



Alzheimers New Zealand

Annual Report 2025

In Aotearoa New Zealand people living with dementia mate wareware are heard, valued and supported

I Aotearoa ka rangona, ka whakanuia, ka tautokona hoki te hunga kua pāngia e te mate wareware, me ō rātou whānau

Nau mai, haere mai

The last year has been challenging for the people we exist for and Alzheimers NZ – but the challenges we’ve faced are not unique to us. With so many worthy causes, and only so much funding to go around, making a meaningful impact can be tough.

[Our new strategy](#) sets out an ambitious vision for people living with dementia mate wareware in Aotearoa New Zealand – that they are heard, valued and supported. It guides what we do and how we’re striving to make a difference.

In the lead up to the 2026 General Election, we want dementia mate wareware to be front of mind for all parties. Our priorities can be found in our [position papers](#), and focus on implementing the refreshed [Dementia Mate Wareware Action Plan](#) and fairly funding local Alzheimers and Dementia organisations. Our new [infographics](#) – which we launched at our successful [Summit 2025](#) – highlight the urgency of the situation facing Aotearoa New Zealand. In the meantime, we’ve very much appreciated the engagement we’ve had with Associate Minister of Health Hon. Casey Costello.



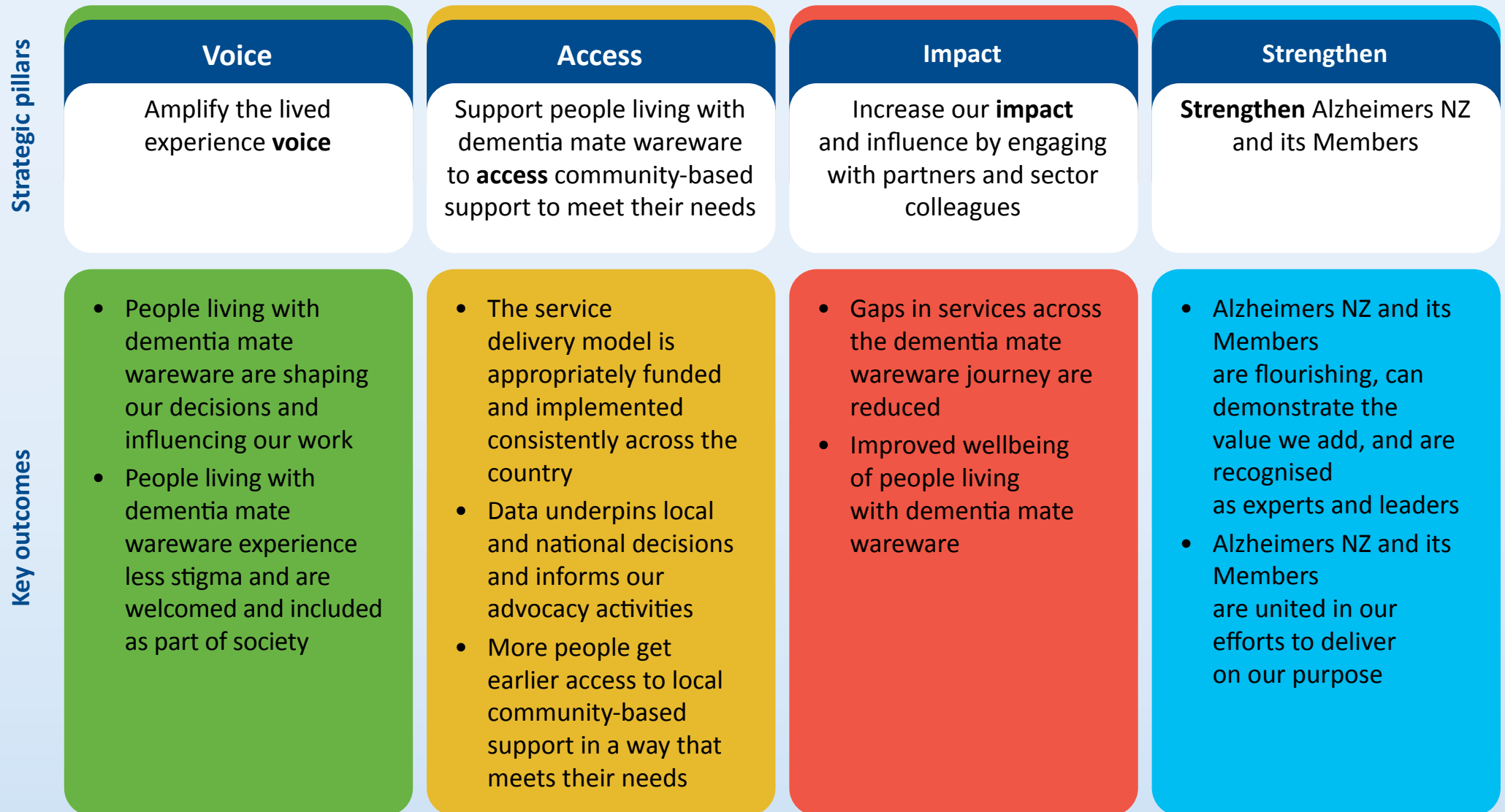
Of course, it’s people who make everything possible. We’d like to thank our Lived Experience Advisory Group for generously sharing their voice. We thank local Alzheimers organisations for everything they do in their communities, which we know is very much appreciated by people and whānau who need this vital support. Our Board, staff and volunteers also all play an important role in driving us toward our vision – thank you.

