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RELAY FOR LIFE



What an incredible community effort

Relay For Life Nelson Tasman 2026 simply wouldn't have been possible without the support of our sponsors, suppliers and supporters. Your backing, in so many different ways, helped bring this event to life and we are genuinely grateful to have you alongside us.

With 995 participants across 70 teams, this year's Relay showed just how powerful it is when a community comes together with a shared purpose — supporting those affected by cancer and bringing hope to people across our region.

At its heart, Relay is about connection. It brings together those who have experienced cancer firsthand, those supporting loved ones, and the many individuals, groups and businesses who want to make a difference through fundraising and support. It's a true reflection of our Nelson Tasman community coming together.

The impact of that support is felt every day. Over the past year, we have walked alongside more than 600 people and their families across our region. Our Support Coordinators/Kaiārahi provide one-on-one support, helping people navigate their journey, access services, organise financial assistance, connect with counselling and support groups, and take part in wellness and rehabilitation programmes. Just as importantly, they are there to listen.

Funds raised through Relay also make it possible to provide volunteer drivers who help people get to treatment, and volunteer visitors who offer companionship and support when it's needed most. As demand continues to grow, this support is more important than ever.

Whether your contribution came through funding, services, equipment, entertainment, prizes or time on the ground, it all played a part in creating an event that truly mattered.

Relay For Life takes a community — and because of you, we are able to continue showing up for people and whānau facing cancer across Nelson Tasman.

As we look ahead to 2028, we do so knowing what's possible when we work together.

Ngā mihi nui — thank you for being part of our community.

Venus, Vick, Barb, Cyndy, Maureen, Tāwhaki and Sarah







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Relay For Life Nelson Tasman would not be possible
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Survivors & Carers Celebration Afternoon Tea

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The Survivors & Carers Celebration Afternoon Tea is a dedicated event held as part of Relay For Life to honour and acknowledge individuals currently living with, or who have experienced, cancer, as well as the carers who support them. It provides a special opportunity for these guests of honour to come together, connect, and share in a meaningful moment before the official opening of the main Relay event. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Debbie Cooper-Norriss from The Cooper Group for sponsoring this event. Your generosity and dedication helped make the afternoon tea an unforgettable experience for everyone.

With over 150 attendees joining us, it was a truly magical afternoon, filled with touching moments and genuine connections.





thank you



A heartfelt thank you to the RRT (Rapid Relief Team NZ) Nelson catering team for their outstanding work in providing a delightful spread for our Survivors & Carers Celebration Afternoon Tea.

The food was exceptional, beautifully presented, and received wonderful feedback from attendees. Equally impressive was your team's warm and attentive service, which created a comforting and uplifting atmosphere for everyone. With over 150 attendees, your dedication helped make the afternoon truly magical and memorable.



Thank you to Stephen Neas, Chairperson of Cancer Society Nelson Tasman; Hon. Dr Nick Smith – Mayor of Nelson; Tim King – Mayor of Tasman; Shirley Vercoe from GJ Gardner Homes Nelson; and Catherine McAndrew – Survivor, for reading the Global Relay poem and cutting the ribbon at the Opening Ceremony of Relay For Life Nelson Tasman 2026. Your heartfelt speeches created a moving and meaningful start to the event. We also extend our sincere thanks to the students from Parklands School Ngā Mātātupu Kapa Haka – Te Kura o Pakarana for their beautiful waiata and powerful haka. We truly appreciate your participation and the spirit you brought to the ceremony.

Thank you to our MC's

We extend our sincere thanks to our incredible MCs – Murray Leaning, Bobbie Hutton, Stephen Caunter and David (Chook) Norgate – for their outstanding contribution to Relay For Life Nelson Tasman 2026. Giving their time and energy across the full 16 hours of the event, they kept everything running seamlessly while bringing warmth, humour and connection to every moment. From the significant milestones to the quieter times in between, their presence helped shape the atmosphere and spirit of Relay. We're grateful for the heart and aroha they brought, helping make the event memorable.





Thank you to our **Silver Sponsors**



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Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony
and Candlebag Marquee Sponsor



A huge thank you to BDO for their support as our VIP Marquee Sponsor at Relay For Life. As a first-time sponsor, their contribution made a real and immediate impact, helping us deliver a truly special experience for our participants.

The VIP Marquee was a standout feature of the event, with the winning team, Sandpit Squad, absolutely thrilled with their experience – something that wouldn't have been possible without BDO's support.

