PRISON CARE MINISTRIES
When People Care, People Change

ANNUAL REPORT

Walking alongside men involved in the criminal justice system as they rebuild their lives, relationships and place in the community.

2025 – 2026

> *"I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from?*
> *My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."*
> **PSALM 121**

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ABOUT THE MINISTRY

Who We Are

Prison Care Ministries (PCM) was registered as a Charitable Trust on 1 September 2004, following an inaugural community meeting in July 2001 that brought together a Probation Officer, released prisoners and concerned community members around a single question: “Where can I go when I get out of here?”

Founded by Geoff and Jill McMillan, our vision is to build relationships with prisoners, to assist them to regain independence on release and support them as they reintegrate with family and community. This is achieved by providing rehabilitative accommodation, encouraging independent living and gainful employment, and supporting individuals and families towards rebuilding relationships — so that our communities are safer through reduced reoffending.

OUR AIM

To reduce reoffending and ensure a safer community.

OUR MISSION

To provide accommodation and rehabilitative support for men released from prison.

OUR PURPOSE

To provide an environment for meaningful reintegration.

> *When people care, people change.*
>
> PCM VALUE & KAUPAPA

Aims & Objectives

- Provide rehabilitative accommodation for men released from prison or involved in the criminal justice system.
- Encourage independent living and gainful employment for released prisoners.
- Support individuals and families towards rebuilding family relationships.
- Build safer communities through reduced reoffending.
- Promote awareness of the needs of released prisoners.

OUR IMPACT

Year at a Glance

Four headline measures of PCM's reach during the 2025–2026 reporting year — full detail behind every figure appears in The Year in Numbers.

41

RESIDENTS SUPPORTED

Across 6 supported houses, from first contact through to independent living.

164

REFERRALS RECEIVED

Through prison visits, self-referral and a growing network of partners.

147

COUNSELLING SESSIONS

Delivered to 22 clients navigating trauma, grief and reintegration.

70

APPLICANTS SEEN

Across 27 prison visits and 5 AVL interviews during the year.

> *Behind every number is a man rebuilding his life, and a team walking alongside him to make that possible.*

GRATITUDE

Thank You

To the funders and supporters who ensure that Prison Care Ministries continues to provide support to those involved in the Criminal Justice System.

NZ Lottery Grants Board	Trust Waikato	Gallagher Charitable Trust	WEL Energy Trust
Glenice & John Gallagher Foundation	Hamilton City Council	Volunteering Waikato	

Other trusts, churches and individuals have generously made donations towards office rent, wages, general funds, house provisions, induction packs, and other needs throughout the year — we are profoundly grateful to every organisation, church and individual who helped sustain this work.

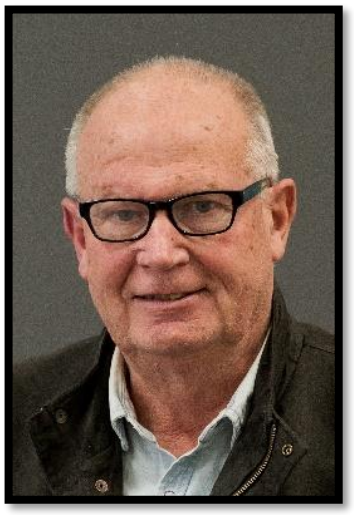
We Also Appreciate The Ongoing Support Of

- **Community Probation Service**
- **Work and Income New Zealand**
- **Corrections Staff & Prison Chaplaincy teams**
- **Our private landlords, and the residents who encourage us to keep going**

> *Relationships with Community Waikato, the Ministry of Social Development, charitable trusts and other community partners are about more than funding — they help us share the realities of leaving prison and build confidence in PCM's model of relationship-based reintegration.*

GOVERNANCE

Chairperson's Report



Reflections on a year of provision, from the Trust's Chairperson.

It is quite sobering writing this short report on the eve of Geoff McMillan's funeral. As I read this report I am ever so mindful of Geoff and Jill's incredible legacy.

So I want to first of all extend our (the entire PCM family) love and condolences to Jill and your family.