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. It is people, it is people, it is people.

Ngā mihi nui,

Teresa Wall and Catherine Hall, Chair and Chief Executive

Strategic framework 2025–2030



Anga rautaki 2025–2030

Ngā pou rautaki

Te Reo

Me whakarahi te kaha o **te reo** o te hunga whai wheako

Te Uru

Me tautoko i te hunga kua pāngia e te mate wareware kia **uru** ki ngā tautoko i te hāpori hei whakatutuki i ō rātou hiahia

Te Pānga

Me whakapiki i **te pānga** me tō tātou kawē i te tangata mā te mahi tahi me ō tātou hoa kōtui me ō tātou hoa mahi i te rāngai

Me whakapakari

Me whakapakari a Alzheimers NZ me ōna Mema

Ngā putanga matua

- E tārei ana te hunga e pāngia nei e te mate wareware i ā tātou whakatau, ā, e ārahi ana i ā tātou mahi
- He iti iho te whakamā ka tau ki runga i te hunga e pāngia nei e te mate wareware, ā, ka atawhaitia, ka whakaurungia ki tō tātou porihanga

- He tika te whāngai pūtea ki te tauira hora ratonga, ā, he tōkeke te whakatinana puta noa i te motu
- E noho ana te raraunga i raro i ā tātou whakatau ā-rohe, ā-motu hoki, ā, ka noho hei kahupapa mō ā tātou mahi āwhina
- He maha kē atu te hunga ka uru ki ngā tautoko ā-hāpori, mā ngā ara pai mō ō rātou hiahia

- E whakahekea ana ngā āputa i roto i ngā ratonga mō te hunga i te ao mate wareware
- Kua piki te toiora o te hunga e pāngia nei e te mate wareware

- E tino hauora ana a Alzheimers NZ me ōna Mema, ā, ka taea e tātou te whakakite ngā painga o ā tātou mahi, otirā, e tirohia mai ana hei mātanga, hei kaihautū
- E tū tahi ana a Alzheimers NZ me ōna Mema i roto i ā tātou mahi whakatutuki i tā tātou kaupapa

Strategic pillars

Voice

Amplify the lived experience **voice**

The lived experience voice underpins our mahi (work) as an organisation. We gave a public platform to this voice through a range of channels and media including [RNZ](#), [Stuff](#), [The Post](#) and our very own [podcasts](#).

Alister Robertson – who lives with dementia mate wareware – and Alheimers South Canterbury Manager Rosie Chambers [shared their experience](#) with MPs at one of three Parliamentary Friends of Dementia meetings held during the year.

At Summit 2025, our Lived Experience Advisory Group hosted their first in-person workshop for people living with dementia mate wareware, and their whānau, which was well received.

The group and others with lived experience actively shaped the Summit, including one session which was co-led by member Elizabeth Duke.



Strategic pillars

Access

Support people living with dementia make use of **access** community-based support to meet their needs

We worked with local managers to support their implementation of the joint service delivery model, including a draft workforce development framework and piloting a quality assurance framework.

