Annual Report

1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

Australia and New Zealand Transplant and Cellular Therapies Ltd

Based on reports to members at the Annual General Meeting, 27 August 2026, Melbourne Cricket Ground

ANZTCT acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work, and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise Māori as Tangata Whenua of Aotearoa New Zealand and embrace Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

About ANZTCT

Australia and New Zealand Transplant and Cellular Therapies Ltd (ANZTCT), formerly the Bone Marrow Transplant Society of Australia and New Zealand, is the multidisciplinary professional body for haematopoietic stem cell transplantation and cellular therapies in Australia and New Zealand. ANZTCT is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity, and operates the ANZTCT Registry, the national clinical quality registry for transplant and cellular therapy.

Our purpose is to improve outcomes for Australians and New Zealanders of all ages undergoing transplantation of blood or marrow stem cells and other cellular therapies, through innovation and improvement in clinical care, and to foster clinical and laboratory research in the field.

10	12	413	+45%
Committees and SIGs	Board meetings	Members at 1 August 2026	Membership growth

President's report

2025-26 was a year of growth and independence. We finalised the Registry's independence, consolidated our Surry Hills headquarters, grew membership from 284 to 413, and continued to expand across Australia and New Zealand. ANZTCT is moving from a professional society with a Registry to a multidisciplinary national organisation spanning quality, data, research, education, advocacy and system intelligence.

Governance and leadership

- Formal Board effectiveness review and formal Registry Executive Director performance review.
- Board skills and capability review, identifying critical future capability needs, and a skills-based Board renewal model.
- Five Member-Elected Director positions opened for election at the 2026 AGM.
- Funded AICD governance training, with 5% of ASM proceeds committed to leadership development.

Expanding the organisation

The Consumer SIG was established in 2025-26, and the Education Committee, Scientists Committee, Allied Health SIG and ANZ Donor SIG, established in 2024-25, completed their first full year. Formal Consumer SIG governance created a structured pathway for trained lived-experience participation in ANZTCT activities. ANZTCT increasingly represents the whole transplant and cellular therapy workforce.

Building research capability

- ANZTCT signed an agreement to become an eligible organisation under the Medical Research Future Fund.
- Commenced ANZTCT-sponsored national research, with direct investment in research.
- Research collaboration with Regensburg University.
- Established the ANZTCT Workforce and Services Research Programme and an overarching ethics pathway for workforce and health services research.

Sustainability, partnerships and influence

- Investment in an outward-facing Strategic Plan and reducing reliance on individual funding streams.

- Formal ANZTCT-TSANZ MOU, recognising ANZTCT as the lead clinical and professional body for TCT, with shared governance of the HCT Subcommittee.
- Formal ANZTCT-CIBMTR memorandum of understanding, aligning data standards, benchmarking, research, education and quality improvement.
- Cancer Australia: Australian Cancer Plan implementation partner.
- Continued engagement with MSAC, Commonwealth and state governments, FACT, EBMT, ASTCT, WBMT and WHO.

Governance

The Board met 12 times during the year. Dr Annette Trickett resigned on 27 February 2026 and Megan Hogg on 7 May 2026. Dr Cheryl Hutchins was appointed on 20 March 2026, and Dr Theresa Cole, Dr David Yeung and Ms Leonie Wilcox were re-appointed on 20 March 2026. The financial statements were audited by SDJA.

Board changes after year end

At the 2026 AGM on 27 August 2026, five Member-Elected Directors were elected: A/Prof Mary Ann Anderson, Dr Jason Butler, Dr Madeleine Powys, Daniel Kilmartin and Dr Richard Doocey. Dr Theresa Cole resigned on [date to be confirmed by Cosec].

Board meeting attendance 2025-26

Director	Attended	Eligible
Prof Nada Hamad	12	12
Ms Leonie Wilcox	11	12
Dr Duncan Purtill	10	12
Dr Richard Doocey	10	12
A/Prof Ashish Bajel	9	12
Dr Jason Butler	7	12
Dr Theresa Cole	7	12
Dr David Yeung	7	12
Dr Annette Trickett (resigned 27 Feb 2026)	7	7
Megan Hogg (resigned 7 May 2026)	6	8
Dr Cheryl Hutchins (appointed 20 Mar 2026)	4	5

Membership

Membership reached 413 at 1 August 2026, up from 284 a year earlier, growth of 45%. Our community is multidisciplinary: clinicians, nurses, pharmacists, data managers, scientists, quality managers, allied health professionals and trainees, supported by expanded SIG and committee opportunities, education and professional development, and improved membership systems.

