(63,896)	(63,703)	(62,428)
Other expenses		(2,638)	(4,000)	(3,119)
Distribution committee expenses	16	(208,553)	(300,662)	(178,052)
Grants expenses	17	(406,789,438)	(392,819,785)	(385,916,696)
Total expenditure		(420,576,543)	(406,955,150)	(400,963,907)
Operating surplus/(deficit)		(5,496,254)	(51,963,214)	2,931,855
Other comprehensive revenue and expense				
Total other comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	-
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		**(5,496,254)**	**(51,963,214)**	**2,931,855**

Explanations of significant variances against budget are provided in Note 20.

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 2026

	Note	Actual 2026 $	Budget 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	5,6	98,004,524	95,329,601	89,598,752
Short-term investments	5,7	141,052,083	55,200,000	121,376,568
GST receivable		2,436,463	1,500,000	2,209,475
Debtors and other receivables	8	27,779,298	-	63,370,448
Total current assets		269,272,368	152,029,601	276,555,243
Total assets		**269,272,368**	**152,029,601**	**276,555,243**
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Grants payable	9	(46,476,560)	(76,952,149)	(48,267,156)
Creditors and other payables	10	(75,520)	(31,851)	(71,545)
Total current liabilities		(46,552,080)	(76,984,000)	(48,338,701)
Total liabilities		**(46,552,080)**	**(76,984,000)**	**(48,338,701)**
Net Assets		**222,720,288**	**75,045,601**	**228,216,542**
Equity				
Accumulated funds		222,720,288	75,045,601	228,216,542
Total equity	11	**222,720,288**	**75,045,601**	**228,216,542**

Explanations of significant variances against budget are detailed in Note 20.

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 2026

	Note	Actual 2026 $	Budget 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Movement in equity for the year ended 30 June 2026				
Equity as at 1 July 2025		228,216,542	127,008,815	225,284,687
Total comprehensive revenue and expense for the year ended 30 June 2026		(5,496,254)	(51,963,214)	2,931,855
Equity as at 30 June 2026	11	**222,720,288**	**75,045,601**	**228,216,542**

Statement of cash flows

for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	Actual 2026 $	Budget 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Cash flows from operating activities				
Lottery profits		444,113,448	350,843,000	424,169,388
Interest income		6,110,721	4,487,000	7,494,293
Other revenue		1,015,970	-	672,551
Grants paid		(408,580,035)	(392,819,786)	(383,363,017)
Suppliers		(14,027,344)	(14,273,077)	(15,251,297)
GST (net)		(226,988)	(186,000)	71,110
Net cash flow from operating activities	12	28,405,772	(51,948,863)	33,793,028
Cash flows from Investing Activities				
Maturity of investments		255,000,000	85,000,000	147,500,000
Purchase of investments		(275,000,000)	(55,200,000)	(177,500,000)
Net cash flow from investing activities		(20,000,000)	29,800,000	(30,000,000)
Movement in cash				
Opening cash and cash equivalents		89,598,752	117,478,464	85,805,724
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		8,405,772	(22,148,863)	3,793,028
Closing cash and cash equivalents	5,6	**98,004,524**	**95,329,601**	**89,598,752**

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 2026

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 (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 2026 and were approved by the Secretary for Internal Affairs on 23 October 2026.

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.

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 17 and Note 18.

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 Board's entitlement to the profits of Lotto NZ under the provisions of the Gambling Act 2003 and distributed to the Profits of New Zealand Lotteries after deducting Board expenses. Revenue also includes interest income 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 a non-exchange transaction and is recognised in accordance with PBE IPSAS 23 'Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions'. Revenue is recognised on an accrual basis when the Board obtains control of the economic benefits associated with the revenue, it is probable that those economic benefits will flow to the Board, and the amount can be measured reliably. Control and reliable measurement are considered to occur when the amount payable is advised by Lotto NZ. Amounts advised but not received at balance date are recognised as a receivable. Investment income is recognised on an accrual basis when earned and is reported in the financial period to which it relates.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method in accordance with PBE IPSAS 41. Interest is accrued on a time-proportion basis by reference to the principal outstanding and the effective interest rate applicable to the financial asset. Interest income includes earnings on cash and cash equivalents, call accounts and term deposits and is recognised in surplus or deficit as it accrues.

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 2025 and 30 June 2026 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 (2024/25: no changes).

Standards issued and adopted 2025/26

There were none.