I want to say to you – Jill, *that "you and Geoff's labours have not been in vain…..far from it. In fact, you started this ministry on the 'smell of an oily rag' all those years ago, you faithfully year after year poured your lives into, not only the men within PCM but people everywhere. Today we are privileged to stand on your shoulders and continue to serve men in their hour of need. Thank you so much. May the love of God, the peace of Christ and the joy of the Holy Spirit continue to follow you all the days of your life. We love you!"*

I want to on behalf of our Board commend this report to you. The staff team have certainly up-ed both the content and the presentation of this years Report. Thank you!

I also want to thank Sev. You, my brother, have led and navigated the staff team through a couple of challenging years. Your persistence and quiet faith in God has been outstanding. Thank you!

On behalf of the Board I do want thank our Donors both individuals and corporates. Each of you have believed in the work and in us and expressed that with your financial generosity. Thank you!

To my fellow Board members, the staff and so many volunteers – Thank you!

And last but not least to all the men we have had the privilege to serve I also want to give a big 'shout out'. Thank you for trusting us and giving it your best shot. May you know God's ongoing love, strength and provision as you journey forwards.

Alan Vink
Chairperson, Prison Care Ministries

Our Board of Trustees

Prison Care Ministries is governed by a Board of Trustees who provide strategic oversight and support the leadership team in fulfilling PCM's mission — ensuring the ministry remains accountable, sustainable and true to the kaupapa on which it was founded in 2004.

Current officers and tenure, as recorded on the Charities Register (charities.govt.nz) for Prison Care Ministries, CC22440:

TRUSTEE	POSITION	TRUSTEE SINCE
Alan Vink	Chairperson	15 April 2021
Robbie Ahu	Trustee	15 September 2016
Alexander Shepherd	Trustee	2 April 2008
Maraenui Taituha	Trustee	2 April 2008

Jill McMillan, co-founder of Prison Care Ministries with her husband Geoff, stepped down as a trustees in October 2024 after formally retiring from staff duties in 2019.

Meet the Board



Robbie Ahu

Married with 5 tamariki, 7 mokopuna and one great-grandchild. Attends Elim Church; a qualified high-performance Rugby League coach. Previously an approved volunteer to Waikeria Prison.



Maraenui Taituha

Staff at Fairfield College. Married to Alison, with three children; attends St Mark's Church. Previously an approved volunteer to Waikeria Prison.



Alex Shepherd

A Software Architect at NetValue Ltd. Alex and Judi have three children and attend Chapel Hill Community Church, where Alex has served as an Elder. Previously an approved visitor to Waikeria Prison.

OUR STORY

Our History

Prison Care Ministries began with a single question, asked by a man in Waikeria Prison in June 2001: "Where can I go when I get out of here?" That question led to an inaugural community meeting in July 2001, attended by 17 people including a Probation Officer and released prisoners, and in time to the founding of PCM by Geoff and Jill McMillan.

2001

Inaugural community meeting held; first post-release accommodation conversations begin with David Stone, Anton Roest and Geoff McMillan — the seed from which PCM would grow.

2004

Prison Care Ministries becomes a registered Charitable Trust on 1 September; the first house opens on 26 July under the Hamilton Support Accommodation Network (HSAN)

2005 – 2015

Further houses progressively open as the ministry grows across the Waikato, building a track record of relationship-based reintegration support for men leaving prison.

2016 – 2019

The housing portfolio continues to grow; Severino Simwinga is appointed General Manager in 2018, and founders Geoff and Jill McMillan formally retire from staff duties in 2019 at PCM's 15th anniversary — passing the ministry to a new generation of leadership.

In October 2017 PCM received their 500th resident.

2022 – 2025

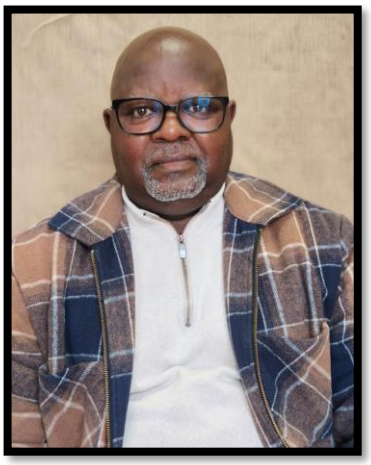
The housing portfolio is right-sized to six supported houses; PCM passes 900 men accommodated since 2004, and Jill McMillan steps down from the Board in October 2024.

