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MALAGHAN INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Dear Dawn,

Thank you for informing us on the selection of this year's Rotary Club of Port Nicholson's Gala Dinner. I would like to thank you for your generosity as past recipients. Your support has meant a great deal to the Malaghan Institute and our research as we continue to harness the power of the immune system to find better treatments for disease.

Like Rotary Club of Port Nicholson, we're passionate about driving lasting positive change in our communities and around the world. By developing cutting-edge immunotherapies here in New Zealand, we're making life-saving treatments more accessible to all New Zealanders. Yet as a charity we are only able to make these changes thank to support and backing from our community. And it is thanks to our community that the Institute can remain independent, meaning we stand poised and ready to adapt and grow as new scientific tools and discoveries become available. This in turn means that the quality of our research continues to increase as does the calibre of our world-leading researchers.

This year has seen us reach a milestone with the completion of our phase 1a ENABLE trial for cancer immunotherapy using CAR T-cell technology. CAR T-cell therapy is our most important clinical programme, and we're poised to deliver this internationally-established therapy with our own unique modifications to make it even better. Part of this is using automation to make it more efficient and ultimately provide greater access – all with the wider goal of integrating with New Zealand's healthcare system. We look forward to sharing results from the ENABLE trial in the coming months and more on the future of CAR T-cell therapy in New Zealand.

These achievements simply would not be possible without the support from our community, support from people such as yourselves. Thank you for everything to date and I wish you the best for this year's event.

Best wishes,

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