Note 2: Interest income

	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Bank of New Zealand current account	1,537,878	2,976,677
Money market investment	4,248,358	5,188,145
Other Interest	-	28,160
Total interest income	**5,786,236**	**8,192,982**

Note 3: Other revenue: non-exchange

	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Grant refunds - prior financial years	1,015,970	672,551
Total other revenue	**1,015,970**	**672,551**

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 2026 %	Actual 2025 %	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Distribution committees				
Lottery Community committees				
National	6.20%	6.90%	26,167,047	27,274,699
Regional Community committees				
Northland	1.60%	1.30%	6,882,399	5,290,627
Auckland	8.50%	6.90%	35,904,559	27,558,536
Waikato	3.30%	2.70%	14,132,016	10,880,311
Bay of Plenty/Gisborne	2.50%	2.00%	10,424,287	8,017,949
Taranaki	0.90%	0.70%	3,636,655	2,871,917
Hawke's Bay	1.10%	0.90%	4,454,013	3,573,898
Manawatū/Whanganui	1.70%	1.40%	7,131,159	5,690,697
Wellington/Wairarapa	2.20%	2.00%	9,476,624	7,864,060
West Coast/Nelson-Marlborough	1.10%	1.00%	4,998,919	3,948,545
Canterbury/Kaikōura	3.20%	2.50%	13,480,497	10,142,296
Otago/Southland	1.90%	1.60%	7,936,673	6,422,035
Lottery specialist committees				
Community Facilities	6.90%	5.00%	28,952,475	20,018,544
Environment and Heritage	2.80%	4.50%	11,941,501	17,861,560
Health Research	0.60%	0.70%	2,710,971	2,738,781
Individuals with Disabilities	3.00%	2.60%	12,467,540	10,295,975
Oranga Marae	10.00%	10.80%	42,381,988	43,000,000
Outdoor Safety	2.40%	2.10%	10,042,855	8,293,616

	Actual 2026 %	Actual 2025 %	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Minister's Discretionary Fund				
Minister's Discretionary Fund	0.30%	0.30%	1,210,914	1,000,000
Emergency Natural Disaster Response Fund	1.20%	1.30%	5,000,000	5,000,000
Distribution to statutory bodies				
Creative New Zealand	13.40%	15.10%	56,360,213	59,931,642
Sport New Zealand	17.80%	20.10%	75,146,951	79,908,856
New Zealand Film Commission	5.80%	6.50%	24,422,759	25,970,378
Other allocations to statutory bodies*				
New Zealand Film Commission – Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision	0.40%	0.50%	1,878,674	1,997,721
Sport New Zealand – water safety	1.20%	0.60%	4,884,511	2,477,314
Total funds allocated for the year	**100%**	**100%**	**422,026,200**	**398,029,957**

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

Sport New Zealand received an allocation for use in funding the water safety sector 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 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Financial assets measured at amortised cost		
Cash and cash equivalents	98,004,524	89,598,752
Debtors and other receivables	27,779,298	63,370,448
Short-term investments	141,052,083	121,376,568
Total financial assets measured at amortised cost	266,835,905	274,345,768
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
Creditors and other payables	75,520	71,545
Grants payable	46,476,560	48,267,156
Total financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	46,552,080	48,338,701

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 income 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 91 – 277 days (2024/25: 92 – 278 days). The Interest rates ranged from 2.765% – 4.75% p.a. (2024/25: 3.50% – 5.65% 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 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Cash at bank in interest bearing accounts		
Bank of New Zealand transactional account	18,483	12,481
Bank of New Zealand on-call bank account	97,980,000	89,570,000
Accrued interest	6,041	16,271
Total cash and cash equivalents	98,004,524	89,598,752

Note 7: Short-term investments

	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Bank term deposits with original maturities 91 – 365 days		
ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited	52,500,000	30,000,000
ASB Bank Limited	15,000,000	20,000,000
Bank of New Zealand	-	-
Kiwibank Limited	45,000,000	30,000,000
Westpac New Zealand Limited	27,500,000	40,000,000
Accrued interest	1,052,083	1,376,568
Total short-term investments	141,052,083	121,376,568

Note 8: Receivables

	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Accounts receivable, lottery profits	27,524,316	63,270,448
Debtors and other receivables	254,982	100,000
Allowance for doubtful debts	-	-
Total receivables	**27,779,298**	**63,370,448**

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 2026 $	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $	Actual 2025 $	Actual 2025 $
	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	27,524,316	-	27,524,316	63,270,448	-	63,270,448
Due 1-30 days	254,982	-	254,982	100,000	-	100,000
Total receivables	**27,779,298**	**-**	**27,779,298**	**63,370,448**	**-**	**63,370,448**

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 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Short-term (12 months or less)	46,476,560	48,267,156
Total grants payable	**46,476,560**	**48,267,156**

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 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Exchange transactions		
Other suppliers	71,473	63,482
Non-exchange transactions		
PAYE	4,047	8,063
Total creditors and other payables	**75,520**	**71,545**

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 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Undistributed committees' funds			
Granting commitments*		34,020,779	22,076,353
Undistributed committees' funds carried forward to next financial year		-	23,870,347
Total undistributed committees' funds		34,020,779	45,946,700
Accumulated funds			
Opening accumulated funds		182,269,842	186,927,510
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		(5,496,254)	2,931,855
Total funds allocated for the year	4	(422,026,200)	(398,029,957)
Total grants expenses for the year	17	406,789,438	385,916,696
Funds allocated to distribution committees but unspent		27,162,683	4,523,738
Closing accumulated funds		188,699,509	182,269,842
Total Equity		**222,720,288**	**228,216,542**

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.