2025 – 2026

PCM relocates to a larger centre at 2 Mahoe Street, Melville, and delivers the Waste to Worth pilot — the ministry's newest chapter of growth.

LEADERSHIP

General Manager's Report



Sev Simwinga

GENERAL MANAGER

The 2025–2026 year has been a story of pressure and provision, difficult transitions and remarkable growth. We entered the year carrying the effects of one of the most financially demanding seasons in our history. Yet, through the faithfulness of our supporters, funders, trustees, staff and volunteers, PCM remained steady in its purpose: to walk alongside men involved in the criminal justice system as they rebuild their lives, relationships and place in the community.

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> PSALM 121

Release from prison is not a finish line — it is the beginning of a demanding journey that requires more than a roof. Men arrive carrying the effects of institutionalisation, trauma, addiction, fractured relationships and loss. Reintegration is rarely linear; it requires patient, structured and sustained support, and people willing to remain present through both progress and setbacks.

6	19	2004
SUPPORTED HOUSES	BED CAPACITY	FOUNDED

Listening Before Release

The work of reintegration often begins well before a man reaches our door. Through assessments, correspondence and careful conversations, we seek to understand not only accommodation needs but the relationships, responsibilities and hopes that will shape life after prison.

> *Thank you for taking the time to consider my position… Your deep dive into the dynamics of the relationship with my children, K and O — that was confronting and thought-provoking. Your insight was revealing, surprising and very helpful.*
>
> FROM A LETTER RECEIVED FROM A MAN IN PRISON; INITIALS ONLY, FOR PRIVACY

Housing: Stability for the Next Step

PCM continued to operate six supported houses with capacity for 19 men. Most men, thankfully, progressed into independent accommodation or reunited with whānau, while others were recalled or exited because they could not meet the conditions of residence — a reminder that readiness for release does not always mean readiness for reintegration. Our responsibility is to combine welcome with clear boundaries, and encouragement with accountability.

A Great Turnaround

One young man's journey became a highlight of the year. Navigating conflict and serious personal challenges on arrival, his progress grew through consistent pastoral care, counselling and the patient presence of staff — including wellbeing excursions to Kawhia with Ben, our new staff member. He began attending church regularly and enrolled at the University of Waikato: an extraordinary milestone showing his future could be shaped by purpose rather than his past. "When People Care, People Change."

Waste to Worth: Restoring Value

From June to December 2025, PCM delivered the six-month Waste to Worth pilot, engaging former prisoners in meaningful work upcycling discarded materials — bringing together environmental responsibility, practical skill development and PCM's holistic model of reintegration. Materials, and people, should not be dismissed as having no further value. See the full case study on page 12.

People Growing into Service

Of the three NZMA students placed with PCM last year, two remained as volunteers — one a former resident who completed a Level 4 Certificate specialising in mental health and addiction support.

After volunteering faithfully from mid-2025, Ben Carline joined the staff team on 2 June 2026 as a Case Worker / Reintegration Support Worker, supported by the MSD Flexi-Wage subsidy. His journey from placement to volunteer to staff member shows capability being recognised and nurtured.

Sustainability & Partnership

PCM submitted a tender for the Out of Gate Complex Needs Reintegration Service but was not shortlisted; the debrief offered will help sharpen future tenders.

Generous grants and donations enabled the ministry to continue — including the Lottery Grants Board, Trust Waikato, Gallagher Charitable Trust and WEL Energy Trust, with further year-end support from Victoria Foundation and Gallagher Foundation. We are profoundly grateful to every organisation, church and individual who helped sustain this work.

Community, Culture and Belonging

Reintegration happens in community, not in isolation. A March excursion to Kawhia connected residents with significant Tainui sites, and the annual PCM Christmas barbecue on 19 December 2025 brought together about 40 current and former residents, supporters, volunteers, staff and trustees — testimonies that evening reflected gratitude, transformation and a community that continues to welcome men after formal support ends.

