



1944-2015

SEVENTYFIRST ANNUAL REPORT AND  
STATEMENT OF  
ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 15

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# **71th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**27 August 2015**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015:**

2014/2015 has continued to confirm the need for Lung Health Auckland to exist.

For those who are new today a little of the history of the organisation. The trust was first set up in the 1940's by a group of people who wanted to help those suffering from Tuberculosis. They raised money through stalls and sales of TB seals, amongst other initiatives, and wisely invested the money. It was first called the Auckland Tuberculosis Association. With the development of multi-drug therapy and the subsequent reduction in tuberculosis disease, the decision was made to expand the range of activity to all respiratory illness and the name was changed to The Auckland Chest and Tuberculosis Association. In Sept 2005 the name was changed to Lung Health Auckland with the continuing aim to help all patients, including paediatrics, with respiratory illnesses, not just TB, across Auckland.

We have tried to keep accessing assistance for patients as easy as possible. We do not require forms to be filled out. Larger requests can be asked for but these requests are often taken to the executive committee meeting for discussion. The executive committee meets monthly, or by email if urgent, and although the majority of funding is spent on patients we are also able to assist Nurses and Doctors attend conferences.

Referrals have come from an increasing number of referrers, with requests coming from a wide variety of primary health providers. This means that we are reaching many more people throughout the greater Auckland area who are in need of our help. Power, food vouchers, petrol

vouchers and taxi chits continue to be the main focus of expenditure for patients in need.

We understand the importance having a warm dry home plays in ensuring good health. Unfortunately for many of the respiratory patients brought to our attention their reality is far from this, with too many in far from suitable living conditions, living in cold homes with little or no heating. And of course there is the accompanying cost of running a heater. Accordingly one of our main winter activities is payment of a portion of power each month to ensure that our clients can afford to run heaters as needed, and the provision of heaters when needed.

There are many other ways that we have helped people – including paying outstanding GP bills that are preventing engagement with the GP, support to get taxi concession card for cheaper taxi fares, subsidy to attend fitness classes, anti-allergy mattress and pillow covers, warm bedding and rewards for compliance and completion of treatments.

I know Auckland City Hospital is very grateful for the assistance Lung Health Auckland gives to the Respiratory Inpatients on Ward 72 and Ward 7A, with the purchase of the TV/DVD players purchased by Lung Health Auckland and the Cystic Fibrosis Society in the previous financial year. Inpatients have been helped with internet access, cell phone top ups, food, especially at Easter and Christmas, and small items to help patients cope with the isolation. With the realisation that some patients have no support while in hospital and even buying a coffee is prevented for the TB patients, Lung Health Auckland has purchased a Breville Nespresso Coffee Machine for Ward 7A.

Taxi charges are high, but are invaluable in assisting patients to attend clinic appointments. Where possible we encourage the use of petrol vouchers and HOP cards, but we understand that this is not always appropriate. We acknowledge the help and support of the Public Health

Nurses who bring their patients to clinic when able. Without this help transport costs would be much higher.

Other activities Lung Health Auckland has sponsored include food parcels of non-perishable foods at Christmas time. Once again we could not do this without the support of Bette and the Public Health Nurses, especially Kathy Smith who organised students to help.

Lung Health Auckland proudly sponsored the lunch for World TB Day in March which was well supported. Thank you, Julie Ritchie for organising this event.

Lung Health Auckland also sponsored the translation for a Bronchiectasis information pamphlet into Samoan and Tongan

In 2009 our expenditure was \$36,472.68 and this year, 2014-15 it was over \$53,500, reflecting the ever-increasing demands on our services, and the great needs within the community

The Executive Committee, Bette Swan, Kathy Smith and Jenny Paynter have continued to meet monthly to review expenditure and requests for assistance. We have not had formal financial meetings however we have continued to receive advice from Roy Adams and Graeme McLeod via email.