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

	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Total comprehensive revenue and expense	(5,496,254)	2,931,855
Add/(deduct) movements in statement of financial position items		
(Increase)/ decrease in debtors and other receivables	35,591,150	28,926,489
(Increase)/ decrease in accrued interest	324,486	(698,688)
(Increase)/ decrease in GST receivable	(226,988)	71,110
Increase/ (decrease) in grants payable	(1,790,597)	2,553,679
Increase/ (decrease) in creditors and other payables	3,975	8,583
Net movements in working capital items	33,902,026	30,861,173
Net cash flow from operating activities	**28,405,772**	**33,793,028**

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 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Audit and review of the financial statements	63,896	62,428
Total fees paid to auditors	**63,896**	**62,428**

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 2025/26 include personnel, accommodation, administration, and other services totalling $12,820,000 (2024/25: $13,068,000). An additional $692,018 was provided to support the Board with evolving their lottery grants and advisory system (2024/25: $1,735,612).

Note 15: Administration costs and efficiency

Services delivered to the Board by the Department in 2025/26 under the terms of a memorandum of understanding totalled $13,512,018 (2024/25: $14,803,612). Administration costs include personnel, accommodation, administration, and other services that comprise direct expenditure attributable to fund operations as well as an allocation of shared Departmental overheads. Where direct attribution was not practical, estimated allocations have been made in accordance with the Department's established cost-allocation methodologies.

Direct costs for distribution committee expenses totalled $208,553 (2024/25: $178,052). These costs included distribution committee members' fees, travel, meeting expenses, and training.

Total administration costs include:

- direct costs: e.g. staff to process requests, support the Board and the distribution committees; travel; operating expenses.
- centrally managed costs: e.g. property; information communication technology; contribution from supporting teams such as Planning, Design & Assurance, DCE, Pou Ārahi, Operational Policy and Official Correspondence.
- overhead costs: e.g. contribution to staff and resources from teams such as Human Resources, Finance, Appointments, Communications.
- direct distribution committee costs.

Administration efficiency

An administration efficiency indicator has been calculated by comparing total administration costs to total funding allocated for the period that provides a measure of the cost of administering every $100 of lottery profits distributed.

	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Total administration costs	13,720,571	14,981,664
Total funding allocated	422,026,200	398,029,957
Administration efficiency ratio (administration cost per $100 of funding allocated)	**$3.25**	**$3.76**

Note 16: 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 2026 are shown below. These fees are based on actual paid fees in the year. Any fees processed after year end will appear in the 2026/27 annual report.

Distribution committee member	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Ahern, A.	754	-
Algar, H.	1,721	1,212
Baker, P.V.	-	1,508
Bannerman, Y.	-	1,508
Bartlett, C.	1,392	-
Barry, S.	1,044	-

Distribution committee member	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Brown, N.W.	1,392	-
Burns, P.	580	1,508
Cairns, B.	1,160	116
Carley, S.L.	1,392	-
Carrucan, E.	2,668	1,276
Clarke, J.V.	116	1,392
Correa, R.	939	3,003
Cotter Tait, S.	986	1,624
Cotton, E.	1,740	1,624
Cowper, P.	754	-
Crawford, F.	696	3,190
Crawford, G.S.	1,624	348
Crowley, N. A.	2,088	-
Cushnahan, M.	783	-
Dean, R.	1,566	58
Dhiru, V.	928	2,030
Edgar, J.	2,320	116
Fannin, M.	580	1,392
Firestone, R.	3,890	3,890
Fletcher, E.	2,993	3,212
Fox, N.	754	1,392
Gemmell, S.E.B.	1,392	4,524
Gestro-Best, C.	661	1,902
Gibb, S.	3,132	870
Glenn, D.	4,176	4,581
Gordon, A.	696	-
Gritt, J.	-	1,508
Gulleford, V.	1,624	232
Hebberd, C.	1,160	2,087

