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### **Tauranga Relay For Life Register Your Team Now**

Get in early to register your team for one of the fun events of the year – the Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Rebecca Croad, Tauranga Relay For Life coordinator, says registrations are now open and to get your team the prime tent positions its best to register early.

“We have a new venue – The Bay Oval at Blake Park which will mean lots more space but it still pays to book early to get the best position. The Bay Oval provides a flat, secure and private environment and is so central to Mt Maunganui.”

She says last year over \$94,000 was raised for cancer support services in the local area with more than 800 people taking part.

“We are looking forward to breaking this record in the 2009.”

However, Rebecca says Relay For Life is so more than just a fundraiser.

“It is an amazing opportunity to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors, support those currently facing cancer and to honour those we have lost.”

Relay For Life is a worldwide event and every year more than 5 million people take part. Now into its third year in Tauranga, Relay For Life involves teams either walking or running non-stop around an athletic track for 20-hours.

“A member from every team must be on the track at all times but a continual party atmosphere on the sidelines means those on track receive constant encouragement.

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“The Relay is open to everyone – businesses, schools, clubs, groups, organisations and friends and families. We aim for people to have fun and enjoy themselves as well as raise awareness of cancer in our community.”

The tent village at Blake Park will come to life from 2pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March with the final crossing of the line at 10am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

For more information visit: [www.relayforlife.org.nz](http://www.relayforlife.org.nz) or contact the Cancer Society ph 07 571 2035 or email: [rebeccacroad@cancersociety.org.nz](mailto:rebeccacroad@cancersociety.org.nz).

‘There is no finish line until we find a cure.’

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***We are committed to minimising the impact of cancer in our communities.***

**We aim to provide:**

- Quality support services for people affected by cancer
- Education to promote early detection and help reduce the risk of cancer
- Free information and resources on cancer
- Support for research into the causes, prevention, detection and treatment of cancer