I am pleased to announce that the Asser Trust called for applications again this year and the executive committee put in a submission for \$60,000. This was granted in full, with the trustees commenting "*We would like to compliment you on your work and support provided to people with respiratory disease in the community in keeping with our Trust Deed*"

For the future I see Lung Health Auckland doing more of the same. Assisting patients to clinic appointments, where they can learn about

their illness, maximising the benefits of medical advice and treatment, to be able to attend physiotherapy enabling improved lung health or to buy heaters and pay for power to enable patients to use their oxygen concentrators and to keep warm. At times when a particularly needy family is brought to our attention Lung Health Auckland are able to put in extra help, but overall the best use of the funds is in the small amounts of help given, the \$20 petrol voucher or a food voucher it does make a difference.

I wish to sincerely thank the following people for their ongoing support in keeping Lung Health Auckland a vibrant and functioning Charitable Trust helping hundreds of people in Auckland with both Respiratory Illnesses and Tuberculosis.

- Bette Swan for her ongoing enthusiastic care for all requests for help. Often in her own time. She really does an amazing job.
- The executive committee Bette Swan and Kathy Smith for their commitment to meet monthly.
- Roy Adams, Graeme McLeod and Anthony Segedin for their ongoing financial advice and Anthony Segedin for his legal advice.
- Martin Edwards from Forsyth Barr for the advice given regarding Lung Health Aucklands investment portfolio.
- The Public Health Nurses who assist many of the TB patients to clinic appointments saving Lung Health Auckland the cost of transport.
- The members for without you we would not be able to meet the requirements of a charitable trust.

During the 1940's there were many associations to help Tuberculosis patients. Today Lung Health Auckland is the only association remaining. We are very fortunate to have this help available for patients suffering respiratory illnesses in Auckland today. For Lung Health Auckland to survive we need people to become members. So if you have come today because Lung Health Auckland has helped one of your patients please consider becoming a member, but more importantly remember there is

assistance available for your patients. Lung Health Auckland needs you to be able to identify patients in need so help can be given.

Thank you for coming.