> *As we look to the year ahead, the need remains clear. Safe housing is scarce, and many men leave prison without strong family support or the skills to navigate everyday systems. PCM will continue to offer the structure, compassion, faith, accountability and practical assistance that lasting reintegration requires.*
>
> LOOKING AHEAD

Sev Simwinga
General Manager, Prison Care Ministries

CASE STUDY

Waste Minimisation

The Waste to Worth Project

PCM's involvement in the Waste to Worth initiative, a Hamilton City Council-funded waste minimisation project, is a great example of collaboration. PCM had applied for $10,000 in funding and received $2,000 to repurpose discarded materials that would otherwise go to landfill, while providing practical skills and engagement for residents.

Volunteer positions were advertised through Volunteering Waikato, attracting five to six volunteers from diverse trade, education and environmental backgrounds, alongside five of our residents. Resident movements sometimes disrupted participation — a reality of working with people in transition — yet the pilot still met its core targets for engagement, waste diversion and completed items, dismantling timber pallets to create benches, planter boxes and raised garden beds.

$2,000	5–6	5	3
FUNDING RECEIVED	VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED	RESIDENTS INVOLVED	ITEM TYPES PRODUCED



One of the pieces from the Waste to Worth pilot — built from dismantled pallets and scrap metal salvaged from the workshop.

What They Made



Dismantled Pallets

Timber pallets sourced locally were the primary raw material, dismantled by hand for reuse.



Benches

Sturdy outdoor benches built from dismantled timber pallets for shared spaces.

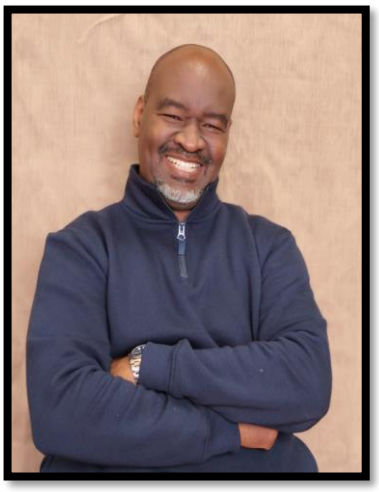


Planters & Raised Beds

Planter boxes for residents' gardens, and raised garden beds for the Growing Futures programme.

TEAM REPORT

Reintegration Officer



Tony Mungai

REINTEGRATION OFFICER

Another year has passed, and I continue to be reminded that successful reintegration is not built around programmes alone — it is built through relationships. Every prison visit, phone call, court appearance, shared meal and difficult conversation reinforces our Kaupapa: When People Care, People Change.

One area that has continued to grow is our emphasis on building relationships well before release. Many of the men we now support first encountered PCM months before entering one of our houses, through regular prison visits, AVL interviews, letters and ongoing communication.

Reintegration is rarely a straight path. We have celebrated men securing employment, reconnecting with whānau, progressing into independent accommodation and growing in personal responsibility — while also walking alongside others through setbacks and recalls to prison. Our commitment remains unchanged.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, volunteers, supporters, churches, community agencies, Corrections personnel and funding partners — when people care, people truly do change.

DAILY SUPPORT INCLUDED

- House visits
- WINZ appointments
- GP registrations
- Counselling referrals
- Court appearances
- Probation engagement
- Budgeting assistance
- Employment support
- Bible studies & pastoral care

BUILDING CAPABILITY

Through a partnership with a financial education provider, we have begun introducing residents to structured budgeting and financial literacy training.

TEAM REPORT

Support Worker



David “Ben” Carline

SUPPORT WORKER

This year has marked an important transition for me personally and professionally. I first became involved with Prison Care Ministries (PCM) while studying at NZMA, completing a 300-hour student placement as a volunteer. That placement gave me the opportunity to experience the practical realities of reintegration work and to build relationships with the men supported by PCM. More recently, I joined the team full-time as a Support Worker, allowing me to continue those relationships and become more involved in the day-to-day journey of our residents.

House Visits

These have become an important part of my engagement with residents. They allow me to check on their wellbeing, listen to concerns, encourage positive choices, and strengthen relationships in a natural environment.

Maintenance

I have also taken responsibility for aspects of property management across our supported accommodation — checking lawns and outdoor areas, helping maintain tidy and welcoming homes, and ensuring ventilation systems are clean.