It was also fantastic to see the BDO team actively involved on the day. Their enthusiasm and community spirit helped create a warm, memorable atmosphere, contributing to an event that supports and uplifts survivors, carers, and everyone affected by cancer in our region.

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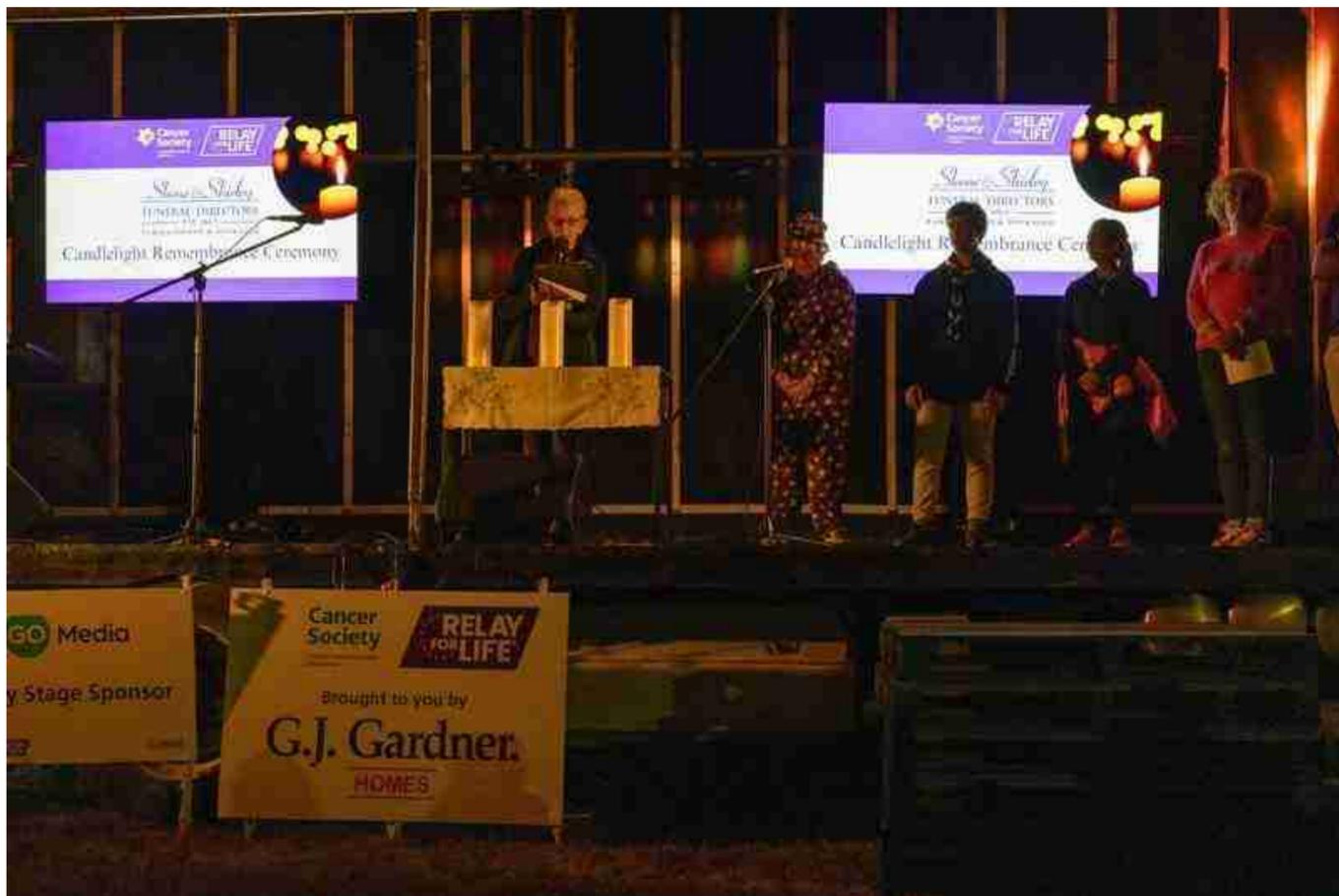
A huge thank you to F45 Richmond for their incredible support as our Relay Track sponsor at Relay For Life Nelson Tasman 2026. As first-time sponsors, they brought amazing energy to the event, leading the Relay warm-up ahead of the Opening Ceremony and helping everyone start the day connected and excited.