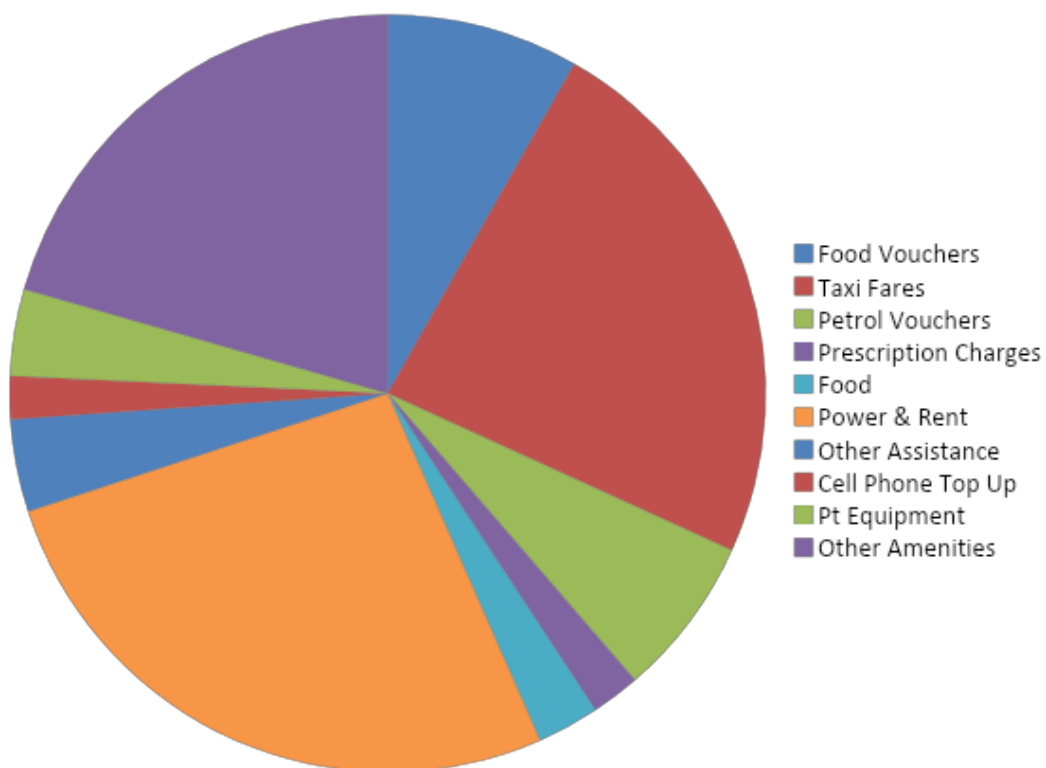
Jenny Paynter

Chairman

Lung Health Auckland

BREAKDOWN OF WELFARE EXPENDITURE 2014-2015

Food Vouchers	4400.00
Taxi Fares	12628.00
Petrol Vouchers	3680.00
Prescription Charges	1114.64
Food	1420.40
Power & Rent	14240.51
Other Assistance	2114.40
Cell Phone Top Up	980.00
Pt Equipment	1976.55
Other Amenities	11013.13
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>53567.63</b>



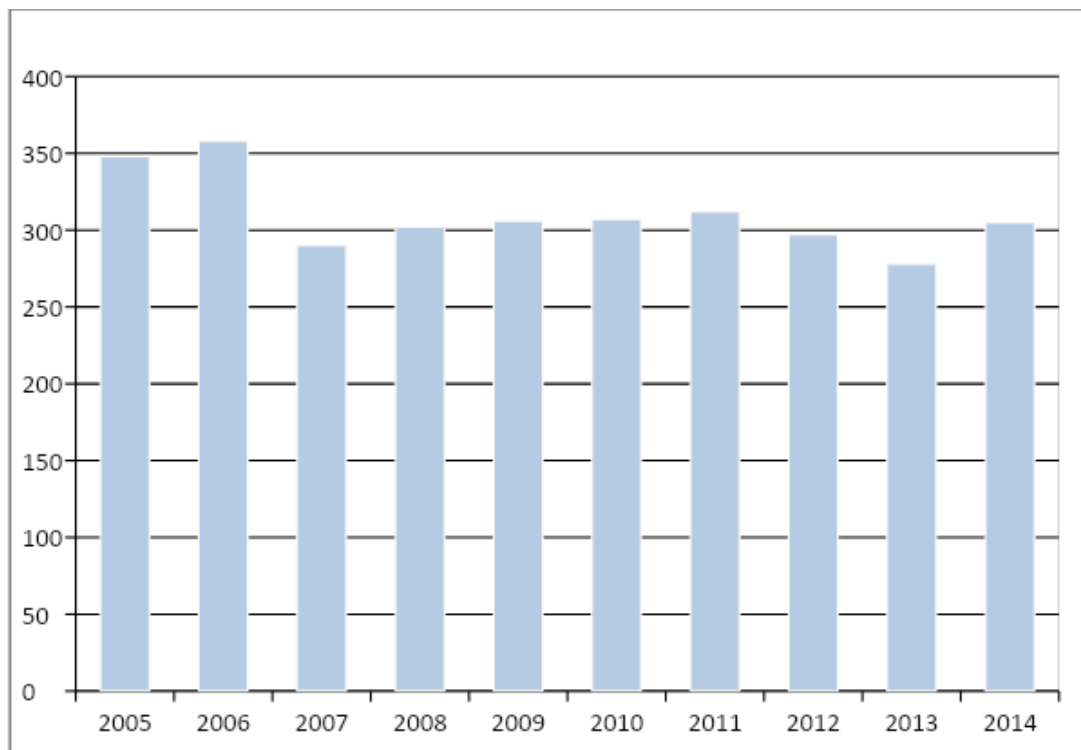
## **INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS THROUGHOUT NEW ZEALAND 2014**

Figures supplied by Surveillance Query Team, Institute of Environmental Science & Research Ltd

TB cases notified in the year ending 31.12.14 = **305**

### **New Zealand totals, earlier years:**

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
348	358	290	302	306	307	312	297	278	305