Advocacy

Practical support has been another growing part of my role. I have accompanied residents to medical appointments, supported conversations with doctors where documentation is required for WINZ, and delivered documents to WINZ.

Upskilling

A particular highlight for me has been participating alongside residents in the financial and budgeting course delivered through PCM. Rather than simply observing the programme, I have been learning alongside the men.

Although I am still relatively new in the full-time Support Worker role, these first months have reinforced for me that reintegration is often built through small, consistent acts of support. I look forward to continuing to grow in the role, strengthening my skills and contributing to PCM’s mission of walking alongside men as they rebuild their lives. When people care, people change.

TEAM REPORT

Counselling Services



Catherine Simwinga

COUNSELLOR

Over the past year, our team has responded to growing demand for counselling, partly due to the rising number of men held on remand and referred to our service following release. For some, this can increase the risk of suicidal thoughts — we are therefore seeking to increase counselling provision from two to three days per fortnight.

Many of the men we support present with complex histories of trauma, grief and loss. In response, we are integrating more trauma-informed counselling, including support for post-traumatic stress, grief therapy, and postvention support for those bereaved by suicide.

We remain particularly mindful of “gate fever” — the intense anxiety that may arise as release approaches. Wherever possible, we aim to meet clients during their first week back in the community.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Welcoming our first counselling student from Bethlehem Tertiary Institute, broadening our training partnerships.

WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY FOR

- Safety & successful transition of the men we support
- Those experiencing trauma, grief or uncertainty
- Wisdom & strength for our counsellors
- Expansion of counselling hours

At the heart of this mahi is our commitment to ensuring that every man feels seen, heard and supported during some of the most difficult and vulnerable periods of his life. We are deeply grateful for our donors and supporters.

147	22
COUNSELLING SESSIONS	CLIENTS SUPPORTED

TEAM REPORT

Administration



Adrienne Corfe

ADMINISTRATOR

Another financial year has come to a close, and it has once again been a consistently busy and hectic one!

I would like to extend my thanks to the men we support in our residential homes for their patience and understanding as we have worked through the documentation process upon their arrival. I appreciate that this can feel overwhelming, post day one of their release into our care.

I thank my colleagues for their support throughout the year, and our wonderful volunteers for their ongoing commitment. I offer special thanks to Kumlan Brennan for her steady support, humour and goodwill as she supports our mission, and to her husband, John, for his continued support.

To everyone who has contributed in big or small ways throughout the year, thank you — your time, patience and goodwill make a real difference.

AREAS COVERED DAY TO DAY

- Processing of all referrals
- New resident paperwork & official processes
- General office administration
- Grant applications & funder reporting
- Financial administration

