



Cancer Society
Nelson Tasman

SPRING CHARITY BALL

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Thank you!

What a wonderful evening our Spring Charity Ball was! Held on Saturday 10 October at the Rutherford Hotel Nelson, the event brought our community together for a night of great company, entertainment and generosity in support of Cancer Society Nelson Tasman.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, supporters and everyone who contributed on the night, we raised an incredible \$35,940! This is a fantastic result and will help us continue providing vital practical, emotional and social support to people impacted by cancer and their whānau throughout Nelson Tasman.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make the evening such a success. From auction and raffle donations to event sponsorship and the many contributions made on the night, your generosity helped create a memorable occasion while supporting our work in the community.

A special thank you goes to Debbie Cooper-Norriss and The Cooper Group Estate Agents, our Gold Sponsor, for their valued support and commitment to this event. We are also grateful to all our sponsors and donors whose generosity helped make the evening possible.

We extend our sincere thanks to David Downs, our keynote speaker, for sharing his story with our guests, and to Emma Helleur, our MC and auctioneer, for helping make the evening so enjoyable. Thank you also to X TWO Z for providing the entertainment and keeping the dance floor moving.

Our appreciation also goes to the wonderful volunteers who gave their time on the night, helping with serving dinner, selling raffle tickets, assisting with the auction and so much more. A special thank you to Jan Holt and the ladies from Isel Floral Art Group for the beautiful floral table arrangements that helped create such a lovely setting for the evening.

As a community-funded charity receiving no direct Government funding, we rely on the generosity of our community to continue providing support to people impacted by cancer and their whānau. The funds raised through events like our Spring Charity Ball help us provide practical assistance, counselling, transport and other services to people across Nelson Tasman when they need it most.

We are proud to keep funds raised locally working locally, helping ensure no one faces cancer alone. Thank you for being part of this special evening and for your generosity, commitment and support of Cancer Society Nelson Tasman. We couldn't do this without you.

Thank you to The Cooper Group!



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A big thank you to Debbie Cooper-Norriss and The Cooper Group for being our Gold Sponsor and supporter of this event.



Thank you to David Downs!

Thank you to our keynote speaker, David Downs, CMInstD, was a real highlight of the evening. He shared his remarkable story of personal resilience, from a terminal cancer diagnosis to becoming cancer-free following CAR T-cell therapy. David spoke with honesty, heart and plenty of humour, with his ability to find laughter in the toughest of times having the audience hanging on his every word.

David is Chief Executive of Education New Zealand, a published author, cancer survivor and Ambassador for the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research. Known as a *Genetically Modified Optimist*, he is a passionate advocate for the power of medical research and the possibilities of advanced cancer treatment.

We are incredibly grateful to David for sharing his story with our guests. His words were a powerful reminder of the importance of hope, advances in cancer treatment and the difference that research can make to people's lives.

For those who enjoyed David's talk and would like to learn more about his story, you can visit www.DownWithCancer.nz.



Thank you to Emma Helleur!

A big thank you to Emma Helleur, our MC and auctioneer, for helping make the evening such a success.

Emma kept everything running smoothly, brought warmth and energy to the event, and helped create a fun and engaging atmosphere, particularly during the live auctions. We're grateful for her time, enthusiasm and support of Cancer Society Nelson Tasman.



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Thank you Benjamin Black Goldsmiths!

Thanks to Benjamin Black Goldsmiths for generously donating Ribbon Earrings in 9 carat rose gold, with shepherd hooks valued at \$3,690.

Attendees had the opportunity to purchase tickets at \$50 each for a chance to win these stunning earrings.

Tessa Hick was the lucky winner, and she was over the moon. Tessa plans to wear them on her wedding day later this year!.

We appreciate Benjamin Clark attending the event and was able to share in Tessa's joy in claiming her prize.

We are very grateful for the incredible donation and support that Benjamin Black Goldsmiths provided for our event.



Thank you to our volunteers!

We also want to express our sincere appreciation to our volunteers who assisted us with our event; Lizl, Jemma, Anna, Selina, Maxine, Lacey who helped serve the food, Becs and Carey our Golden Ticket sellers, and Kelly who managed the payment table.

A special mention and thanks to our long-time volunteer Jan Holt and the ladies from the Isel Flora Art Group for their gorgeous floral table arrangements, which added a lovely touch to the evening.

We thank them all for dedicating their time and energy. Without their selfless efforts, our fundraising events would simply not be possible.



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Your support makes a real difference

Cancer Society Nelson Tasman is a community-funded charity and receives no direct Government funding. We rely on the generosity of our community to provide vital services and wrap-around support for people impacted by cancer across the Nelson Tasman region.



Just some of the support we provided over the past year

673
Clients supported

117
Support Grants

330
Counselling sessions

295
Volunteer drives

At Cancer Society Nelson Tasman, we rely on the generosity of our community to fund our activities. Donations, along with other forms of support such as bequests, fundraising events, and voluntary efforts, enable us to support people in the Nelson Tasman community who have been affected by cancer, and to provide education around risk reduction and early detection.

Your support helps us fund vital services such as one-on-one support, support groups, counselling, grocery and petrol vouchers, rehabilitation gym sessions, wellbeing and yoga programmes.

It is heartening to know that our small team supports over 670 individuals and families in the Nelson Tasman region each year.

By supporting us, you are helping us continue to provide care and assistance to those affected by cancer. We couldn't do this without you. Thank you!

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