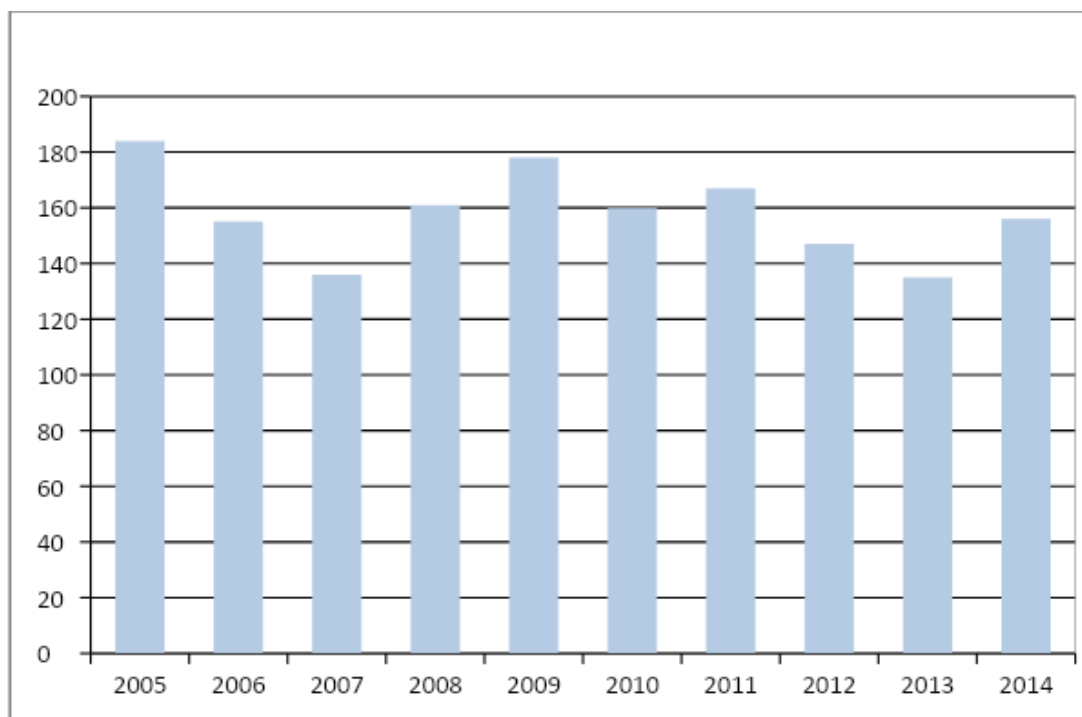
## Notification by District Health Board 2014 (2013)

Northland	7 (1)	Waitemata	37 (22)
Auckland	69 (57)	Counties/Manukau	50 (56)
Waikato	17 (24)	Lakes	5 (6)
Bay of Plenty	12 (10)	Tairāwhiti	2 (2)
Taranaki	4 (6)	Hawke's Bay	4 (6)
Whanganui	2 (1)	MidCentral	14 (7)
Hutt	12 (7)	Capital and Coast	37 (37)
Wairarapa	2 (2)	Nelson Marlborough	2 (2)
West Coast	1 (1)	Canterbury	25(23)
South Canterbury	1 (1)	Southern	2 (6)

Auckland TB cases notified in the year ending 2014 = **156**

### Auckland notifications, previous years:

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
184	155	136	161	178	160	167	147	135	156



## **FROM AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S TB CLINIC REPORT 2014 (2013)**

**Number of new patients seen: 204 (236)**

**Total new cases:** Latent TB Infection 94(95), TB Disease 19 (3)

Ethnicity



Indian	2	Cook Island Maori/Samoan	1
NZ European/CIM/Chinese	1	Cook Island Maori (CIM)	1
Maori	3	Maori/Tongan	1
CIM/Maori/Tuvaluan	1	South East Asian	1
Samoan	2	Tongan	1
Rarotongan	1	CIM/Maori	2
CIM/Indian	1	Maori/Samoan	1

**Gender:** Male =10 Female = 8

**Age:** < 1 y            1  
1-5 yrs            11  
6-15 yrs            7