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Remember to sign up now for Relay For Life 2007

Tauranga Relay For Life 2007 gets underway in a month so there's still time to get your team registered!

Rebecca Croad, Tauranga Relay For Life coordinator, says nearly 100 information packs were sent out on request before the Christmas break.

"We're really keen to get those teams who were interested to register so they can get onto their planning and fundraising for the Relay."

Tauranga Racecourse is the venue for Relay For Life which starts at 12 noon Saturday 24th February and finishes on Sunday 25th at midday.

Rebecca says the event is an important fundraiser for the Waikato / Bay of Plenty Cancer Society which receives no direct government funding.

"The money raised is used to provide support services for people and their families affected by cancer in the local community. Services include the Lions Cancer Lodge at Waikato Hospital, a liaison nurse service and cancer support groups.

"Funds are also used for cancer research and preventative programmes such as LiveSmart, SunSmart and SmokeFree."

But she says Relay For Life is so much more than 'just' a fundraiser.

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

"It's as much about raising awareness of cancer in the community but we also want people to enjoy themselves and have fun too."

There will be a carnival atmosphere featuring a wide variety of entertainment to suit all tastes. Bands playing include Sharmin, Sons of Beaches (featuring Joel Shadbolt), Lea and Alana Jazz Duo, solo singer Luke Thompson, DJ Kupa Teo.

The comedian Al Fraser and the Art of Movement (Belly Dancers) will also perform. For something a bit different there will be Tai Chi, Kempo, and The Gym for morning aerobics.

"It's going to be a really exciting and fun event – a great big party that you won't want to miss out on – so make sure you register your team now."

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To find out more, or to register a team, contact the Cancer Society, email: rebeccacroad@cancersociety.org.nz or ph: 07 571 2035 or call into the office to pick up a team kit.

For more information visit: www.relayforlife.org.nz

'There is no finish line until we find a cure.'

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For further information, about Relay For Life, please contact:

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Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE 2007 – Dates & Venues:

Tauranga Relay For Life – 24th- 25th February – Tauranga Racecourse

For more information, contact: Event Coordinator Rebecca Croad
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Hamilton Relay For Life – 17th – 18th March - Claudelands Events Centre

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Editor's Notes:

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division of the Cancer Society of New Zealand Inc is a non-profit organisation that receives **no** direct financial support from the Government. We are funded by bequests and donations from the public as well as fundraising activities.

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