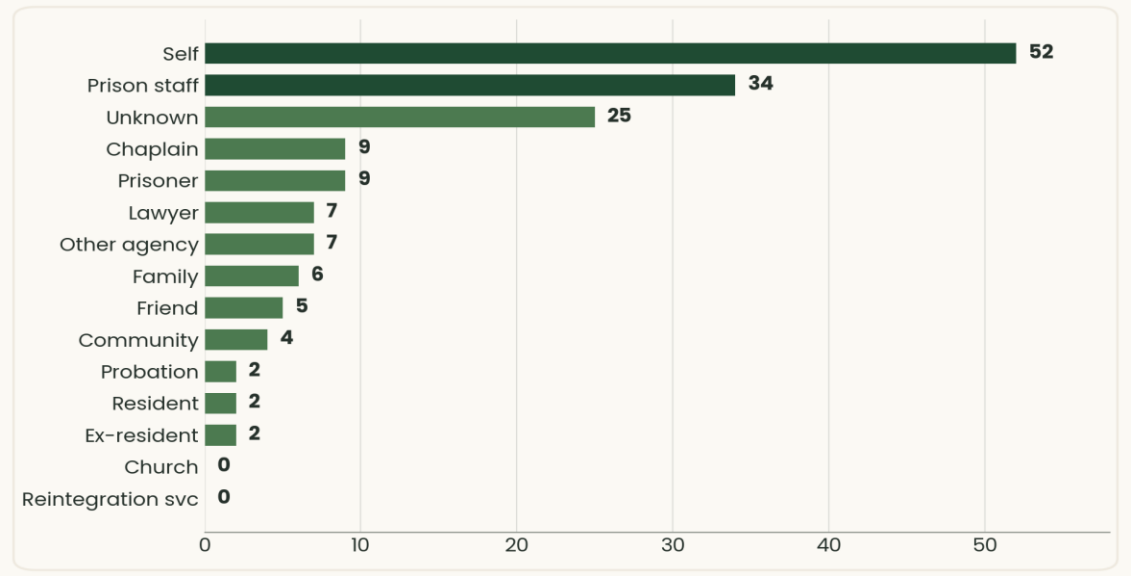
DATA & IMPACT

The Year in Numbers

The figures below summarise PCM's reach and impact across the 2025–2026 reporting period — from first contact in prison, through to accommodation, counselling and reintegration outcomes.

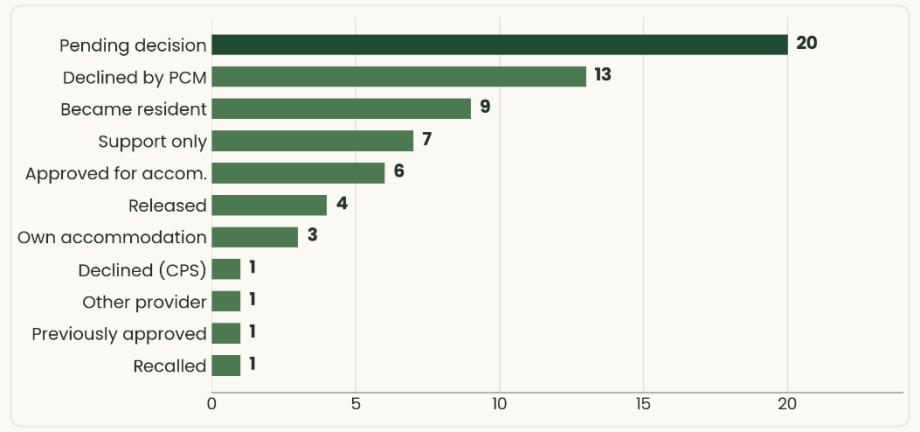
Referral Pathways

164 referrals were received; self-referral (52) and prison staff (34) were the largest sources, reflecting both willingness to seek support and PCM's prison relationships.



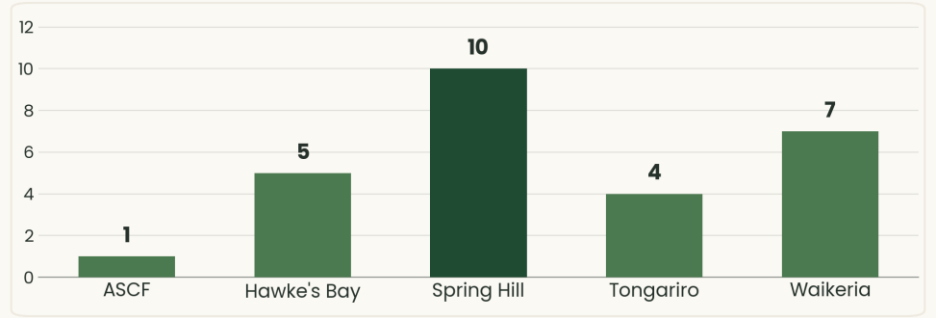
New Applicants Outcomes

66 new applications were processed: 20 remained pending, 13 were declined, 9 became residents, and 7 received support without accommodation.



Prison Visits & AVL Interviews

27 prison visits enabled PCM to meet 70 applicants, plus 5 AVL interviews. Spring Hill accounted for the highest number of visits.