Our collective national data set demonstrates the impact of local services, and we've added [four new information sheets to the Alzheimers NZ website](#) this year.



299,349

website views



24,473

social media followers



22,019

Dementia Friends



\$282,000

distributed to support
frontline services

Strategic pillars

Impact

Increase our **impact** and influence by engaging with partners and sector colleagues

We've advocated strongly for fair funding of local services and for dementia mate wareware to be front of mind ahead of the General Election 2026 through our three [position papers](#) and [talking points](#), the presentation of the [refreshed Action Plan](#) to Associate Minister of Health Hon. Casey Costello alongside our kaitiaki partners, and the [launch of new infographics](#) – which show an alarming three New Zealanders develop dementia every hour!

[Summit 2025](#) was a landmark event to inspire, inform and connect the people and organisations working to improve the lives of people living with dementia mate wareware and their whānau.

Our Dementia Learning Centre delivered innovative, high-impact education including the launch of [CarePlay](#) and Compassionate Care Across Cultures courses in 2025. We worked in partnership with the University of Auckland on [dementia design](#).

We're strong and active members of [Alzheimer's Disease International](#), [Decade of Health Ageing](#), [NZ Carers Alliance](#), [The Neurological Alliance](#), [Health Coalition Aotearoa](#), [Safer Walking](#), [Let's End Loneliness](#) and partner with the [Younger Onset Dementia Aotearoa Trust](#).



250+

people registered for
Summit 2025



26

EDIE and other
in-person trainings



497

participants through
our Dementia
Learning Centre

Strategic pillars

Strengthen

Strengthen Alzheimers NZ and its Members

We worked with local Alzheimers organisations to update our Constitution and distributed \$282,000 to support frontline services.



November Members Meeting

Acknowledgements

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Sir Richard Faull

Board

- Teresa Wall (Te Rarawa, Te Aupōuri), Chair
- Celia Patrick ONZM, Vice Chair
- Alister Robertson QSM
- Clare Hynd
- Dr Daniel Allan
- Eileen Basher
- Chris Gaul (from May)
- Max Reid (from May)
- Michelle Duley

Lived Experience Advisory Group

- Adrienne Henderson
- Alister Robertson QSM
- Elizabeth Duke
- Fiona Parrant, Chair
- Jennifer Watson
- Sanesh Frances
- Sisa Talataina
- Val Pollard
- Vicki Terrell

Acknowledgements

Clinical Advisory Group

- Dr Alison Douglas
- Dr David Kerr
- Professor Grant Gillett
- Dr Kiri Brickell
- Associate Professor Lynette Tippett
- Dr Matthew Croucher
- Professor Maurice Curtis
- Dr Phil Wood
- Associate Professor Yoram Barak

Staff

- Chief Executive – Catherine Hall
- Accounts and administration – Sari Panther, Ken Drayton (from June)
- Dementia Learning Centre – Caroline Bartle, Brooke Gopperth (from March)
- Fundraising – Rebecca Scelly (until October), Helen Kelland, Steph Jaspers, Sophie Kim, Dave Bellamy (from October)
- Services and data – Lyneta Russell, Michelle Dwight
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Members

- [Alzheimers Eastern Bay of Plenty](#)
- [Alzheimers Gisborne/Tairāwhiti](#)
- [Alzheimers Manawatū](#)
- [Alzheimers Marlborough](#)
- [Alzheimers Nelson/Tasman](#)
- Alzheimers Northland
- [Alzheimers Otago](#)
- [Alzheimers Tauranga/WBOP](#)
- [Alzheimers Taranaki](#)
- [Alzheimers Wairarapa](#)
- [Alzheimers Whanganui](#)
- [Alzheimers South Canterbury](#)
- [Alzheimers Southland](#)

Life Members

- Alister Robertson QSM
- Brenda Cromie
- David Ansell (deceased)
- Diane Nutsford
- Gaynor Duff
- Jan White
- Dr Jean Gilmour
- Jimmy Fisher (deceased)
- Judy Cooper
- Kate Clark (deceased)
- Nigel Wynn (deceased)
- Verna Schofield
- Wendy Fleming
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