



*Improving health outcomes for  
Waikato communities*

# The Braemar Charitable Surgery Programme

**You may have heard of Braemar Hospital, but you may not know that it is owned by the Braemar Charitable Trust.**

Established in 1971, the vision of Braemar Charitable Trust is "to improve health outcomes for Waikato communities".



The Braemar Charitable Surgery Programme is our flagship offering to the community, where hospital medical staff and the Trust come together to provide surgical procedures free of charge to eligible patients.

The Braemar Charitable Surgery Programme would not be possible without the generous support of the surgeons and anaesthetists who provide their expertise for free. We also acknowledge our many generous donors whose financial contribution assists us to cover additional costs of the programme, including pre and post-operative care, and enable us to treat more patients.

Procedures performed as part of our Charitable Surgery Programme, are performed either as part of normal operating lists, or at special Charitable Surgery days. If you would like to refer a patient for surgery, please see the next page for more information on the referral process. Please note, our capacity is subject to surgeon and anaesthetist availability, available funds, and Braemar Hospital's operating schedules.

For more information, please see our website.










## Referral Criteria



When you make a referral, both you and your patient will be asked to verify that the patient meets all of the criteria and conditions of the Braemar Charitable Surgery Programme:

-  The patient has little chance of having the procedure performed at a public hospital within a reasonable timeframe
-  They do not have medical insurance nor access to private funds to pay for their procedure
-  ACC will not cover payment for any part of their treatment (including either elective surgery or treatment injury provisions)
-  They have no personal funds available nor the financial means to pay for private treatment
-  In addition, the referrer must provide a detailed referral letter including full medical history, why the patient should be considered for financial assistance and how having the procedure will benefit them.

### How to Refer

Referral forms are available on our website [www.braemartrust.co.nz](http://www.braemartrust.co.nz) or digitally via this link:

Referral form

# More about Braemar Charitable Trust and the Charitable Surgery Programme

The Braemar Charitable Surgery Programme is one part of the Braemar Charitable Trust's broader charitable programme which is outlined in the key pillars below.

2021 is a milestone year for the Trust, marking our 50th year and we are delighted in this special year to be able to expand our Charitable Surgery Programme, knowing that these procedures will impact and benefit many, and in particular, those who are often hardest to reach and suffer the most due to health disparities and difficulty of access.

**Our Vision – Improving health outcomes for Waikato communities through:**

Providing and developing **medical facilities**

**Free or subsidised medical assistance at Braemar Hospital** achieved through the Braemar Charitable Surgery Programme

Contributing to **medical research**

Developing **medical knowledge**

**Programmes and partnerships** with other organisations who are successfully improving health outcomes

The Trust is committed to these pillars and being responsive to our community's changing health needs. We are informed by medical research, key health providers in our region, the Waikato Wellbeing Project, New Zealand health strategy outcomes (specifically Pae ora – healthy futures), and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing) which seeks to ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all, at all ages.



*Thank you*

To find out more about our referral process, or to make a donation to the Braemar Charitable Surgery Programme Fund, please contact our Trust Manager at [admin@braemartrust.co.nz](mailto:admin@braemartrust.co.nz) or visit: [www.braemartrust.co.nz](http://www.braemartrust.co.nz)