Distribution committee member	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Hewitt, R.	2,552	2,774
Hindle, J.	1,682	-
Holmes, P.	1,096	2,013
Horton, J.R.	2,920	2,920
Howarth, J.R.	696	1,682
Ingram, B	1,241	348
Iqbal, S.K.	-	232
Ivory, D.	928	1,566
Jeffreys, M.	2,993	2,920
Kapa, R.	-	1,276
Karena, A.R.	2,058	-
Kaye-Simmons, V.M.	1,096	3,365
Keefe, M.J.M.	3,286	1,392
Kelly, R.	1,450	-
Kilmister, M.	754	-
Kirkwood, J.	1,856	-
Kite, A.M.	1,856	696
Lanigan-Behrent, T.	1,624	1,566
Latham, J.M.	-	157
Lee, J.	4,176	4,581
Lennox, G.	928	348
Leung, R.	1,392	1,624
Lindaya, M.	754	-
Lockwood, S.G.	1,878	2,327
Lomas, T.	1,821	1,740
Lu, B.	2,920	2,920
Mallows, C.	1,972	812
Marsden, E.	1,096	-
Maru, B.T.	464	1,044

Distribution committee member	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Maynard, S.	696	-
McGrath, K.	812	-
McLeish, E.	696	-
McMullen, L.	1,392	-
Menzies-Culling, S.	-	1,392
Michalanney, W.	928	348
Mikkelson, V.	939	-
Middlemiss, J.C.	1,972	-
Miles, M.A.	1,856	928
Morrison, G.	1,160	696
Murphy, L.	219	-
Nicholas, T.	696	1,392
Nuri, N.	-	1,218
O'Connell, J.	2,188	2,739
Paenga, J.R.	1,392	290
Paewai, S.D.	116	1,160
Pamatatau, R.	2,266	1,956
Paterson, J.	696	-
Peoples, T.	1,044	-
Perry, J.	1,856	-
Patten-Matehaere, S.	-	1,044
Price, F.	1,408	-
Pulloothpadath, N. K.	1,276	-
Quirk, C.	157	1,878
Ranford, B.	696	-
Ravi, P.	1,740	78
Rea, B.	580	-
Ridden, J.	1,740	1,508
Robin, T.	1,800	2,307

Distribution committee member	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Rossiter-Stead, C.	986	2,030
Ryu, G.	696	1,624
Shaw, V.F.	-	939
Shubkin, T.	1,218	-
Siers, S.	1,160	580
Sloman,	696	-
Smith, M.	812	-
Stevens, K.M.	1,565	2,348
Stow, A.C.	1,174	-
Tait, H.	290	1,624
Tan, M.R.	292	-
Tana, R.	3,639	2,895
Taufale, T.T.S.	-	1,044
Tibble, H.	1,624	-
Tuatini, M.	2,668	1,392
Van Uden, V.	2,660	1,994
von Dadelszen, E.H.	1,565	2,256
Wadia, F.	2,817	6,141
Walford-Smith, L.	580	1,392
Wilks, S.	858	1,565
Wilson, F.	696	-
Wood, J.	-	1,624
Wraight, B.	2,299	2,013
Wright-Tawhā, T.	1,160	1,702
Distribution committee members' fees paid	152,966	136,503
Distribution meeting expenses	55,587	41,549
Total distribution committee members' expenses	**208,553**	**178,052**

Note 17: Grants expenses

	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Grant applications approved during the year	256,040,756	202,626,662
Decrease/(increase) from the prior year of grants with substantive conditions disclosed in the statement of commitments	(11,944,426)	13,004,123
Distributions to the statutory bodies	155,929,923	165,810,876
Other allocations to the statutory bodies	6,763,185	4,475,035
Total grants expenses	**406,789,438**	**385,916,696**

Note 18: Commitments

	Actual 2026 $	Actual 2025 $
Granting commitments (grants with conditions not yet satisfied)		
Current	12,384,308	8,141,857
Less than one year	21,596,471	13,934,496
One to two years	40,000	-
Total granting commitments	34,020,779	22,076,353
Multi-year granting commitments less than one year	15,486,097	39,033,479
Multi-year granting commitments one to two years	10,213,192	-
Total commitments	**59,720,068**	**61,109,832**

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 three years were available for the 2025/26 year (2024/25 multi-year funding was available for up to two years).

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

Note 19: Contingent assets and liabilities

There are no contingent assets or contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2026 (2024/25: $nil).

Note 20: Explanation of significant variances against budget

Explanations of significant variances between actual and budget for the year ending 30 June 2026 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 2025/26. Lotto NZ profits were $57.5 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 2024/25 lottery profits received in 2025/26 and approved by the Board. Additionally, a $11.9 million increase from the prior year in discretionary grants subject to substantive conditions, as disclosed in Note 18 (Commitments).

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 2026, was on budget.

Debtors and other receivables

The 2025/26 final profits payment of $27.5 million from Lotto NZ was received 31 August 2026. This payment was not budgeted.

Grants payable

As at 30 June 2026, grants expenses totalling $34.0 million with substantive conditions were disclosed in note 18 (Commitments), in accordance with the accounting policy (2024/25: $22.1 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 note 18 (Commitments).

Note 21: Events after reporting date

There were no significant events between 30 June 2026 and the signing of these financial statements (2024/25: $nil).

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