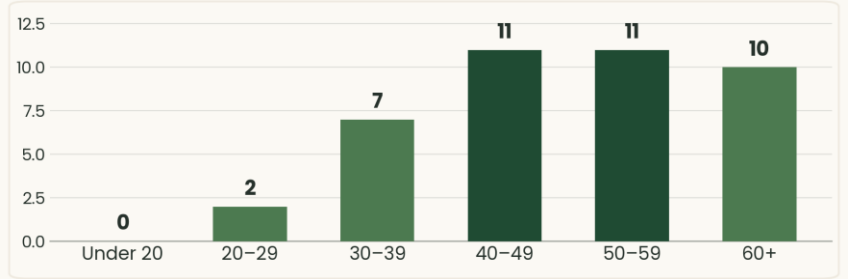


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PRISON VISITS	APPLICANTS SEEN	AVL INTERVIEWS

Residents

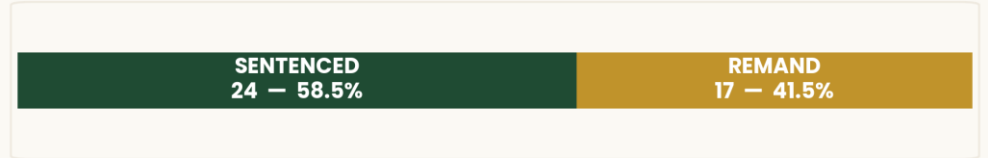
Age Profile of Residents

PCM supported 41 residents across a broad range of adult age groups — 78% were aged 40 or over.



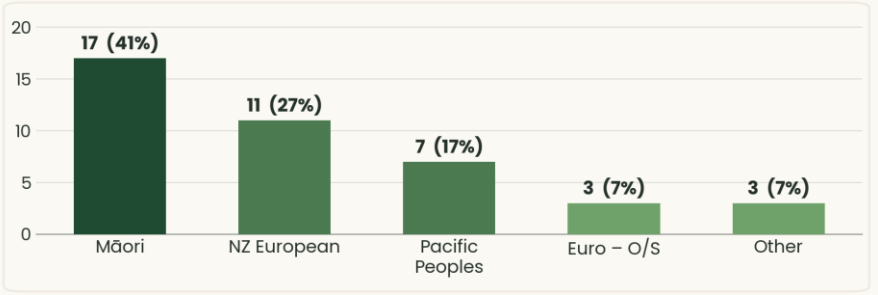
Residents by Legal Status

Of the 41 residents supported, 24 (58.5%) were sentenced and 17 (41.5%) were on remand.



Ethnicity of Residents

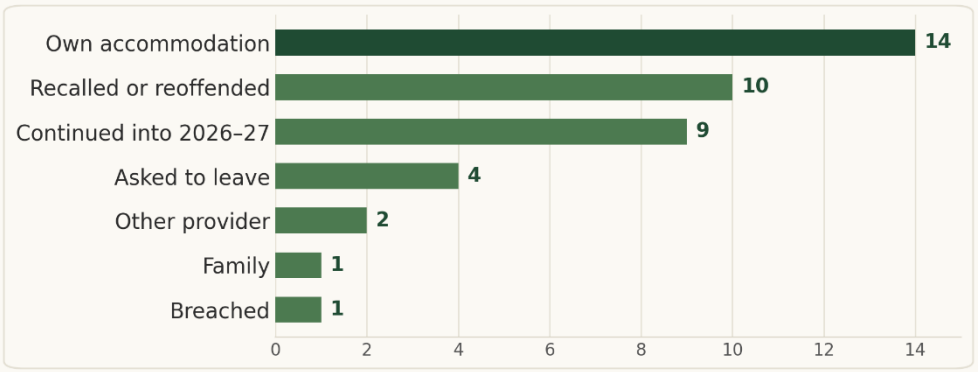
Māori residents were the largest group (41.5%), followed by NZ European (26.8%) and Pacific Peoples (17.1%).



Resident Outcomes

PCM housed 41 men throughout the reporting period. Of these, 14 residents moved into their own accommodation — the largest recorded outcome — and 9 residents continued in PCM's care into the new reporting year. 10 residents were recalled or reoffended, 4 were asked to leave. 2 transferred to another provider, one returned to whanau, and one was breached.

A total of 41 men were housed throughout the reporting period



Counselling

Alongside prison-based engagement, PCM provided 147 counselling sessions to 22 clients.

147	22
COUNSELLING SESSIONS	CLIENTS SUPPORTED

WHEN PEOPLE CARE, PEOPLE CHANGE

To our trustees, staff, volunteers, funders, churches, landlords, Corrections colleagues and wider community — thank you. Your prayers, generosity, professional support and practical service make this ministry possible, helping men regain independence, restore relationships and build lives that contribute to safer communities.

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