ANZTCT Registry

- National benchmarking delivered for every allogeneic and autologous HSCT centre in Australia and New Zealand, using risk-adjusted modelling.
- The first CAR-T benchmarking programme of its kind.
- Contract signed for advanced data analytics capability.
- Reports generated for every transplant and cellular therapy (TCT) centre in Australia for state governments, in addition to the ADS.
- Memorandum of understanding signed with CIBMTR, supporting operational collaboration, data harmonisation and international alignment.
- Ongoing national data collection, paediatric quality reporting, CAR-T surveillance and reporting to the TGA, MSAC, participating centres, states and the Commonwealth.

Committees and Special Interest Groups

Group	Members	Highlights
Allied Health SIG	6 to 31	15 centres; four discipline groups (physiotherapy, OT, social work, dietetics) plus a workforce group; position descriptions and workforce mapping
Quality Managers SIG	15 to 22	Standardised QM role description endorsed by ANZTCT and FACT; Quality Boot Camp with FACT; progressing a TCT Quality Manager qualification
Data Managers SIG	19 (+58%)	Onboarding and auditing working groups; FACT and CIBMTR audit readiness
Pharmacy SIG	26	Nursing-Pharmacy Education Day at ASM; competency framework including paediatric practice; research network
ANZ Donor SIG	13	Joint initiative with Stem Cell Donors Australia: donor selection consensus, germline findings guideline, post-donation care
Scientists Committee	35+ at workshop	ANZTCT representation on the ACSQHC HPC Requirements Drafting Committee; inaugural ASM scientist workshop
Nurses Committee		Webinars on FACT-JACIE, infection and vaccination, HLA antibodies and neutropenic fever; six nursing abstracts at ASM
Education Committee		Membership finalised by EOI; initial priorities ALL and CMV management; moving toward practice guidelines
TBI SIG		Published the ANZ TBI practice survey; radiation parameters added to Registry data collection

Annual Scientific Meeting 2026

The 2026 ASM in Melbourne was our most successful meeting yet, with record fundraising, record registrations and record abstract submissions, driven by our national and international faculty, increasing multidisciplinary participation, stronger committee and SIG engagement and growing research activity.

Financial summary

ANZTCT's 2025-26 financial statements were audited by SDJA, which issued an unmodified opinion, and the going concern basis was considered appropriate. Most of our income is tied to specific Registry, grant and sponsorship commitments.

The full audited financial statements are available on request.

Strategic priorities 2026-27

The Registry is close to meeting the maturity criteria for a national Clinical Quality Registry. The national system intelligence strategy was prompted by the Commonwealth donor recruitment tender, and continued investment in data linkage, analytics and research capability positions ANZTCT to undertake access and equity analysis. A Registry data audit program is planned to reduce reliance on CIBMTR, and ANZTCT will contribute directly to the FACT standards review.

- National system intelligence: mature Clinical Quality Registry status, national data linkage, the ANZTCT Data Lab, state and national reporting, access and equity analysis, workforce and service mapping.
- Research: develop ANZTCT as an independent research organisation, expand ANZTCT-sponsored research, build on MRFF eligibility to win competitive grants, and increase ANZTCT-led publications and policy outputs.
- Education and credentialling: structured professional pathways, BMT and CAR-T workforce education, and multidisciplinary credentialling.
- Quality and accreditation: FACT readiness, accreditation support, national clinical guidance and harmonisation of standards.
- Advocacy, access and equity, including First Nations and Māori priorities, and workforce and service planning.
- Partnerships with TSANZ, CIBMTR, FACT, EBMT, ASTCT, WBMT, the Commonwealth Government and Cancer Australia; New Zealand funding is on the horizon.

We thank our retiring Directors, ANZTCT members, committee and SIG leaders, Registry and ANZTCT staff, volunteers, sponsors and partners.

Prof Nada Hamad

President and Board Chair