It was also wonderful to see the F45 Richmond team actively involved on the day. Their enthusiasm, generosity with spot prizes, and community spirit helped create a warm, memorable atmosphere, contributing to an event that supports and uplifts survivors, carers, and everyone affected by cancer in our region.



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A heartfelt thank you to Shone & Shirley Funeral Directors for their generous support as a Silver Sponsor at Relay For Life Nelson Tasman 2026. They proudly sponsored the Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony and the Candlebag Tent, helping create some of the most poignant and meaningful moments of the event—a time for reflection, remembrance, and sharing stories of loved ones. Special thanks to long-time Relay For Life volunteer, Marg Palmer for leading the ceremony and to Tāwhaki Simons from Cancer Society Nelson Tasman for delivering a beautiful karakia and waiata. Dr. Kate Gregory, Miraka Norgate, and Rhys Barack from Iron Duke Sea Scouts lit candles symbolising the Past, Present, and Future.



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Many thanks Mabin House Body & Skin Sanctuary for their incredible support as a Bronze Sponsor and Massage Tent Sponsor for Relay For Life Nelson Tasman 2026.

We were thrilled to welcome Mabin House as a first-time sponsor, and their contribution made a meaningful difference. Providing a relaxation space for participants was especially valued.

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A heartfelt thanks to One Dental for their incredible support as a Bronze Sponsor and Outdoor Movie Sponsor. Your ongoing commitment to Relay means so much to us and our wider community. Thanks to their support, our participants enjoyed a series of short movies on the big screen from 11pm to 1am, creating a truly memorable experience. Special thanks to Antony Hodgson for providing the outdoor movie system and operating it at the event.

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We extend our heartfelt thanks to Placemakers Nelson for generously sponsoring the Sunday morning breakfast. Their support went beyond financial, staff joined us onsite to help cook and serve both cooked and continental options, alongside volunteers from the Richmond Club of Rotary.

We're also very grateful to New World Nelson City, our Relay Food Sponsor. Being able to purchase food through them ensured quality, accessible options for our Relayers while keeping event costs down, allowing more funds to go directly to supporting the vital work of the Cancer Society Nelson Tasman, amplifying the impact of every dollar raised.

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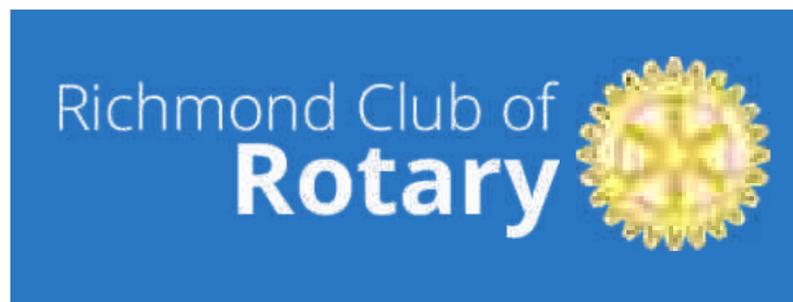
Thank you to Hon. Dr Nick Smith – Mayor of Nelson; Tim King – Mayor of Tasman, for returning on the Sunday to assist with the closing ceremony of Relay For Life Nelson Tasman 2026. The closing ceremony brought the event to a poignant conclusion, marking the end of a weekend filled with unity, hope, and community. We extend our deepest appreciation to everyone who was a part of this event, no matter how big or small their participation or support. Your contributions are greatly valued, and we are incredibly grateful.



**Thank you to all our volunteers
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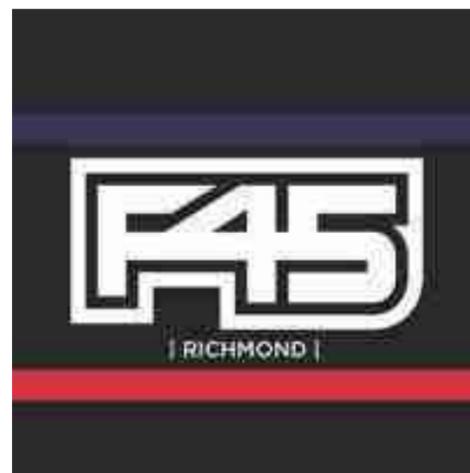
Diane Strong

Marlene and the late Peter Lines

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F45 – doing the warm up
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Kapa Haka- Te Kura o Pakarana
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Zumba with Renata





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