



**BRAEMAR**  
CHARITABLE TRUST

Improving health outcomes in our communities

## THE COMMUNITY SURGERY PROGRAMME

*“The surgery has lifted a heavy burden for the entire whānau – a life-changing koha.”*

*Mum of a young boy who received grommets courtesy of Braemar Charitable Trust.*



100% owned by Braemar Charitable Trust

**Braemar Charitable Trust is the owner of the highly regarded Braemar Hospital, one of New Zealand's largest private hospitals.**

The Trust was established in 1971 and its vision is to advance healthcare equity and access.

In addition to owning the hospital, the Trust undertakes many charitable activities, funded in part by hospital fees paid as regular dividends to the Trust. The Community Surgery Programme is its flagship charitable offering to the community; it brings together credentialed specialists at Braemar Hospital who donate their time, plus the Hospital and Trust to enable these important surgeries.

Procedures under the Community Surgery Programme are performed either as part of normal operating lists or at specific Community Surgery Days. The availability of surgeries relies on credentialed specialists being available to help, as well as funding to help pay for consumables and drugs.

Braemar Charitable Trust acknowledges the generous and ongoing support of many credentialed surgeons and anaesthetists, plus a range of supporters, donors and funders.

Other areas of our charitable work include health sector capability building, scholarships and funding medical research. A portion of all Braemar Hospital fees paid is returned to the Trust as part of a regular dividend.

The Trust is responsive to our community's changing health needs. We are informed by research, community health providers and New Zealand's health strategy.

Donations to the work of Braemar Charitable Trust can be made by visiting [braemartrust.co.nz](http://braemartrust.co.nz) or scanning the QR code.





## REFERRALS

### Who is eligible for the Community Surgery Programme and how to refer.

The types of procedures typically covered by the Community Surgery Programme include children's ENT procedures; paediatric and adult dental surgery; minor plastics; general and laparoscopic surgeries and gynaecological surgeries.

When you make a referral to the Braemar Charitable Trust Community Surgery Programme, both you and the patient will be asked to verify the patient meets all of the criteria and conditions of the programme.

- ✚ The patient has been declined the procedure or has little chance of having the procedure performed within a reasonable time-frame in the public system
- ✚ They do not have private medical insurance or employer-subsidised medical insurance
- ✚ They do not have the financial means, nor can they access funds to pay for the procedure in the private system
- ✚ ACC will not cover payment for any part of their treatment, including either elective surgery or treatment injury provisions
- ✚ The GP must also provide a detailed referral letter providing full medical history of the patient, why they believe the patient should be considered for the Community Surgery Programme and the benefit having the procedure will have on the patient's quality of life.

Referral forms can be downloaded from the website, [braemartrust.co.nz](http://braemartrust.co.nz). Once filled out they should be signed and emailed to [admin@braemartrust.co.nz](mailto:admin@braemartrust.co.nz) where they will be assessed.

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*A reminder that any patient who has medical insurance or is funding their own treatment can request to be seen at Braemar Hospital. Simply refer the patient to a specialist who is credentialed to work at Braemar Hospital (there are more than 200). Visit [braemarthospital.co.nz](http://braemarthospital.co.nz) for more information.*



# STRATEGIC PLAN

## ✦ The Five Pillars of our Charitable Purpose

We are committed to:

Providing medical facilities and specialised hospital care

Facilitating community surgery and health interventions

Promoting collaboration for better health outcomes

Growing the medical workforce and their knowledge and skills

Contributing to research that builds medical knowledge and supports our vision

## ✦ We will achieve this through

Ownership of Braemar Hospital, our community surgery programme, collaboration with healthcare and community providers, provision of grants and scholarships.

### ✦ Our Purpose

Improving health outcomes in our communities

### ✦ Our Vision

To advance healthcare equity and access

### ✦ Our Principles

We are:

- Enduring
- Innovative
- Collaborative
- Respectful
- Culturally responsive

To get in touch, discuss donations or referrals, please contact the Trust Manager on [admin@braemartrust.co.nz](mailto:admin@braemartrust.co.nz) or visit [braemartrust.co.nz](http://braemartrust.co.nz) to learn more about Braemar Charitable Trust and its impact on our communities.